
From: Gavin Sandercock <[REDACTED]>
Sent: 14 February 2015 22:38
To: Planning Policy
Subject: IRVINE ROAD ORCHARD

Dear Sir,

I am writing to object strongly about the proposal to build 7 houses on an ancient orchard in the Irvine Road area. I hereby call on CBC to reject any application to change the status of the Irvine Road Orchard in the new Local Development Framework. It is completely against your own policy on protecting urban open space, which informed the decision to give the orchard the status of Private Open Space in the previous LDF.

Why would you change the local development framework - nothing but a planning application has changed and the orchard still deserves the same level of protection from the council.

There will be no possible gains for the local community, but there will be the loss of a vital green corridor and ancient woodland. There will be an increase in traffic flow through a route used by over 300 schoolchildren every day. I believe allowing a change to the LDC to allow the profits of one individual take a precedence over the wishes and well fare of a whole community as well as the safety of pupils at three colchester schools is a huge mistake.

CBC has designated the orchard open space, CBC has put a tree preservation order on the area and CBC developed the local development plan to supposedly benefit its residents. If it choses to change all this to help one company make money, it will lose the trust of its residents.

Yours,
Dr Gavin Sandercock,

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