

Steve Ashdown

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Sent: 12 January 2024 14:36
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 2:36 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:	The Grainloft Cuckfield road Ansty
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	DM/23/2867 I would like to object in the strongest possible terms to this planning application. Of course, it is just a device to attempt to tick boxes enabling the Ansty new town application (DM/23/2866) to get approval. As far as I understand, increasing biodiversity on one site to compensate for the damages done on another is against current planning regulations. Much of what thrives on DM/23/2867 won't like the proposed changes at all. Most notably the cuckoo, after which Cuckfield is named. They thrive in quite woods and if we destroy this last part of their natural habitat, it is most likely, they will vanish altogether.

The recent population decline of cuckoos makes them a Red List species in the 2021 UK Conservation Status Report.

Red is the highest conservation priority, with species on this list needing urgent action to protect their numbers falling further.

As for the viewing platforms into someone else's back garden, quite apart from a wanton disregard for other people's privacy, the platforms would be on the very site where iron arrow heads that were instrumental in Henry V's great victory at Agincourt were forged, with power generated from these hammer ponds.

It's a great pity that power was not readily available when the developer's agents were undertaking moth surveys. I gather their moth trap machines failed due to lack of power; I am told they submitted the readings regardless.

What this application (DM23/2867) does however, is recognize how damaging DM/23/2866 is going to be.



Kind regards