

COUNCIL – 9 DECEMBER 2009

PETITION

The following petition, comprising 135 signatures, has been submitted by Joseph Fitzgerald, Assistant Chairperson of the Rivers Nursery Site and Orchard Group as follows:

We, the undersigned, petition the Local Authority and future landowners to stop any proposed built development on the lands commonly known as Rivers Nursery Site and Orchard of Sawbridgeworth and to protect the site as a managed green open space for the well-being and enjoyment of the local community. Proposed building on this site would destroy the last remaining fragments of this world-famous fruit development area and obliterate the fragile but extensive wildlife habitat that has been allowed to thrive undisturbed over hundreds of years in this traditional orchard and its immediate surroundings. Nearly two-thirds of traditional orchards have disappeared since the 1950s. We value highly and must conserve what remains of this historic site. It is our common heritage.

Note

*Members are reminded that the lead petitioner is permitted to address Council for up to three minutes. The relevant Executive Member will respond to the petition. There is no provision for any general debate by Members, however, local ward Members may comment if they wish.*