

I strongly object to the current and repeated proposals to remove the protected status of Hayslan Field and fully support the Pickersleigh residents Group in their demand that it remains a designated Green Open Space. All of the reasons why the previous attempts for development were rejected remain in place and are still very relevant now. As such the proposal that the field be included in any development plan must be firmly and robustly rejected.

Hayslan field is a much treasured community asset, enjoyed over the years by generations of people of all ages as an urban haven of peace and tranquility, a place that allows all the freedom to roam and savour this unique habitat. It provides an abundance of natural native species of wildlife including owls, butterflies, hunting grounds for many varied birds of prey plus flora and fauna. This natural urban environment sustains them all. The World Wildlife Organisation tells that urban destruction of open spaces such as Hayslan fields are having catastrophic effects with the decline of natural habitats, making many of our native wildlife to become endangered species. We cannot and must not allow Hayslan Field to disappear forever under the name of development by allowing House builder greed and profit the excuse to deny the community at large, not least future generations of our children growing up without the pleasures of being able to enjoy the simple healthy benefits of walking dogs with their parents, running free without traffic and the dangers that go alongside it. Giving them the opportunity to enjoy the safe tranquil footpaths that crisscross the field whilst savouring the stunning views of the hills that fringe the site.

There are 90 units currently being erected by Fortis on a brown field site in Pickersleigh Grove which although screened borders Hayslan Field, this alone along with the many eminently more suitable sites in and around Malvern including the 800 units to be built in Newland should allow Hayslan Field to remain the special and unique haven that it is. I demand that it must not be allowed to be plundered and lost to the local community forever. Mike Edwards [REDACTED]