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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, if successful, will destroy a beautiful and vital area of countryside between the towns of Uckfield and Maresfield. It is home to many species of flora and fauna, some rare, and it consists of many varied natural landscapes. To destroy this area with housing (424 homes), the infrastructure that goes with it, including roads and roundabouts, will have a huge impact, for the worse, on both towns.

I often visit Lake Wood and the surrounding countryside and have done so since 1990 when I moved down to Sussex from a London Borough. Uckfield has changed immeasurably in that time with many new houses and developments already being built. The once quiet town is now busy with traffic and this development will only make it worse. We already have a bypass to ease congestion in the town and the rail line has been terminated so does not cross the main road, traffic cannot be diverted further.

In this day and age of climate change we need the wild places. We need large, joined up areas of natural land not small un-connected areas which will happen if this application is allowed. We need natural areas for endangered species and I believe there are several living here. Nesting birds and bats, dragonflies, reptiles, amphibians and mammals all call this land their home. There are also streams for migrating eels and there is a peat habitat.

I had thought that this land was already protected with a ban on development already in place? We must not allow this wonderful habitat to be lost, it can never be recovered.

Please do NOT grant this planning application.

Thank you for reading this application.

Kind regards,

[redacted].