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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 am objecting to the proposed development of Downlands Farm which is behind our house. I have lived here for 30 years and often walk in the green space over to Lakewood. It is so peaceful and naturally beautiful, and hosts much wildlife. If houses are built there the area will be ruined. I am worried about the amount of traffic the building and houses would generate. Snatts Road is little more than a lane and if more cars use it the entrances will be choked with traffic.

Uckfield cannot take the additional houses proposed. We do not have the infrastructure. Already it is difficult to get GP appointments, NHS dentists are non existent, car parking in town is very limited and the rail service is not reliable. With regard to utilities, we have a hosepipe ban as SE Water cannot produce enough drinking water to meet demand. The situation is difficult already without extra houses. There are other developments around town that are not selling - we do not need more houses!

We need to safeguard natural habitat for generations to come. If this area is built upon our heritage, ancient woodlands and rare lake will be lost, never to be regained. The evidence against this proposal which was put together by the Woodland Trust, Sussex Wildlife Trust, Downlands Action Group, Uckfield Town Council, Wealden District Council, Dr Martyn Stenning and Vivienne Blandford is still valid and nothing has changed since the application was refused a matter of months ago.

I implore you - please do not allow this building to take place. Let us look after our environment, not wreck it for ever.

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