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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 grew up not far from here and have returned to Sussex settling in Ringles Cross for the walkable access to both Uckfield College for my son and the access to nature reserves of downlands farm through to Lakewood and Views Wood behind us.
My partner and I are knowledgeable in Biology with a keen interest in biodiversity (he has worked as ranger for RSPB, national trust and Sussex wildlife trust/ I have degrees from imperial college and UCL in life sciences). This area should not be built on as it is extremely important as a link between larger reserves and for the variety of species it contains which will be destroyed through the development. It was devastating to high quality farmland at the other end of Uckfield with the extensive building that has already occurred around Uckfield. It is shocking in light of the lack of services: doctors, dentists and Uckfield college which turned away students due to capacity in recent years that the new properties occupants will place even more pressure on also.
We have observed deliberate clearance of areas prior to planning requests and we will again see the death of trees where root damage occurs due to proximity of building work. Ancient woods with veteran trees, and unique species such as the fungi, insects, bluebells (which may seem numerous in Sussex but are already gone elsewhere in Europe), dormice and rare bat species will be damaged irreparably and through poor planning decisions.
If this developer is allowed to go ahead it will be a shocking crime against nature.
We object in the strongest possible terms to this development.