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Sarah Nicholas
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Dear Ms Nicholas,

Re. Chalky Meadow, Thaxted

We would like to express our strong support for the proposal that Chalky Meadow is considered as "an asset of Community Value".

As you will be aware, this area, has been identified by experts representing several different ecological and wildlife groups as being of particular scientific and conservation interest. These observations include the recognition of an exceptionally large Common Lizard colony, the recording of 22 types of butterfly, a diverse range of hedgerow and other plants and sightings of many and various birds.

You will also be aware that there has been unprecedented building of houses around Chalky Meadow. The community of Thaxted has been successful in incorporating these new residents into the town. However this building has destroyed much habitat, which was of considerable benefit to local ecology.

Preservation of Chalky Meadow would firstly redress some of this loss and secondarily allow a sanctuary for important and possibly rare wildlife, as well as becoming an important amenity for both the

local community and those who are interested or expert from
father afield.

This is a unique example how a sensitive and outward looking
approach to planning can support a community. If development
was allowed on this site, it would be lost forever. We are aware of
the importance of the environment and urge you to support this
application to protect this asset for its community land value.

Yours sincerely

Mary and Michael Tayler