

Planning application comment was submitted on the **16 April 2024 18:58 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **Paul Watkins**

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

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**Comment:** I have lived in Herefordshire all my life and know the Lugg Meadows very well. When I was young my father and grandfather farmed and cut hay on the Lugg and Curlew always nested there. These meadows are a vitally important habitat for not only the Curlew but many other ground nesting birds and rare plants. The Curlew disappeared for a while but Herefordshire Wildlife Trust have done an amazing job in encouraging them back and restoring this wonderful diversity. It was always the case that Curlew didn't nest on the Upper Lugg meadows as it is often used for dog walking by some local residents and this disturbs the birds and prevents nesting. If this planning application went ahead it would spell disaster for much of the fauna and flora on the meadows due to its close proximity. Pet dogs and cats would wreak havoc and seriously threaten the continued presence of many birds, as would increased traffic, noise, run off and light pollution. If we are serious about a greener future and preserving this unique ancient meadow for future generations the council and planners must refuse this application and show that they are serious about conserving, restoring and enhancing the biodiversity and geo diversity assets of our county. If this development goes ahead those who support it will be directly responsible for the extinction of breeding Curlew in our county. It's time those responsible for this decision put the care of our environment and wishes of its residents before the greed of those that think only of profit to the detriment of our environment.

**Attachment:**

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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** Don't approve this application.

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