

Steve Ashdown

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Sent: 07 December 2024 14:50
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 07/12/2024 2:50 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

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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 area of outstanding natural beauty to change it's use to a parkland reserve. This area is a strip of land on the west boundary of Cuckfield and has the high weald trail running through, from east to west. This is a natural migration route for fallow deer, woodland birds and other animals crossing it and has been for centuries. Culling of sussex fallow deer will cause great upset to the surrounding community and replacing it with non native large red deer in such a small area , has been poorly researched. These big deer do jump and will cause chaos in the surrounding areas and road users. They have incorrectly named species of birds that we do not see in and around Cuckfield, these birds are seen in areas of arable farming. The area has mainy woodland birds and countryside birds that graze along the sussex hedgerows. To change this area of outstanding natural beauty in the high weald to a '

nature reserve' is a feeble attempt to off set the destruction of the countryside of the new proposed town between Ansty and Cuckfield, which I also object too.

The proposed development of over 1400 dwellings between Ansty and Cuckfield is not in the District Plan and is far too big. The development will have a detrimental affect on the character and identity of Ansty and cuckfield as two semi rural sussex villages.

The buildings come right up to the edge of the historic end of Cuckfield and all though the buildings maybe screened by a thin layer of bushes and trees, in winter the development will be visible.

I am also concerned at the number of people who may have access to the ancient woodland and the increase number of walkers may disrupt and cause harm to habitats and trees. The plan does not retain connecting routes or exisiting ecological networks and in turn will disturb sensitive habitats along the water course and woodland. The plan to replant trees on site to increase bio diversity net gain will take many years and that is if they survive from parked cars etc.

The road system within the plan has one main road that goes over a bridge, which serves the exit onto the bypass. This is situated in a sensitive ecological area and the traffic and lights from cars will have a disturbing affect on the wildlife. The site is more than a twenty minute walk from cuckfield and a good half an hour if not more, from Haywards Heath, so naturally people will use their cars. The assumption that people can use public transport to reduce car journeys, when the bus service through Ansty is limited to certain days of the week, is also poorly researched.

Midsussex District council has not put this in the District Plan as they have calculated the needs for the district and are delivering the set houses required to meet the plan.

Kind regards