
To whom it may concern:

I am contacting you in relation to the ongoing consultation on the draft local plan and specifically the above site, SA45. I have lived in Hadley Wood for 14 years and am a member of the Hadley Wood Association and Hadley Wood Tennis Club. My children also attended the local nursery when they were younger.

As a young family with three children, we chose to buy and live in Hadley Wood as we value all its green spaces and the fact that it is surrounded by the Green Belt, which we had thought would protect the special character of the area. The general in-filing of gardens within the perimeter of Hadley Wood, and the increase in conversion of single dwelling houses to multi-dwelling flats and apartments has increased the population density, supporting Enfield Council's need to increase housing. However, to go further and unnecessarily encroach on Green Belt in Hadley Wood, is inappropriate, as discussed further below. Furthermore, I would add that I was surprised in one of the pamphlets provided to residents to see that 7% of Borough's green belt is being given up in the plan - permanently. I find that to be a very large proportion and difficult to square with the promotion in the draft local plan of ensuring Enfield is a deeply green place, and specifically to align with your stated strategic objective of protecting the Green Belt.

I, therefore, strongly object to the above proposed site allocation, which would allow the development of 160 homes on Green Belt land, for the following reasons:

Unnecessary large scale destruction of Green Belt. The Local Plan proposes a quarter of the 25,000 new homes to be built on Green Belt land, in breach of national policies, the London Plan and Enfield's own Climate Change Action Plan. To build 25% of the new homes on Green Belt land cannot be justified. There is no justification why 160 out of the 25,000 homes should be built on the Hadley Wood site when such a small number of homes could easily be found outside the Green Belt.

Increased housing in Hadley Wood is not 'sustainable development.' Hadley Wood is car-dependent as local public transport links are very limited, local amenities (GP, post office, schooling, leisure) are lacking. The area is not a walkable community, as referenced in the local plan. Further, the area is prone to flooding due to inadequate sewers/drainage. My own garden floods after every heavy rainfall. Nevertheless, the Plan proposes the new housing development and site intensification without investment to improve infrastructure.

The site is surrounded by Conservation Areas and Grade II listed buildings. The site is sandwiched between the Hadley Wood Conservation Area and the Monken Hadley Conservation Area, with Grade II listed buildings on Camlet Way. The Plan's proposals will adversely impact the setting, character and appearance of those heritage assets. The Council has not produced any evidence to assess the level of harm and should not be allocating the site without such evidence.

It will destroy the beautiful landscape. The site sits within an Area of Special Character landscape that is a major asset for the borough. This landscape should be protected and the existing Green Belt boundary should be retained.

Can you please remove this proposed site allocation from the next edition of the Local

Plan and retain the green belt status for the land.

Please confirm receipt and I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Thank you