

Steve Ashdown

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Sent: 11 January 2024 19:07
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 11/01/2024 7:07 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.
Case Officer:	Stephen Ashdown

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Customer Details

Address:	Anderida, Brook Green, Brook Street Cuckfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	Dear Sir/Madam I would like to strongly object to this application. It is unnecessary and causes more problems than it purports to solve, in particular the effect on Cuckfield Park and its residents which has not been addressed, and the biodiversity aspect. I would concur with the comments made by Knepp Estate particularly regarding deer and invasive plants such as ragwort and thistle. This is ill thought out and would result in damage, not enhancement of the countryside. There is already public access to the site and New England Wood, nearby, provides further space to enjoy the countryside. Further development is unnecessary. I would also like to add that in the document I read, (environmental statement n4) hoping to be

enlightened as to the impact of traffic on the surrounding area, there were several points that hardly seem credible, first and foremost the belief that public transport and cycling and walking will mitigate the effects of car use. It was talking about the housing development, but would equally apply to the country park. The public transport is extremely poor in this area , there is not even a daily bus on the 89 route, it is three days a week and not hourly. The distances involved mean that people will turn first to their cars to travel to and from the housing development and many will travel to the country park by car, even from outside the area. Southwater has seen notable traffic problems caused by their country park that was, I suspect, originally for local people to use. Is there provision for car parking? I couldn't find it in the documents, but if there is, it will still further detract from the natural countryside that exists now and create further disturbance for the wildlife.

I strongly object to the creation of a "faux" country park that would replace already beautiful, accessible and natural land.

Yours sincerely

Kind regards