

Steve Ashdown

From: planninginfo@midsussex.gov.uk
Sent: 23 June 2025 17:08
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 23/06/2025 5:08 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 and amended plans received 27th May 2025).
Case Officer:	Stephen Ashdown

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Customer Details

Address:	Acorn House Burgess Hill 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:	I most strongly object to the above proposal to destroy fields and woodland in order to build yet another new housing estate (of which there are already many in the locality). I firmly believe that the environmental, ecological and social consequences far outweigh any benefits and I urge you to consider alternative approaches to housing that do not involve the destruction of our natural environment. Woodland is vital for maintaining ecological balance and plays an essential role in carbon sequestration; newly planted trees are carbon negative for the first 20 years, assuming they survive. And of course this land is home to valuable plants and animal species, the likes of which will be destroyed and may never recover. Add to that the loss of biodiversity and local

environmental stability, surely the case for preserving existing woodland becomes over
whelming.

Additional reasons to refuse this proposal are numerous, and will have been listed by
countless other concerned and caring members of the community.
The infrastructure cannot support such a huge development and the effects would be
alarming. The roads are already extremely busy with a heavy traffic load - any increase would
have safety implications, and an increase in the general noise level. Air pollution would
increase, with resulting health issues for the community. And the general diminution of quality
of life for residents should be given serious consideration; green spaces and wildlife being
vital to sustain both physical and mental well being. Surely the health and well being the
existing community are worthy of consideration.

In short there will be very many losses and no gains - other than financial ones for the
developers. Do we really want a society based on these values?

I respectfully request that this proposal be declined.

Sincerely



Kind regards