

Dear Sirs

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

I tend not to engage in much objection but when I heard about the proposed release of green belt land in Hadley Wood for housing development, I felt compelled to write to the Council.

I have many friends living in Hadley Wood and regularly walk along all the streets and the Bartram Lane fields where I can appreciate the beauty of the landscape surrounding Hadley Wood. I cannot believe the Council cannot find 160 homes elsewhere in the borough, without building on this green belt. Especially, when the actual number of homes required is still so uncertain. 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.

The Local Plan fails to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. The Local Plan does not have a settlement hierarchy or prioritisation of brownfield sites. The Council has not even included any of their landholdings or estates, which is surprising, given they must be the largest single landowner in the borough.

The Site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings.

The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should therefore not be allocating the site without such evidence.

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.

I therefore really urge the Council to change the Local Plan to retain the green belt in this location and remove the site allocation.

Yours Faithfully