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Dear Sirs

Having lived in Hadley Wood for the last five years we often take walk around the lands. The reason we moved to this area is because we appreciated the beauty of landscapes and wanted some space away from the busy streets of London without being too far away. It has saddened me that there is a prospect of losing such a valuable green belt for a development. As much as I realise that the country is in a housing crisis, I do not believe ruining such a beautiful area is necessary and that this is the right area to have such a development.

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

- 1. It is not a sustainable development location:** Growth and development is always welcome in the area however amenities and infrastructure would require significant investment to accommodate a meaningful increase in the number of residences through the development of this site 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 and congestion cause air pollution and thus increases climate change effects.
- 2. Green belt should be protected:** 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 boroughs and biodiversity. The centuries old grasslands are an important resource for carbon sequestration.
- 3. The local plan will destroy our unique heritage landscape:** The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are part of the established green belt in an area of special character across three boroughs. They provide visual harmony for many walkers and cyclist, are the setting for two Conservation Areas and their loss would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. The intensification plans would also cause harm to the conservation Area.
- 4. It is 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.

Please remove all site SA45 from the proposed allocation and fully investigate all brownfield sites in private and public ownership before looking to build on the green belt.

Yours sincerely