Dear [insert councillor’s name],

**Save Askham Bog**

I would like to object to the proposed housing development on Moor Lane.

Askham Bog is a truly exceptional site for wildlife and is loved and valued by the local community. It is part of the cultural heritage of York and I urge you to protect it for future generations.

It is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) which means it is nationally important for nature conservation and it is a peaceful place to walk and experience nature in the city.

The wildlife of the site is entirely dependent on the local water table and it is very sensitive to any disturbance. We are concerned that the housing proposals will damage this hydrology.

Housing near to nature reserves frequently results in the loss of wildlife through cat predation, dog mess and vandalism and I am concerned that this will be the case at Askham Bog.

Furthermore, Askham’s wildlife, such as woodcocks and invertebrates, are known to use the proposed development site. The loss of these will impact Askham’s ability to survive.

In summary, Askham Bog is too precious to destroy and I therefore object to the proposed development on Moor Lane and urge the Council to refuse any development there.

Yours sincerely,

[your name]