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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 in the area for the past 20 years. We have seen numerous housing developments which had an increased affect on the town of Uckfield already with no added infrastructure to support the increase in population and traffic. Uckfield is struggling with the over development already.
It has also affected the small village of Maresfield with increased traffic that use the village as a cut through from the A22, Lampool Roundabout along the Straight Mile to join the A22 to A26 to Crowborough and Uckfield. Maresfield has had a high increase of noise and pollution from cars and motorbikers who use the A22 and A26 already. Adding another 424 homes to the West side of the Uckfield alongside the A22 Bypass when there has already been a huge housing development on the East side of Uckfield on the A22 will bring increased traffic through Uckfield and Maresfield and the bypass. We experience travel problems getting in and out of our town with the amount of traffic hold ups.
We live next to the Ashdown Forest and objections have already been raised about the conservation of the proposed site of Downlands Farm which is
special to us as an open green space and woodland and lake. We object strongly to the loss of this heritage landscape and ancient woodlands which in our view should be preserved. Maresfield has seen new estates built alongside the A22 between the roundabout to Piltdown and Macdonalds on the same roundabout towards Piltdown the Recycling Centre was built and now they have added the Premier Inn and are building a Marks and Spencer and a Retail Home Outlet. This has a John Lewis distribution Centre and proposals to vastly increase this site to include further Industrial Outlets. All this exits out of one small road to the Rounabout on A272 and to the A22 with a huge increase in traffic and pollution.
We strongly object to the proposed development of Downlands Farm. It will further blight the town of Uckfield and the village of Maresfield and importantly lose a unique habitat and ancient ghyll woodland. 424 homes and their population and cars will add a great strain to the infrastructure of roads/ schools/doctors surgeries/dentists/ hospitals/ car parks which are already overstretched in Uckfield.