

Constable country acres are sold

THE National Trust has revealed it could not afford the £1.75million price tag for 231 acres of prime Constable Country.

The land at Hall Farm in Stratford St Mary has been sold a month after it went on the market. Robinson & Hall, property consultants, has not disclosed the buyer or how much the land sold for.

The Dedham Vale Society,

which campaigns to preserve the area's heritage, was one of the groups who called for the National Trust to buy the land.

Ade Clarke, National Trust manager, said: "We were contacted by a number of people, who said we would be suitable custodians.

"It is always pleasing to know the work we do is held in high regard.

"We have recently invested

significantly in purchasing and developing the car park at Flatford, which enables our members to park free of charge for the first time at this beautiful place.

"Given the £1.75million asking price for this land, it is with considerable regret we had to turn down the opportunity to purchase it. We are happy to work with the new owners once a sale has been completed."