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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

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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 have lived close to Downlands Farm for over 25 years and have enjoyed walking over the land all this time, taking the children from their early years to adults.
I object to the building of 424 homes for a number of reasons,
Firstly its a fantastic tranquil open space for local residents of all ages to enjoy the natural surroundings without the need to travel. A place to exercise and escape pressures of modern life thus benefitting people's general and mental health.
Secondly I am very concerned about increased traffic flow through Uckfield. the town is already busy most of the time and at peak times its at a standstill. this in turn is causing the minor roads to be used as rat runs endangering the lives of Walkers, Cyclists and Horse riders. in paticular Snatts road, School Hill in Maresfield and Etchingwood lane & Sandy lane & Framfield Road, Buxted (would become an alternative bypass).
There is not enough employment in Uckfield to support the increased housing so the majority of people moving in would need to travel to work adding to more traffic on A22 and A272 which are already busy.
thirdly there has been no improvement in infrastructure to cope with new housing thats already under construction let alone buiding more.
there are no new Drs surgeries, no NHS dentist NO new schools. Holy Cross Primary school is set to close in December.
For some parents now they cant get all their children in at the same school and are having to do more than one drop off or pick up. This is adding to the traffic congestion as most families need more than one car and is putting more pressure on family life.
Finally and probably most importantly is the environmental impact building on Downlands Farm will have. As well as the pollution from increased traffic its the loss of natural habitats for many species. At present the area is made up of fields formed from grass meadows surrounded by irreplaceable ancient ghyll woodland. And is home to over 100 species of birds. The land is home to endangered Hazel dormice, Barbastelle bats which are rare locally and many other creatures including rare invertebrates, grass snakes, Adders, lizards, slow worms, frogs, toads and newts.
The land has historical interest as part of the Streatfield Estate including a carriageway from Lake Wood to Malling Budlets.
I urge you not too allow this development to happen and to protect this ancient landscape forever.