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8th July 2023

Planning Inspectorate

Ref: **Representation against appeal APP/C1435/W/23/3321978**

Dear Sir or Madam

I am somewhat surprised that the developers have submitted an appeal when considering the strength of the objection by Wealden Planning to the proposal and also the strength of the local opinion in rejecting this proposal.

I list my main objections to aspects of the plan

1. We reside in a rural area. Most people living here could consider it a reason for being here. This development would significantly contribute to unnecessary and unwanted urban sprawl in the area.

2. Wealden may have failed to produce a comprehensive plan for building in its area but this should not lead to developers and central government ignoring the obvious wishes of the local residents and planners to not allow these types of development on green sites.

3. In the times of our current need to make agricultural land more productive and protect the rural environment, once again I find myself unable to understand why such developments are even considered. These developments should not be allowed to encroach on our farming areas. It would be better to persuade developers to focus on sites already in urban areas.

4. Looking at some existing developments there does not seem to be a large amount of interest in acquiring these properties, which should be a sign that they are not only undesirable to the locals but also unwanted by them.

5. I am not an ecology expert but I have seen and heard enough of the reports on the impact this would have on the area. Again I find it difficult to understand why that has even reached this stage.

6. The general infrastructure in the area is incapable of providing for the existing plans and certainly not for any new ones. We are supposed to be improving the environment, not only for nature but for the well being of the local residents. Building a huge new housing estate over green fields does

nothing to help. Out of control increases in infrastructure would in themselves be a blight on the local area.

It seems to me that central government are setting new housing quotas for various political reasons and where a local council is not well organised in their planning, the central government will throw quotas at them and then say old planning restrictions don't apply any more. If the local council object then it seems central government would like to just ignore them. This demonstrates how little democracy counts today.

In this case it should not be for central government to ignore the democratic wishes of the local community and their representatives.

Perhaps those trying to force these quotas could travel the country and find areas where new developments are actually WANTED by the local people.

When I look at the South East the property prices are well over the average and I wonder why this is the focus for the massive increase in building plans or perhaps I don't wonder? It costs developers the same to build properties anywhere in the country but I would imagine for developers they would much prefer to go for where they will get the highest prices. Just my thoughts of course!

Yours sincerely



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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

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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?

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- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☑ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

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