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Site Address: Land Opposite Alderbrook Day Centre Buxton Road Chinley Derbyshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: I am writing in response to the planning proposal concerning the cancellation of the condition to mitigate biodiversity. As a concerned citizen passionate about environmental conservation, I wish to express my strong opposition to the proposed cancellation and advocate for the preservation and enhancement of biodiversity in our region.

Quite simply however, the planning proposal was granted with conditions in place which will have been stated for a reason, I therefore cannot understand how these conditions can be lifted. The development is part of a Government housing scheme and under the Environment Act 2021, all planning permissions granted in England will have to deliver at least 10% biodiversity net gain.

Biodiversity is a fundamental aspect of a healthy and sustainable ecosystem. The existing condition to mitigate biodiversity within the planning proposal plays a vital role in ensuring the long-term sustainability of our natural environment. Legislations such as the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 and the National Planning Policy Framework must be noted here.

Cancelling the condition to mitigate biodiversity would undermine these efforts and potentially result in irreversible damage to our local ecosystems.

Furthermore, I would like to question where the most recent ecologist report is following Urban's statement 'Proposals for on site ecological mitigation have been explored with an ecologist'?

Their meeting with Derbyshire Wildlife Trust shows they were unable to assist at this time and this was then abandoned, is this due to the stated cost? What about Appendix A.4 from the previous survey by DWT showing the range of wildlife discovered on the site: how is any of this being addressed and replaced?

Nothing has changed since the conditions were put in place, so why is there now the ask for removal of this? The original survey was done by a disreputable company who have come up against huge national criticism. Also their report on the badger sets which were situated on this site is missing from the application.

In summary, to let the conditions be removed without carrying out the required work re-enforces the president that what is required on your planning permission does not matter and will not be enforced. In the long run this position will increase the work load of the council dealing with non-compliance and complaint and enforcement.

Leaving this clause in force will cost the council nothing but help their goals for biodiversity increase and Carbon reduction.

I have collected signatures as part of a petition, with 50 neighbouring residents of Chinley having signed, which can be viewed here: chnng.it/Cq6Dsh7m8q

Here are some of the collected comments from the petition:

"Maintaining biodiversity is critical to our long term sustainability. Developers should stick to the agreed condition to mitigate/maintain biodiversity."

Robert Dean

"Wakey, wakey! Biodiversity is extremely important. I am sure we would all like to be assured that our grandchildren have a planet to live on"

Satu Slater

"We are losing enough green space and there is a bio-diversity crisis"

Stephen Minter

"This was a lovely hay field with a wide variety of plants flowers and grasses. we accept that there needs to be affordable housing in the village but the planning was granted in the basis that these mitigations were put in place. we must always seek to support developers to do the right thing and not be able to back out of what they have promised."

Joanna Winterbottom

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