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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 26 February 2015 10:21  
**To:** Planning Policy  
**Subject:** Referred to in Land Register title no EX704168. Known as IRVINE ROAD ORCHARD

To the planning committee,

I am writing to object to any change in the status of the site named above, during the preparation of the next Local Development Framework.

This site is irreplaceable, it is one of few urban orchards extant in Essex.

There is not such a shortage of land suitable for development, that this small patch of ecologically sensitive land should be deemed to be needed for development.

The person who has purchased this land is nothing short of a speculator, paying several times the value of 'amenity land' in this area with the assumption he could somehow bully or browbeat the council into removing all the protections existing.

This is surely not what the local development framework process should be about, encouraging people with money to buy up any open space in Colchester, however inappropriate, with a view that the framework can be 'reframed' in their favour.

Please reject the attempt the change the registration of this land, local people are absolutely against this. In my capacity as chairman of IRARA (Irvine Road Area Resident's Association) I have been part of both electronic and paper petitions against the change, in only a five or six days our committee members collected over 300 signatures by door knocking in our local area, and not one person raised a voice to support this change. Surely the views of local residents should be considered as part of this process?

The Local Development Framework is an excellent concept in allowing the council to manage development in the area while protecting areas which deserve protection. This is one such area please continue to protect it!

Yours Faithfully

David Kennedy

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