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**UTT/17/3253/ACV To Nominate property as Asset of Community, Thaxted, Essex**

Dear Ms. Nicholas,

I have recently been made aware of the above planning application for land change of use. I live in Guelph's Lane, Thaxted, a road adjacent to 'Chalky Meadow', and have an interest in its future.

I campaigned against development of 'Weddow Road II' on a similar field adjacent to the one in question. Nevertheless planning permission was granted and that wonderful place is now houses. 'Chalky Meadow' is now surrounded by such houses and is the last oasis of wild meadow in the area.

I'd like to see it saved from development through this change of use so that:

- 1) It can be enjoyed by all those who now live in the surrounding houses
- 2) Wildlife still have a place to thrive
- 3) Land which I'm told was originally purchased by the council as a site for the eventual primary school expansion might still be enjoyed by generations of Thaxted juniors through using the field for nature studies and other field work

Land such as this is a diminishing resource and we need to preserve anything that has such a huge biodiversity value.

Developers have had their way with all other areas of Thaxted over the past 20 years, I think it is about time we started thinking about what amenities these people now need apart from housing.

Yours Sincerely

Doug Fry