

# INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION OF THE HADLEY WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

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Dear Mr de Vos and Ms Raine

## HADLEY WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN EXAMINATION

Having now reviewed all the documentation submitted with the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Plan (HWNP) and conducted the site visit, I have a number of questions which seek clarification on some of the matters which have been raised.

I have one question for Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum (the Forum) and two for Enfield Council (the Borough Council). In order to progress the examination, I would be grateful for responses to my questions to be made by **Monday 26 June 2023**, although an earlier response would be most welcome. All the points set out below flow from the requirement to satisfy the Basic Conditions.

### Question for Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum

1. Regarding the proposed Local Green Space owned by the Duchy of Lancaster (LGS8), I wish to clarify the extent to which the site is visible from public viewpoints. Figure 15 of the HWNP's Local Greenspace Review Updated – 23 April 2023 shows a key view identified in the Conservation Area Character Assessment. Figures 14, 16 and 18 also show photographs of the "Duchy meadows". I did obtain views of LGS8 on my site visit, but noted that from most parts of Camlet Way, Crescent West, Bartrams Close, and the footpath from the railway station to Waggon Road, views of the Duchy meadows are interrupted by buildings alongside the road or by mature hedges and dense tree foliage. It would be helpful if the Forum could identify the precise points from which the photographs in Figures 14, 16 and 18 were taken, and state whether they were taken from public vantage points, or private points (eg. residents' rear gardens)?

### Questions for Enfield Council

2. The Local Green Space Review – Update states on Page 21 that Enfield's Regulation 18 draft Local Plan proposes to release the Duchy of Lancaster's site from the Green Belt for development. However, the Forum points out that representations from some 1,000 local residents and community groups, as well as the Mayor of London, expressed their opposition. As it would assist my examination if I could read these responses, could the Borough Council please direct me to where I can view them online?
3. The Borough Council's Local Development Scheme refers to a timetable for work on the future new Local Plan 2023-27. The indicative timetable envisages publication of a proposed submission Local Plan (Regulation 19) in winter 2023. Is the Borough Council able to give a more detailed and updated timetable for Plan preparation?

In the interests of transparency, may I prevail upon you to ensure that a copy of this letter is placed on both the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Enfield Council websites.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Your sincerely

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Examiner