

Strategic Planning and Design

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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 for a considerable number of years and regularly walk along the fields off Bartram's Lane. I am disappointed of the thought of possibly losing this beautiful green belt asset for such development.

I am strongly objecting to the proposal for the release of this green belt site and the site allocation, that would allow the development of 160 homes on green belt land for the following grounds.

- 1. UNNECESSARY AND WRONG.** Neither the housing supply nor demand requirement has been adequately assessed. The range of housing need numbers is too wide to justify the necessary exceptional circumstances, and various potential sources of supply, such as SIL sites, have not been assessed. There is also no evidence of compliance with the Duty to Cooperate with other boroughs.
- 2. NOT A SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LOCATION.** Whilst good growth and development is welcomed, amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment to accommodate a meaningful increase in the number of residents through the development of site SA45 or intensification around the station. Hadley Wood lacks schools, healthcare, shopping and leisure facilities, local public transport is poor and drainage/sewers inadequate. It is a car-dependent location, and key roads operate at over 100% of capacity, and congestion causes air pollution and thus increases climate change effects.
- 3. SAVE OUR GREEN BELT.** The Green Belt must be protected and conserved as it serves vital purposes including separation from Barnet and Potters Bar, helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity. The centuries' old grasslands are an important resource for carbon sequestration.
- 4. CLIMATE CHANGE.** As a car-dependent location Hadley Wood is not a suitable location for a large-scale increase in housing at site SA45 or through intensification. The already existing congestion would be worsened, leading to air pollution.

Yours Sincerely,