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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

The site of the proposed development would destroy the natural beauty of this ancient woodland and surrounding areas and threaten the natural habitat of many species of wildlife (some endangered) eloquently described and presented by Dr Martyn Stenning M.Phil. D.Phil. MRSB CSci in his Adjoining/Neighbour Letter dated 12th August 2022 and also his letter dated 20th January 2023.

This site is worthy of SSSI status, for its irreplaceable history, heritage landscape, ancient woodlands, priority habitats and endangered species.

Vivienne Blandford's letter dated 8th September 2022 lays out the historical landscape assessment.

Snatts Road which has erroneously been classified as a main road is in reality more of a country lane. The road is only wide enough for cars going in one direction to pass the parked cars, those going in the opposite way have to stop and give way repeatedly. At school drop off and pick up times the east end of Snatts Road has cars heading west backed up into the London Road and those heading east backed up to past Cambridge Way. The western end of Snatts Road has no pavements and people have to walk on the side of the narrow bendy road. If this ill thought out development goes ahead it will lead to accidents with the increase in traffic, cyclists and pedestrians, using Snatts Road.

With all the development going on in the south of the town there are not the facilities available to cater for the increases in population as it is. This development, if it goes ahead will cause numerous social and infrastructure issues within the town of Uckfield. For example we have a hose pipe ban in operation and villages around us have water turned off on a regular basis the reason given is that according to South Eastern Water the restrictions are a result of more people working from home (the infrastructure is not up to it).

Application No. WD/2022/1637/MEA refusal letter contains many other reasons why this application should be rejected.