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To: planninginfo
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Dear Planning Authority,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application (in subject heading).

Having conducted a phase 1 habitat survey of the proposed development area my main concern is the loss of native lowland wet meadow. This site is already fragmented by development to the North and West and the species reliant on this habitat will be lost from the area.

The Intensity of development in East and West Sussex in posing a massive threat to the unique and special character of the weald. Particularly because the land being sacrificed is **archaic hay meadows** such as the one threatened by the development in question.

Beautiful species of farmland bird such as the Skylark, who make use of the site in question are increasingly rare. There numbers are rapidly declining across Sussex and this development will be another blow to the stability of their population.

The meadow south of Fox Hill that is proposed for development has a very special character of traditional wet Sussex hay meadow, it can never be offset or replaced as its history is exactly what makes it special. To lose this site will desperately damage the farmland character of Southern Haywards Heath, increase local pollution and further decimating local wildlife including protected species such as Grass Snakes, Lizards and Skylarks.

Without our Sussex Wildlife, what is the purpose of living here? As a young person I find the situation depressing and greatly hope these developers can be stopped, they are not providing the affordable housing struggling people desperately need. They are consuming our countryside for profit alone.

Best wishes,

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