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Sent: 21 July 2020 16:43  
To: Matthew Diamond <Matthew.Diamond@exeter.gov.uk>  
Subject: Objection: Land off Spruce Close and Celia Crescent 20/0538/OUT

Dear Mr Diamond

Please do not develop this land.

This open, tranquil area provides an invaluable community space. With the pandemic, and today's obesity and mental health crisis, it encourages regular exercise and offers peace and tranquility in worrying times.

My children spent many happy hours in these fields, running around safely, identifying plants, trees and insects and creating nature books with their friends. A perfect antidote to today's devices and social media. They still walk these fields, decades later. So does my husband, despite a walking disability. He can't walk far, or on steep inclines, but walking these fields has helped stem the progression his peripheral neuropathy.

Walking these fields has also enabled a growing number of people in the community, and beyond, to socially distance, whilst getting exercise and fresh air.

I understand the pressing need for housing, but implore you to look at greener ways of providing it, such as brownfield sites and abandoned premises and retail sites around the city.

The value of nature, in its simplest form, is immeasurable. To rest one's eyes on the far horizon, with empty space and fresh air, and so near to the city centre, is a gift to be treasured and protected. Visitors from Liverpool, York, London, and Canada have marvelled at the beautiful views from these and neighbouring fields, which are an asset to the city.

If you haven't walked these fields and the ones beyond, please do, and experience the amazing views and tranquility for yourself.

From a safety and practical point of view, Pinwood Meadow Drive has always had challenges with on-road parking lining both sides of the road. Many people liken it to driving a slalom and worry should they need an ambulance or fire engine. Using this road to service additional homes and their visitors will make matters worse.

Kind regards

Liz Jones