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I have lived on County Road in Windsor, just north of the former prison property, for 21 years and have spent hours every week walking on the Windsor Grasslands property.

The first time I saw the prison property before we bought in Windsor, I thought it was the most beautiful site I had seen in the Upper Valley since moving to Vermont a few years before.

The site is incompatible with housing development for a few reasons:

Windsor Grasslands is a birding mecca with features that attract a wide variety of birds. Ebird, a project of Cornell University's Lab of Ornithology, lists the Windsor Grasslands as a "hotspot" on its global map. Birders from all over come to Windsor solely for it's birding sites.

Access to interstate 91 from the property is limited by roads that are incompatible with increased traffic. The most direct way to 91 is Rice Road in Hartland, a hilly, winding, 1 lane road with a reasonable speed of 25 mph. Along most of Rice Road it is impossible to drive when another car is coming from the other direction.

Windsor Grasslands is an area that needs to be protected. It is a rare, unspoiled place.

Please consider other sites that are already accessible and in developed areas. Once it is developed, it will be like a hundred other nearby sites that "used to be beautiful."

Thank you,

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