

	Online Comments
Application No:	18/04656/FUL
Comments:	<p>Local residents believe there is a covenant stating that any houses in orchard cannot exceed 2 storeys</p> <p>On land in front of site (near Surgery) there have been 2 instances where permission has NOT been granted to fell trees</p> <p>TPO suggested many trees in orchard may be graded high on preservation scale</p> <p>If the orchard is on the Priority Habitation Inventory (PHI) as deciduous woodland the council has a responsibility to maintain, safeguard and conserve the area</p> <p>Wildlife (Preliminary research suggests many, butterflies, bees and dragonflies, bats, birds – some rare). The planning authority has a duty to protect the environment in a conservation area. Even Ashford Homes' own report suggests there is evidence of rare bats.</p> <p>Increased traffic and pollution in a residential area with a nursery school and a doctor's surgery.</p> <p>The access route marked on map is impractical – it will prevent safe pedestrian access to town park.</p> <p>Doctor's Surgery over-stretched already</p> <p>How much money is the developer getting from English Heritage to renovate Courtfield House? This should not go towards their profit but be used to ensure that this amenity is preserved for the community. Perhaps donating some of the orchard to the council for the park – a community project?</p> <p>There is brown field and green field land on this site – build where existing structures and preserve unique and ancient orchard for the community.</p>
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