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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 Reference | APP/C1435/W/23/3321978 |
| Appeal By | GLEESON LAND AND JOHN ALISON LAND AND RESEARCH LTD |
| Site Address | Land at Downlands Farm<br>Uckfield<br>TN22 3PU<br>Grid Ref Easting: 546619<br>Grid Ref Northing: 122026 |

### SENDER DETAILS

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| 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 am incredulous that having received hundreds of objections, including my own last time around that by simply appealing the developer can hope to rely that the strength of feeling has changed in some way and we must Object once again. All that was stated before still stands and should be used irrespective of whether folk have the tenacity, time and capacity to keep raising the same level of objection time and again. I'm not clear whether what I wrote last time forms part of this current objection - but I would re-emphasise is the loss of such a rare and important site. This has been recognised by Wealden District Council's own refusal, the objections of Uckfield Town Council and my own Parish Council, the Sussex Wildlife Trust, the Downland Action Group, Dr Martin Stenning and Vivienne Blandford - all of whom have spend time and energy providing all the evidence needed that this is would be catastrophic decision should the Secretary of State now agree. There has never been a more obvious time to acknowledge the over-development and loss of such ancient and connected woodlands is having a profound effect on all our lives. This decision has already been made 'locally' for good reasons, not NIBMYism - there have already been major housing developments in many surrounding areas and whilst my main objection would be the loss of such heritage landscape which are habitats for so many endangered species we cannot ignore the fact that none of the infrastructure in the area can withstand further development. Already we have a South East Water unable to provide sufficient treated water for the residents close to this area - nothing I have seen or read gives me any confidence that a further housing development would improve this situation.