

To Whom it may concern

My husband and I moved to Hadley Wood just over a year ago as we felt that it was a small, safe, characteristic and quiet community.

We have joined the HW Association and are looking forward in the future to joining more clubs in the area.

We were drawn to the area primarily because of the green spaces in and around Hadley Wood and the Green belt surrounding it.

We, therefore, object very strongly to the proposed site allocation, which would allow the ridiculous development of 160 homes on GREEN BELT land!

We feel it extremely important that the Green belt must be protected and conserved in North West Enfield where it serves a vital purpose also helping air quality in the borough and biodiversity. It cannot be in anyone's benefit to plan to destroy this green belt, directly contrary to all green and climate change policies, we should be aiming to protect and conserve our remaining green spaces now and for the future..

The Hadley Wood meadows under threat are unique and not just some fields in the middle of nowhere, they are part of the established green belt in a single area of Special Character across three boroughs. They are in a middle corridor from Barnet through to the farms north and east of Hadley Wood. Providing visual harmony for many walkers and cyclists. They are the setting for two conservation Ares and their loss to a housing estate would greatly harm the heritage value of both Hadley Wood and Monken Hadley. This is the head valley of a main Enfield river which is liable to flood and needs to keep its riverside flood spaces.

It cannot be right to plan for the certain and irretrievable environmental loss of these special meadows for a few extra houses to be built more than ten years later based on uncertain projections for 25,000 houses needed over twenty years. They may never be needed .

Other brown field sites will become available over ten and twenty years, including many owned by the council.

Hadley Wood is not a sustainable location for a new housing estate. The only primary school is already full with a long wait list. There are few services, and only a small parade near the shops. The trains are for London commuters and do not connect us with the borough. The bus at the station

only provides a limited day time service to Barnet and not the borough. Car journeys by new residents will be essential, adding to traffic pollution and congestion, contrary to policies for cycling and walking and to the whole rationale for building near the station.

The site should not be allocated for 160 houses. It is a sloping and sensitive site adjacent to neighbouring green belt, as well as in the setting of Hadley Wood conservation area. It would cause substantial harm. The lower part of the site is in a flood area for the river and will be highly affected by surface water run off issues within the site and down stream within Hadley Wood, and therefore is not sustainable.

Can you please, therefore, remove this proposed site allocation from the next addition of the local plan and retain the Green Belt status for the land.