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To: [LDP](#)
Subject: FW: Local Development Plan - Objection - Echt Housing Development
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Dear sirs,

I write with reference to the proposed inclusion of the meadow site in Echt in the latest local development plan. We would like to object on the grounds of:

1. Loss of natural habitat for a wide variety of wildlife with particular reference to ground nesting birds including skylarks which are a threatened species. The surrounding fields are all farmed which prohibits the same level of biodiversity as well as ground nesting birds. The ground has been a meadow for in excess of 8 years allowing wildlife to establish within this area.
2. The loss of the meadow would also have a significant impact on the local community due to the loss of local amenity. The meadow is used by dog walkers, runners, children playing.
3. The meadow floods every winter with a large body of water being visible for a substantial part of the winter every year. We live in a house which backs onto the field with the bottom of our garden having a large pool of water along the rear fence bordering the field during the period of time that the field is flooded. There is significant issues with drainage and ground conditions in this area partially caused by significant amounts of clay that is present as well as the water course being so high.
4. We are also concerned about the volume of traffic which would be generated by the additional road users not just within the estate but also coming along the B9119 road which is already fairly busy with a wide variety of road users, including being used by many bicycle users who would be put at risk due to the increase road user volume. Echt is not served well by public transport and therefore commuters have no good alternative to having to use private vehicles.
5. Our children are very concerned about losing the meadow due to the impact on the wildlife as well as losing the space that they can safely walk our dog without having to cross a busy road. They have grown up in Echt with the use of the meadow and it would have a significant detrimental impact on their wellbeing. This meadow provides local children with a safe space to explore.

We do not believe that after such a prolonged period of time that is acceptable to allow the significant loss of this type of natural habitat. All other fields in the area are farmed which prevents such biodiversity.

Regards,

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