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To: Planning Policy
Subject: Development objection

To whom it concerns,

I am emailing my objection to the proposal from developers to change the orchard in Irvine Road from a designated local wildlife site. This ploy to clear this ancient orchard is despicable. There are so few natural orchards in the country and they should be held up as a beacon, not destroyed for yet more housing. There is far too much housing being built in the area as it is. The new site at the end of Park Road, the new housing at the top of Malden Road. In fact the development around Colchester is shocking, housing going up anywhere there is a bit of green space. Enough is enough.

The planning department has a responsibility to generations to come. This orchard is surrounded by both primary and secondary schools. Thousands of children could benefit from the education available on this site. We had one in the London Borough of Richmond Upon Thames, where the primary kids would spend lessons in the nature reserve next to the school and locals threw themselves into the upkeep. I've recently seen a neighbours child (aged 8 yrs) scared of a hedgehog in the garden and his mother looking as if she was going to faint as it had defecated under her bush. To me this is worrying, we have to get kids out in nature, but if we keep concreting over these precious eco systems where is the nature going to be. Most people are desperate for their children to be out in nature and we need these sites to teach the next generation how to be the caretakers of their environment. For the sake of 7 houses, are we really going to throw away this free resource that could be available for the benefit of thousands.

Put a stop to these developers. Business is business and sometimes companies have to swallow a loss. Help put a stop to this for good please. Colchester is the oldest recorded town, don't bury a piece of ancient history under yet more cheap modern housing to make a quick buck. Lets hold ourselves up as an example, value our heritage and use it for the benefit of the future.

Regards,

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