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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 believe that this greenfield site is very important for nature and for all of us to enjoy it for being as it is. At this time when we recognise the importance of joining up our fragmented natural landscape, surely we should not be thinking of further fragmenting it in this way. Nature is so valuable to our wellbeing, with the trees being especially important in combating climate change (the UK is missioned with planting so many millions of them, after all). This area needs to be preserved.
Secondly, considerable additional traffic will be introduced onto local roads, roads that are already struggling to take the traffic. Snatts and Rocks roads are in a poor condition, are minor roads and over capacity without such additional traffic. Where Snatts Road meets London Road is a 30mph section but this is ignored by many and there is daytime street parking to make things worse. Adding more traffic would be inviting more problems - and accidents - than there already are.
On a more general note, those responsible for the maintenance of roads in East Sussex are clearly unable to maintain them to a standard necessary for the traffic using them, while those responsible for delivering drinking water to properties in East Sussex have shown they are unable to do so with the reliability necessary. Therefore is seems more than unwise to consider adding further burden on to our basic services.
I oppose this planning application to develop the Downlands Farm site.