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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 object to this planning proposal to build hundreds of houses on land at Downlands Farm near Maresfield. There are many reasons why this is not a suitable site for such a large concentration of houses. There has already been considerable development in and around Uckfield which has put significant pressure on the local infrastructure such as doctors surgeries, roads, water supply, availability of green space etc. Traffic in the area hs increased significantly and the roads have deteriorated as a direct consequence. It is imposisble to get a timely doctor or nurse appointment at the local surgery. Additionally, the destruction of such a biodiverse and beautiful habitat would be environmental vandalism given the special nature of this site. I and my family have lived in the area for over a decade and enjoyed the countryside in that area over the years and would be very upset to see it concreted over. I find the timing of this appeal particularly insulting given we are currently under a hosepipe ban, despite a very wet spring and nearly full reservoirs, because South East Water cannot provide sufficient water to the existing homes in the area due to the excess demand, which would only be significantly worsened if this development went ahead. The local council and the government urgently need to address the infrastructure deficiencies of the area before even considering adding yet more houses to an already over developed part of Sussex.