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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

I strongly object to this planning application and would sincerely hope that Wealden DC's decision to refuse this application is upheld by the Planning Inspectorate. We have lost the majority of the green belt around the town of Uckfield to housing, or already approved forthcoming developments. The roads are at capacity, the town is gridlocked for the majority of each day, there are no NHS dentists, and doctors appointments are virtually impossible to get. The last thing we need is an additional 424 houses, and the associated cars, adding to the traffic, with yet another roundabout to disrupt the traffic flow on the already overloaded by-pass. We keep being told that the birth rate is declining, hence one of our local primary schools is being closed down - so do we need this amount of housing? Is it worth the payoff of loss of ecological habitats, wildlife, one of the last green wildlife highways in the area and a well used recreation area. Developing a new "Sangs" would in no way compensate for the loss of this large open space. The impact on the neighbouring privately owned Paygate Woods (ancient bluebell woods) and also the Woodland Trust site at Lake Wood also needs to be considered - both providing important habitats for Barbastelle bats, dormice, reptiles, glow worms and amphibians, as well as countless species of birds - including those becoming increasingly rare in the South East such as lesser spotted woodpeckers and flora as I can testify, as the owner of a small piece of this woodland and its custodian for future generations. Lake Wood has already been impacted negatively buy an increase in footfall and hence misuse of the area, littering, graffiti and even paddleboarding on the lake. An additional 424 homes plus occupants adjacent to this site would only exacerbate the decline of this area. Uckfield has provided more than its fair share of housing over the last twenty years, and will continue to do so as those sites, for which planning permission has already been granted are developed. Please, please leave this last section of countryside within the circumference of the Uckfield bypass as green land, so that any grandchildren I may have will actually know what a field looks like. Thank you for reading and I urge you to listen to the people of Uckfield's opinions on this matter - please take note of the unprecedented huge number of objections made to the original planning application. Not everyone realises that they need to state their objections again, so I hope that you will also take time to cast your eye over the previous objections, all of which remain valid.
Thank you

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