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To: [Planning Comments \(SMDC\)](#)
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Dear Sirs,

OBJECTION NUMBER 2 to application number SMD/2025/0243

Site address LAND EAST OF MANIFOLD DRIVE AND SOUTH OF RAKEWAY ROAD

ECOLOGY AND HABITAT

The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal mentions protected species such as & bats. Both have been observed while living on Manifold Drive. Many other species have been observed and we regularly see nesting birds in the existing mature trees and hedgerows within the proposed development site. The Preliminary Ecological Appraisal mentions Appendix 3 in section 3.1.1 sub-section V but this is missing from the report itself. As such the Preliminary Ecological Appraisal is incomplete.

The loss of this area of farmland to residential housing is not acceptable. CPRE deliver data and arguments to show an increase in brownfields sites being left undeveloped while greenfields are being reduced at pace. Loss of green spaces is detrimental to DEFRA's 25 year action plan.

Within the Statement of Community Involvement that reads “The development proposals will also seek to deliver a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) in excess of 10%, as required by the 2021 Environment Act, on adjoining land.” No plans have been supplied to show where the “adjoining land” is. As such, the planning process has not been respected because it does cover the entire proposed development.

I remain deeply concerned with this point and urge that this proposal be rejected on the grounds stated above.

Yours faithfully,

Darren Whitehead & Joanne Johnson

