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**From:** Reed, Katharine <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** 15 February 2015 14:25  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** objection to change of land designation near Irvine Road CO3

Dear Sirs

I am writing to state my objection to the proposal to change the land behind Irvine Road, CO3 from Local Wildlife and Private Open Space , to Residential Land, to enable building.

This space which is currently a beautiful ancient orchard should be protected by the council for the enjoyment of residents, rather than turned into a money making scheme for developer. I fail to see how any housing on this land will benefit anyone besides a developer.

There are many many plots under development in the area - around 7 houses have just been completed at the junction of Capel Road and Maldon Road, let alone the hundreds of houses being built around Abbey Fields. There is simply no need (or capacity) for more housing in this area. This particular part of Colchester is over developed - already, local children are having to travel several miles to primary schools.

Further, the proposed entrance to housing will likely be the Chase. This would be an incredibly dangerous place to build a road. Currently, several hundred children walk past this end of this small private road to access the many schools in the area. There is already a blind junction between Capel Road and Irvine Road. Increasing the traffic here would be very irresponsible.

On an environmental level, I am sure you are aware that the Orchard is currently under a Tree Protection Order, is a designated wildlife site, one of only 7 ancient orchards in the county.

This beautiful ancient orchard could be a wonderful benefit for the community and children at local schools, as well as a wildlife haven. Please so not allow destruction of this site for sake of greed.

Thank you for reading my objection.

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