

Through development wildlife is being pushed to its limits, often development has an unrecorded effect on wildlife, it is only years later people realise what they have lost.

We are at risk of not only losing important wildlife, but also local history and knowledge within our towns and villages.

At what point do we say enough. When will we realise our economy should not be built on development, as a way of providing short term jobs and economic growth.

### **Wild Orchids**

Orchids have been in magnificent shape this year all over the country, and putting on an especially good show in the chalky grasslands of Bedfordshire.

One of the UK's most intriguing and beautiful groups of flowering plants, orchids are enjoying particularly good displays this year.

One of the best displays of these exotic-looking flowers this year has been at Houghton Regis Chalk Pit, Bedfordshire, where reserve officers counted over 700 common-spotted, around 140 pyramidal and three bee orchids – an enigmatic species that attracts bees looking to mate due to the bee-like appearance of their flowers

***“Orchids are only found in relatively few wild places so it’s great to hear that they are thriving not only on protected nature reserves but also in the wider countryside and even gardens.”***

– PAUL WILKINSON, THE WILDLIFE TRUSTS’ HEAD OF LIVING LANDSCAPE

<http://www.itv.com/news/anglia/2013-08-07/orchids-bloom-in-regions-beauty-spots/>