

Planning application comment was submitted on the **15 April 2024 19:37 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **Gianfranco Trucchi**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I object to this proposal,

Dear

These meadows make up a beautiful, open and expansive landscape on the edge of Hereford.

They are massively significant because:

They are the largest remaining 'Lammas Meadows' in the UK, which is an ancient practice of sharing land, using non-interventional, medieval farming methods.

They have a significant history, with records dating back to the Domesday Book (1086) and profits from the rich hay grown here were influential in the building of Hereford Cathedral.

They are also one of the last remaining floodplain habitats in the UK, with several rare plant species that are now nationally scarce.

They host many visiting birds, curlews and skylarks and 1 remaining pair of breeding curlews, which have arrived back this week from their winter migration, yey! (Curlews are on the UK and European red list for conservation, classified as 'endangered' and facing high risk of extinction.)

They are also a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), as is the River Lugg which runs through it.

The meadows are already under strain from the currently polluted flood waters. Additional pollutants in the run-off from 350 homes etc, disturbance from the inhabitants and their pets and visitors - both walking in the meadows and driving along the new adjacent roads, and the increase in noise and light pollution could totally devastate these sensitive and already vulnerable habitats and wildlife on the meadows.

They are hugely significant and well worth saving.

The polluted run-off from the development would also run into the River Lugg, and then the River Wye, polluting them even further.

Therefore the planners should recommend refusal of this application

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:

This proposal contravenes the council's Local Plan (16/10/15) which are listed below:

SS6, Environmental and Local Distinctiveness

SS7 Addressing Climate Change

LD2 Biodiversity and Geodiversity

LD3 Green Infrastructure

LD4 Historic and Heritage Assets.

Link ID: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=240422

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