

23rd August 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express a concern about the Draft Enfield Local Plan — Proposed Site Allocation Ref. No. SA45 — Land between Camlets Way and Crescent West, Hadley Wood.

I have been visiting the meadow in the Hadley Wood Association Open Space (field beside the railway line, with entrance from Bartrams Lane) several times a year since 2008 and, over the years, I have found it a haven for twenty-four species of butterflies (considered a creditable total), several types of day-flying moths, bees and other pollinators, as well as birds and other wildlife. I understand that the adjoining field, at present rough grazing used by horses, and other fields beyond, are scheduled for housing development. My concern is that not all developers consider using space for anything much beyond actual building structures, so another slice of land is lost to wildlife and to people's access to its benefits. Many people besides myself enjoy the Open Space meadow and I would not like to see it become an isolated 'nature reserve', with consequent loss of species, if the field, hedgerow and trees next to it cease to be corridors where wildlife has some chance to spread as happens at present. I hope the development plans contain sufficient provision for such green spaces for both wildlife and people to enjoy, as well as the new housing should it go ahead.

Yours truly —

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