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Re: APP/18/00672 Land off Westwood Close,
Emswath

Dear Mrs Haywood,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed development of the field east of Westbourne Avenue for housing.

As a keen walker, dog walker and environmental conservationist I feel deeply saddened at the prospect of losing this beautiful field, which is not only a highly frequented recreational area, but also a beautiful haven for a host of flora and fauna.

The thing which makes living in the nearby area so pleasant is the ability to escape noise and traffic chaos in local green areas. I feel it is vital to protect our natural spaces as a vital resource for everybody's physical and mental health and well-being, as well as an

Of the few remaining spaces where wild-life can thrive. Is it not far preferable to build housing, if needed, on brown-field sites or ⁱⁿ the derelict & abandoned buildings I see in Ensworth and other urban areas? It is surely better to make use of existing buildings which have fallen into disrepair and are lying empty and vandalised.

A further factor to bear in mind is that the field in question constitutes a flood risk, as it is so close to the boundary of flood zones 2 and 3. It is frequently waterlogged in autumn & winter.

Mrs Haywood, I urge you to reject the Proposal for housing development on the field off Westwood Close and allow this green open space to continue to provide a peaceful haven for people and wildlife alike.

Yours sincerely,
[Redacted Signature]