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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 have lived in Uckfield 35 years. Downlands Farm has always been a safe place to walk to Lakewood. There is no safe pedestrian access to Lakewood along Rocks Road and there is not suitable parking there either. If Downlands Farm was built on then how would people access Lakewood? The fields offer spectacular views across Ashdown Forest. Snatts Road is very narrow and not suitable to access a new estate.
We cannot have more roads off Uckfield Bypass otherwise it defeats the object of it being a bypass. This area should be left wild for nature to thrive. It does not need to be a manicured park just left wild as it has for decades. This is not a suitable site for development, people need areas to walk from their houses. Dog walkers should not have to get in their cars to go to area miles from their home. This is bad for the environment and stressful for the dogs too. People need open spaces to feel free and at one with nature. Downlands Farm is a great place for people with mental health problems to forget their worries. During lockdown I explored all the footpaths in the area and found walks to Maresfield, Piltdown and West Park nature reserve. It's so important for the residents of Uckfield to have places to go walking. There are many wild animals living on Downlands Farm. Where would they go? Would they be killed or made homeless?
I personally would be devastated if this beautiful facility was lost.