

Annex 2

Examples of comments made on the Friends of Juniper Hill Field website savejuniperhillfield.co.uk which indicate the strength of feeling this place provokes:

'We live in Slad and have been horrified at the developments, and fear that it may get a whole lot worse.'

'I walk that area very often as I love it - I want it to stay the way it's always been!'

'I am heartbroken by what is happening here'.

'I'm heartbroken to hear about these plans for Juniper Hill. I am a local artist and have drawn this special place in my landscape 'Slad field '.

'I have often walked these paths, listened to the skylarks and felt the peace it offers'.

'I feel outraged at what has already been done to this beautiful and precious spot, one of my favourites in the Cotswolds'

'As a regular user I am dismayed at what I see happening to Juniper Hill.'

'What an absolute tragedy it would be if this fantastic field were to be lost forever.'

'Already the additions of wooden posts and wire mesh scar this gem.'

'As a botanist I am concerned to see how this nationally rare example of wildflower-rich limestone grassland habitat should be conserved as pasture.'

'Very saddened to see Juniper Hill Field carved up like this.'

'Dividing into plots will be disastrous as it would change the ecology completely. It is a special place for many reasons, we need to try to prevent this from happening. I have seen how the sale of plots on otherwise open sweeps of land has been detrimental in another part of Stroud. What previously belonged to us all, even just by looking and appreciating, becomes instead a picture of private lives and interests.'