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**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Irvine Road Orchard

Good afternoon,

Please reject any application to change the status of the Irvine Road Orchard in the new Local Development Framework. It is completely against the Council's own policy on protecting urban open space, which underpinned the decision to place the status of Private Open Space on the orchard in the previous LDF.

The situation is unchanged; the orchard still deserves the same level of protection from the Council. Only one person gains from this change and it is the local property developer involved. Everyone else loses.

There is another very good example of a remaining vestige of old orchard at St. Laurence Orchard, in Eastwood. Please see their website at <http://www.trustlinks.webs.com/>

Regards,

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