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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 live about 30 yards off Snatts Road. As a cyclist, I regularly use Snatts Road and Rocks Road. These are already "rat runs" at the rush hour.The junction of Snatts Road and Rocks Road is highly dangerous - steep hills and blind corners lead in to the junction, the road is narrow, the surface poor. It is utterly inappropriate as a location for pedestrian and cycling access to Uckfield. (for the cyclist it is even technically difficult due to the steep gradients). Further towards Uckfield, Church Street is similarly dangerous, with steep narrow sections and a busy junction with The Drive. It is totally impractical for young and family groups. As someone who uses theses roads, I suggest the planning proposal does not tackle any of this issue seriously or practically.
I regularly walk in the Downlands area, it is "the lungs" of Uckfield. The views and space are unique, and cannot be replaced with "manufactured" green spaces. Many people also walk there as a refuge from busy noisy roads and a retention of the county town character of Uckfield. It separates Uckfield from the Ring road. The development would erase that separation
The repetitive applications and appeals concerning Downlands need to be refused and ended. The many issues make it inappropriate, as the recent and earlier consideration have proven. These expensive processes, driven by an historic will, are expensive and disruptive, The application and the appeal lack depth of research and detail and there is no valid justification of any benefit to the local community. it would be detrimental as has already been stated previously both by a Secretary of State and by Wealden Council. `