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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

Uckfield presently has a population of about 15,000 people. On the south side of the town there are 1000 houses under construction which will add at least another 3000 residents to the town. These houses will be built without further infrastructure such as doctors' surgeries, increased supermarket or other shopping opportunities or sports facilities. The current waiting time for a GP face to face is two weeks. This time would obviously increase is large numbers of new inhabitants come to the town. Presently, the only swimming pooling the town is under threat for lack of the necessary funding. Changes in shopping habits in part caused by companies such as Amazon have caused a reduction in shopping opportunities in the town centre. This phenomenon has also increased delivery traffic throughout the town with its concomitant pollution and vehicular noise. I have lived in the town for five years and have noticed a considerable increase in traffic in and around the town in that time. In respect of the Downlands Farm site, a further 400 or more houses will increase the traffic on the already extremely busy A22 and through the town. Lastly and very importantly, this proposed development will result in the destruction of internationally and nationally important wildlife areas. Britain is one of the most overcrowded countries in Europe with the least tree cover. Mental health requires that people have quiet natural wildlife areas to walk and recharge in. As a country we can't go on building houses and destroying nature. We are using up our natural resources at an alarming rate. As I write we are undergoing a hosepipe ban for lack of drinkable water. More houses mean even more pressure on living conditions at every level.