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The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/C1435/W/23/3321978

DETAILS OF THE CASE

Appeal Reference	APP/C1435/W/23/3321978
Appeal By	GLEESON LAND AND JOHN ALISON LAND AND RESEARCH LTD
Site Address	Land at Downlands Farm Uckfield TN22 3PU Grid Ref Easting: 546619 Grid Ref Northing: 122026

SENDER DETAILS

Name	[redacted]
Address	[redacted]

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☑ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☑ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

This planning application has already been turned down by Wealden DC acting on behalf of its residents and in the interests of the environment in which Downlands Farm is situated. Several other bodies have also raised objections to this large development, including Uckfield Town Council, Maresfield Parish Council as well as other parish councils, the Woodland Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust and Downlands Action Group. It is close to ancient Ashdown Forest AONB and indeed looks across to several of the Forest's features. It also borders on Lakeland Wood, owned and maintained by the Woodland Trust and would decimate this oasis of calm, albeit close to the A22 Uckfield by pass. Overdevelopment is already affecting the amount of traffic on the by pass and another 424 houses would only add to this as well as having a negative impact on the internationally important geodiversity of the High Weald. The area proposed for development is ancient meadowland surrounded by ancient woodland and outcrops of mesolithic rock. I understand it provides habitats for over 100 species of birds as well dragonflies, moths, butterflies, bats, adders, grass snakes, lizards, slow worms frogs, toads and newts as well as other rare invertebrates and the endangered hazel dormouse. It would be an injustice to future generations to deprive them of this rare and special area of the already over developed south east of England. The planning application must be rejected in order to preserve the area and indeed to protect it for our children and grandchildren. I regularly walk and run along the footpaths through Lake Wood and across the proposed site and would be devastated if this application were to be approved.