
Dear Sir Madam

I live in Hadley Wood. I live with my ten year old son and our little dog. I have lived here for over two years now and have never been happier. I feel exceptionally safe here - both for myself, my son and my dog. My son goes to the local primary school. He waited two years for a place at Hadley Wood Primary School. He absolutely loves it. His confidence has grown, as has mine - just from living in a wonderful neighbourhood with amazing neighbours, in a place that we feel honoured and proud to call our home. I am a member of the Hadley Wood Association. I walk and run around the green spaces in the area on a daily basis. My son plays sports and with his friends in most of the green spaces in Hadley Wood. The green belt area and wonderful green spaces make Hadley Wood the unique place that it is. I therefore **STRONGLY OBJECT** to the proposed site allocation which is looking to allow the development of 160 houses on this stunning green belt land.

The plans fail to develop/prioritise all brownfield sites. The site has poor local connections and amenities.

The development would destroy such a valuable part of the green belt. This green belt needs to be protected and retained - it has historical significance and is a major asset to the borough. The views are absolutely unique - they separate Hadley Wood from other urban areas. No account has been taken that this site forms part of the Hornbeam Hills Area of Special Character.

Significant wildlife and biodiversity would be harmed - my son and I have and do work extremely hard to encourage wildlife into our garden and spaces. In an age where we are being asked to recycle, consider nature and the world's delicate state in everything we do, it is worrying to think that such a wonderful green space would be destroyed and the wildlife within it would die as a result. This is just unacceptable.

This development would significantly increase the risk of floods in Hadley Wood. The current foul and surface water sewer infrastructure has not kept up with the pace of development and this would prove unsustainable to say the least.

This is completely wrong for a sustainable development - it seems that no consideration has been taken when seeking a sustainable sit. The transport links are poor and this scheme would be reliant on cars (again when we are being told to drive less!). We have no local GP, no post office, no secondary school, a one form intake primary school which is heavily oversubscribed and virtually no local employment opportunities.

160 new homes would put such a strain on Hadley Wood that it would change the character and nature of the area completely. Getting a place at the local primary school would become near impossible for most families in the area, the crime would increase, shops would not be able to serve the area well and the leisure facilities would not be usable due to the demand that would be created. The beautiful area and nature of Hadley Wood would be completely destroyed. It would not be the area that most people dream of living in anymore.

The site is surround by conservation areas and listed buildings. It is overlooked by the

Hadley Wood Conservation Area, Monken Hadley Conservation Area and listed building on Camlet Way. This development would have such a negative impact on the setting, character and appearance of these areas.

This proposal seems to me to be an opportunistic development rather than a strategic decision. It was not on the list for development in the 2018 consultation and was only added when the Duchy of Lancaster made it a condition of the support for the local plan.

The current lease on this site runs beyond the five year threshold and it should therefore not be included for development in 10+ years time and other locations will become available during this time.

The council have not outlined the necessary exceptional circumstances why this green belt site should be developed.

Hadley Wood Station is within 800 metres of the proposed site - this in itself is completely flawed as it does not represent sustainable development.

I cannot stress how shocked, concerned and disgusted I am with your proposal. I will work together with the wonderful and strong community in Hadley Wood to fight and STOP THIS DEVELOPMENT.