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I cannot stress enough how distressing it is to hear that the above is under consideration yet again. Do local people's concerns count for nothing?

I and my family have waited 6 years to obtain a plot on this amazing site and invested so much time and money on it already. It is an absolute bonus in the current cost of living crises to be able to supplement your own food and is open to all regardless of income, class etc, one of the most diverse, inclusive and friendly communities I have belonged to.

It is an essential outlet for people's mental health and physical well being especially following the Covid crisis.

The sheer environmental impact, in addition, would be extremely detrimental on such a densely populated area as Portsmouth (we currently tip London on population density) and local people have very few outlets and green spaces to relax in and enjoy, apart from the sheer physical outlet and exercise of gardening.

This year alone my site alone has seen myriad bird species, many of which are threatened from sparrows and wrens to starlings and green finches, as well as fox cubs, slow worms, lizards, frogs, dragon and damselflies and many other species we suspect which aren't so immediately visible like bats and hedgehogs. Goodness knows how much this is magnified over the whole area of 500 plus plots.

It truly is an oasis of calm and retreat in a far too busy and stressful world for animals as well as people. These will all disappear and they have so few spaces left in the wild. It feels like large corporations can just keep plugging away and appealing and will eventually get their way, regardless of the heartfelt sentiments and needs of those locals who have to live with these decisions. It is irreplaceable.

Yours sincerely
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Sent from my iPhone