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To whom it may concern,

I think it is very selfish of the Friends of Corbett Meadow to deny access to local people to use or even see the Corbett Meadow. Although I wouldn't expect free roaming, I think an enclosed footpath (preferably circular with access points around from the outside) would be rewarding for locals and create interest in the conservation of this . Many people who bought houses on John Corbett Drive did so because they were encouraged to believe by the developers that it would be a lovely place for themselves and their family to safely walk and enjoy the natural environment. There was even a footpath showing on google maps. There are many areas of natural beauty where access to the public is permitted around the country, so I can't see why not here.

Also, there are very few places where you can actually SEE the meadow, let alone use it. From the footpath north of the hospital around to Amblecote High St. in the south there are high ugly concrete fences with barbed wire obscuring any view. The only place you can see it, is from the very end of J C Drive where there are signs discouraging the public from entering their part of the road although I doubt the legality of these.

Finally if none of the above is possible I would support development on the meadow as the last plan provided access to a park with ponds which is better than nothing. I do think that local people who are either for or against development should override objections from outside the area.

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