

Planning application comment was submitted on the **15 April 2024 11:01 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **Heather Davies**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I object to the planning application for this development.

The site borders on the Lugg Meadows Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which is a historically and ecologically important meadow. The development reaches the boundary of the SSSI, so a loss of the buffer. The Lugg Meadows are ancient hay meadows and the management of these Lammas meadows has been essentially unchanged since medieval times, it is the largest such site in the country. The history of the meadows is well documented in the Cathedral's records. Floodplain meadows like the Lugg Meadows have become incredibly rare, only 1200 hectares of this habitat remain in the UK. This habitat is included in the Herefordshire's Biodiversity Action Plan and identified as under threat.

I am concerned on the impact of this development of 350 dwellings on this site, a risk to this sensitive ecosystem. There will be more people visiting the site and more dogs and cats, noise and light pollution and increased traffic. Dogs will disturb ground nesting birds especially Curlew, now very rare in the county. Cats will disturb and kill birds. There will be pollution from pet faeces. These will all affect the flora and fauna of the meadows and so decrease biodiversity (contravening Herefordshire Council core strategy SS6/LD3/LD2). There will also be a loss of a beautiful open landscape.

There will be an impact on the River Lugg and thus the River Wye due to increase in surface water runoff with the risk of a variety of pollutants. Both rivers are already under great pressure from pollution (contravening Herefordshire Council core strategy SD4). There is also a risk of increased flooding downstream.

The development will result in increased traffic congestion by Bishop's School and junction with Hampton Dene Road and A438.

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: NA

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