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Dear Mr Swift,

I am writing to share my concerns regarding the proposed development of 44 houses off West Hoathly Road, application number DM/26/0073. Aside from the obvious objections relating to the fact that the low-lying ground routinely floods there, and that the road is too narrow at the top by Standen between the rocks to accommodate a significant increase in traffic, my specific concerns relate to the impact on biodiversity in such an important area directly adjacent to, if not encroaching into an AONB. As a scientist with a background in ecology, I have enjoyed nature-watching as well as teaching my own children and students about some of the resident species found in the woods and stream that border and enter the field. Specimens I have observed there over the years are dormouse, which I believe may actually be [REDACTED] - a proper ecological survey will determine the species. I would be happy to either carry out the survey or commission one from a colleague if needed. There are also bat colonies in the trees to the right and far end of the field, as well as [REDACTED] it would be a devastating if the such a well-established and stable hotspot for local and important biodiversity were to be destroyed for poorly considered housing.

Yours sincerely,

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