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It is with great consternation that we find that you are thinking of destroying a traditional orchard that features in the Essex Biodiversity Plan-these are rare heritage examples that the National Trust,the Peoples Trust for Endangered Species ,Buglife ,let alone EWT . Southend B C has preserved a remnant at Eastwoodbury and that orchard has received Heritage Lottery funding to ensure it's preservation as an historical aspect of Essex Agricultural heritage ,it's tremendous value for invertebrates ,old varieties of apples and the orcharding skills that will be needed for future generations . These places give opportunities for community learning –all these happen at our St Laurence traditional orchard that is part of SBC Biodiversity Plan , who also signed into the Essex one. For the sake of 7 speculative houses the social and environmental considerations outweigh economic gain . this really does need rethinking to ensure responsible local government implementation over green open spaces that do have priority in Planning Guidances!

sincerely Ron Bates and all at St laurences orchard