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Dear Sirs

I am writing to you to ask you to protect this rare orchard from development. This site is a designated a local wildlife site and living so close ([REDACTED]), we benefit from this too with the bats swooping through our garden at dusk and various birds during the day such as gold finches. The site doesn't lend itself to making a difference to the housing shortage due to it's size so I see no need to abandon it's wildlife status. It is specifically protected from development in the Local Development Framework.

If the site were to be built on it would destroy vital habitats especially that of bats that are protected. Neighbourhood orchards too are scarce today, when I was growing up my grandmother had an orchard as part of her garden and our house did too. I remember picking apples, pears and cherries as a child, baking and preserving with them. Children today are unaware of the origins of their food, saving this orchard could go a long way to educating local children, in line with the current educational policy.

If access to this proposed development is 'The Chase', the visibility is poor to one side with an existing brick wall, cars, lorries etc would have to swing over to the otherside of the road to get good visibility. Many school children use this route on a twice daily basis which is a sensible route to school as it uses a footpath and is relatively traffic free. If this development goes ahead parents may feel it safer to take to their cars than let their children walk.

If we can save the orchard for the community, my family and I would be very interested in supporting this project and be part of the workforce.

Yours sincerely

Margaret, Nick, Robert and Frances Binns