

Steve Ashdown

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Sent: 12 January 2024 11:23
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 12/01/2024 11:22 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: 1 Rock Cottages Cuckfield Road, Ansty Haywards Heath

Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	I am writing to express my opposition to this planning application (DM/23/2867). I do not understand the reasoning of giving the community access to the countryside through this 'Country Park' / 'Nature Reserve' when we already have this access in Cuckfield, Ansty and the surrounding area. How can the current biodiversity of this area be improved when the cycle paths, footpaths, car parks will damage the existing woodland, wild animals living environment, and overall nature of this area? I understand that in the current district plan (2014-2031) which was adopted in 2018, policy DP16 states that "Development will only be permitted where it conserves or enhances natural beauty". This application will not do this, as it is already an area of natural beauty without increased footfall, fences (which are disapproved upon by the National Landscape (AONB), cars etc. which will damage the natural beauty vs conserving or enhancing it. There is ancient

woodland on this site which should not be interfered with in order to conserve it for years to come.

Kind regards