

Planning application comment was submitted on the **17 April 2024 20:58 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P240422/F** by **Howard Willson**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: Please record my objection to this proposed development.

The site is immediately adjacent to a SSSI of national significance, which supports rare plants living in a nationally rare type of lowland grassland habitat. The grassland also supports breeding birds, including the Curlew, now red-listed due to its severe decline. Curlew are very susceptible to disturbance which, regardless of any proposed mitigations, will be unavoidable with so many dwellings in close proximity.

The nature of the meadows is due to their traditional management, going back many centuries; this makes them extremely unusual nationally, and a significant feature of the county.

The presence of so many additional residents will put greater pressures on the grassland habitat, from noise and trampling by walkers and fouling by dogs, which are already hard to manage.

I believe the above means the application is not consistent with these sections of the Local Plan:

LD1: "Conserve and enhance the natural, historic and scenic beauty of important landscapes and features"

LD2: "Development proposals should conserve, restore and enhance the biodiversity and geodiversity assets of Herefordshire"

SS6: "Development proposals should conserve and enhance those environmental assets that contribute towards the county's distinctiveness"

Yours faithfully
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Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: N/A The council should not approve the application as it contravenes the Local Plan

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