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Dear Sirs

**Local Plan - Site SA45 – Land between Camlet Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood**

I have lived in Hadley Wood all of my life and often walk along Bartrams Lane with our dog, along Crescent West looking onto this stunning land. It is a beautiful landscape going well beyond the borough boundary and includes the green belt in other boroughs. I am deeply saddened by the prospect of losing this valuable green belt asset for development.

I therefore wish to strongly object to the proposed release of this green belt site and the site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land for the following reasons:

**This is an unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt.**

The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the green belt.

**Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development'.**

Hadley Wood is car dependent neighbourhood as local public transport links are very poor, local amenities (GP, post office, shopping, schooling, leisure) are really lacking and the existing area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without any investment to improve the infrastructure.

**Environmental** – how can developing on this beautiful field assist the Council in meeting its own Climate Change Action Plan? Why is the council seeking to concrete over this field. Surely this field contributes more to fighting Climate Change, than developing it for housing.

**Climate change emergency**

This land is home to so much wildlife including deer, rabbits, foxes and a vast array of micro climates for insects and wildlife which contribute to the cycle of life. These animals and insects need somewhere to live too. With so much emphasis on rewilding why are you planning on ripping out the heart of our local ecosystem further adding to the global climate change emergency !?

I ask the Council to change the Local Plan to keep the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.

Yours faithfully