

Steve Ashdown

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk
Sent: 21 December 2024 22:38
To: Steve Ashdown
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/23/2867

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 21/12/2024 10:37 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Land East Of Ansty Way Cuckfield Bypass Cuckfield West Sussex
Proposal:	Change of use of farmland and woodland to parkland reserve to include public access and instigation of long-term management and rewilding regime, including establishment of pedestrian and cycle tracks, with new pedestrian and cycle access points off Cuckfield Road to the south and Staplefield Road to the north. Proposals to include the addition of two wooden viewing platforms and two hides. Sports pitches at Beech Farm Field to remain in sports use. (Additional information received on 8th November 2024).
Case Officer:	Stephen Ashdown

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Customer Details

Address:	1 Woodcroft Villas, Whitemans Green Cuckfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I object to this land being changed into a country park for the following reasons: 1. This land already has a footpath through it. To add cycle lanes would severely disrupt a large area of this land, the wildlife, tree roots (impacted by cycle paths) and biodiversity. The Fairfax proposal is detrimental to this area. 2. This development does not conserve or enhance the natural beauty of this area - in fact it will damage it. We need to protect our natural environment for the benefit of future generations and to offset the effects of climate change. The biodiversity net gain is at odds with the evidence base.

3. If Fairfax are allowed this change of use, the danger is that they will more easily be able to apply for planning permission for more houses as the land will cease to be deemed 'agricultural.' We need farming to be protected in this country to ensure food security.

This change of use application provides no meaningful benefit to the community. I urge the council to reject this application.

Thank you,

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Kind regards