

Steve Ashdown

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Sent: 10 January 2024 11:43
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 10/01/2024 11:43 AM.

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.
Case Officer:	Stephen Ashdown

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Customer Details

Address:	Manor Cottage 20 Ockenden Lane Cuckfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Why we should want a "country park" when we already have actual COUNTRY beggars belief. Imposing an artificial construction on a natural environment is nonsensical and, moreover, would cause considerable damage to that environment. The very POINT of an area such as this - ancient woodland and natural farmland - is that it is a bio-diverse environment which has grown up over many centuries. It would be nothing less that a crime to interfere with this. How on earth could imposing a "light touch management regime"...what a prime example of gobbledegook institution-speak!... improve what nature itself has done for generations? It is just completely alien. Cycling on artificial paths would undermine years and years of natural development regarding tree roots and impacted soil in what is already an area delicately balanced on a conservation knife-edge. The proposed post and wire fences would prove extremely destructive to the natural movement of wildlife and deer would likely

disappear from the area altogether. Is the supposed point of this to provide an area of recreation or to enhance bio-diversity? It can't be both! Or is it simply a sop from the developers to push through a scheme which nobody local wants and which would prove irreversible once carried out? I think I know the answer and urge no-one to be fooled by this ploy. We all know that once land stops being used for agricultural purposes it becomes a prime target for further development proposals. This is just a cynical ruse on the part of the developers to try to push through the rest of their unwanted scheme.

Kind regards