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To Whom It May Concern

Our family have lived In Hadley Wood since 1990, our three children attended Hadley Wood Primary School and we love the Garden Village and the community which is Hadley Wood.

Frankly, we were horrified when we first saw the draft plans for this proposed development, not least because it will encroach on a beautiful piece of Green Belt, the Hadley Wood Meadows, where many of us walk or take other forms of exercise. This is part of an Area of Special Character, an area where there is a whole range of natural wild life including, recently a pair of Red Kites, a species which prefers that type of open country and woodland as its habitat - a habitat which will be destroyed by this development.

The whole concept of building 160 houses in this area seems almost ridiculous, mainly because of the complete lack of infrastructure to support the development. In relation to:

- Education - the local schools are already heavily over-subscribed
- Healthcare - there are no GP surgeries for miles and the hospitals at Barnet and Chase Farm are already heavily over stretched (and not just due to Covid)
- Shops - new shops will need to be part of the development and kept supplied by heavy vehicles
- Traffic - there is already high vehicle use in the main roads of the village, partly due to cut-throughs between Barnet and Enfield; the increased traffic from 160 houses could overwhelm some of the local suburban streets
- Public transport services - the only form of public transport, apart from a very limited daytime bus service, is from the railway station. Better bus services would certainly be needed, but many new residents will also need to use their cars to get to the services described above. Congestion and pollution will therefore become a major problem

In summary, in addition to the huge infrastructure challenges described, this development is likely to be totally out of keeping with the Garden Village nature of Hadley Wood and also highly damaging to the local environment.

We, therefore, object strongly to this draft Local Plan and ask you to remove it from the next iteration of the Local Plan.

Kind regards,

