

Land to the East of Hereford, South of Ledbury Road (A438)

Planning Reference P240422/F

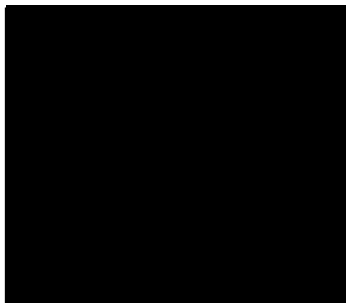
We object to the application for this development.

The site borders the Lugg Meadows Nature Reserve, a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and an ecologically important floodplain meadow.

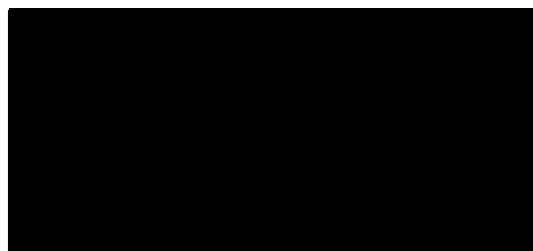
SSSI status is the greatest protection a habitat can have in the UK and should mean it is preserved in perpetuity. Floodplain meadows have become incredibly rare with only around 1,200 hectares of this habitat remaining in the UK. They fulfil natural functions of flood management, pollution reduction and carbon sequestration alongside the provision of fantastic, specialised, wildlife habitat. This habitat is also included in Herefordshire's Biodiversity Action Plan as one that conservation groups have identified as particularly under threat in the county and in need of preservation. The nature reserve is home to many rare species of plants and animal including the snake's head fritillary and a small population of breeding curlew. Our concern is (a) that there would be a greatly increased number of people visiting the Lugg Meadows, an increased number of dogs and cats, noise, light pollution and traffic. This is likely to have a significant impact on the flora and fauna of the meadows. In particular, the increased disturbance would impact the breeding curlew, which are already threatened with local extinction and the subject of a conservation project at the site.

Our concern is also (b) the impact of this development on the river Lugg, designated a Special Area of Conservation, already under huge pressure from pollution and described by Natural England as "unfavourable/declining." The proposals do not guarantee that run-off from the development (which may include a wide range of pollutants e.g. oils, phosphates from car washings, paints, bleach) cannot enter the Lugg Rhea and, from there, the meadows and the river Lugg.

Both points clearly contravene Hereford Council policy SS6, LD1-LD4 (NC1, NC3, NC4, NC6) and therefore the planners should recommend refusal of the application.



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The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **Sheila Henderson**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: See enclosed document

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: No.

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