

Planning application comment was submitted on the **17 April 2024 11:39 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **Anna Lewis**

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

---

**Comment:** Although I no longer live locally, I was born in Herefordshire and grew up not far from the Lugg Meadow, and I always felt that it's a privilege to have had such a beautiful and important, biodiversity-rich site so close by. So I am dismayed to hear that this fragile and historic site is under threat from nearby development.

Sites such as this are increasingly rare in the UK, and these ancient habitats that provide a home for rare flora and fauna, once lost, can never be recovered. I would much rather that Hereford Council was seeking to extend the protection afforded to this site, and extending a buffer zone around it, rather than considering development which threatens its continued existence.

Lugg Meadow supports populations of rare plants, as well as providing a summer home for breeding Curlew. The Curlew is red-listed under UK Birds of Conservation Concern and the BTO reports that the UK breeding population has declined by 50% in the last 30 years. The Curlew is facing extinction in the UK and Lugg Meadow is one of the few habitats left where it continues to breed.

Lugg Meadow is a jewel in Herefordshire's crown, and I urge the planning committee to put our environment, landscape and history first, and reject this planning application.

**Attachment:**

---

Their contact details are as follows:

**First name:** Anna

**Last name:** Lewis

**Email:** [REDACTED]

**Postcode:** WR51BT

**Address:** 11 Fort Royal Hill

Worcester

Worcestershire

---

**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** Mitigation is not appropriate considering the importance and vulnerability of the Lugg Meadow area.

---

Link ID: [https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning\\_services/planning\\_application\\_search/details?id=240422](https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=240422)

Form reference: FS-Case-606640027