

Planning application comment was submitted on the **16 April 2024 13:30 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **P Cramsie**

**Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application**

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**Comment:** Dear Councillors,

Loss of Open Space/Green Space/Habitats

We need to protect our precious green spaces. Yes, we need more housing, but not at the expense of places which are unique and irreplaceable. We must think of those who will come after us. It is their heritage that we are guardians of. We must not destroy it for the sake of houses which could be built elsewhere. The Lugg Meadows will be severely compromised by this development. We must protect them, not allow them to disappear forever.

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 - include including Narrow-leaved Water-Dropwort (*Oenanthe silaifolia*), Mousetail (*Myosurus minimus*) and Snake's Head Fritillaries (*Fritillaria meleagris*).

They host much wildlife and many visiting birds, including ground-nesting curlews and skylarks and 1 pair of breeding curlews, which have arrived back this week from their winter migration, I've just seen the daddy - 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.

**Attachment:**

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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** No infrastructure. Go all out in nourishing this fantastic local asset. Generations of Herefordians will sing your praises in time to come

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