

Comments for Planning Application 22/01878/P

Application Summary

Application Number: 22/01878/P

Address: Land At Broom Hill/Brislington Meadows Broomhill Road Bristol BS4 4UD

Proposal: Application for Outline Planning Permission with some matters reserved - Development of up to 260 new residential dwellings (Class C3 use) together with pedestrian, cycle and vehicular access, cycle and car parking, public open space and associated infrastructure. Approval sought for access with all other matters reserved. (Major)

Case Officer: Richard Sewell

Customer Details

Name: Mr Ian Barrett

Address: 17 Great George Street Bristol BS1 5QT

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Other

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

Comment: Avon Wildlife Trust opposes the proposals to develop Brislington Meadows for housing. We are facing an ecological emergency at a local, national and global level and urgent action is needed to protect and restore the habitats and natural systems on which wildlife and people depend. The first step in reversing wildlife declines is stopping destruction of remaining habitats. Avon Wildlife Trust recognises the balance that the Council is trying to strike in tackling the ecological emergency, the climate emergency and local crises in housing, poverty, heating and hunger, all at the same time. We do not oppose all housing development in the city, but seek to ensure that where development does happen, nature is fully taken into account, with habitats integrated into high quality design or created elsewhere to deliver an overall gain for nature. There are though sites in the city that are so important for nature that they should not be developed. We believe that Brislington Meadows is one of these.

Brislington Meadows is important for a number of reasons:

- it is a valuable habitat for wildlife designated as a Site of Nature Conservation Importance for its rich grassland habitats,

- it gives local people access to nature,

- it provides key "ecosystem services", reducing flooding and supporting water quality in

Brislington Brook (which rises on the site) and downstream in the River Avon and Bristol City

Centre as recognised in the West of England Nature Partnership's State of Environment mapping

We do not believe that it will be possible to maintain the ecological value of Brislington Meadows, whilst developing the site for housing. Brislington Meadows should continue to be recognised as a valuable local wildlife site and protected from development.

If development does go ahead despite our objections, measures must be put in place to reduce

impacts on habitats and ecosystems as far as possible, through site layout and design, and through the creation and enhancement of large areas of habitat onsite and in the local area which maintain the ecosystem services provided by the Meadows and provide significantly greater value for wildlife, in line with the Government's policies on biodiversity net gain.