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The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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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]S
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

To Mr Salter
I wish to comment on this appeal both as a local resident from Maresfield and as a practising ecologist in the area. I objected to this planning proposal as did many other local people and was pleased when after a second Environmental Impact Assessment Wealden District Council refused planning permission on many sound grounds. This planning proposal if it were to go ahead would have a major impact on the local environment and community that I dont believe most people can imagine, due to to its extent. To build a major housing project outside of allocated housing land, on farmland adjacent to ancient semi-natural woodland and designated areas of nature importance is totally inapropriate. In addition to the potential degradation, pollution and fragmentation of the adjacent habitats, the development during both construction and occupation will adversely impact upon all wildlife species currently using and benefiting from the semi-natural open spaces and woodland there. Many protected species have been recorded in this area over the years from species groups such as bats, reptiles, amphibians, birds and invertebrates and they should be protected going forward.
In addition to the ecological impact that this proposal poses, there is no infrastruture in place to support such a major development. There is poor public transport and so heavy and increasing use of traffic on the roads. We currently live in a water-stressed area and supplying possibly over 400 houses with water and a sewerage system is unsustainable. Planning permission has already been granted for houses that are as yet unbuilt locally, and recently built houses in Uckfield remain unsold; and it would appear that we do not build the type of housing that local people require.

I sincerely urge you to refuse this appeal and find against this proposed devlopment on many grounds.

Regards [redacted]