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Sent: 02 January 2024 19:09
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 02/01/2024 7:08 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.
Case Officer:	Stephen Ashdown

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Customer Details

Address:	Ardingly House Ardingly Road Cuckfield
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	The conversion of (effectively) a parkland reserve to a... parkland reserve makes absolutely no sense from a biodiversity, environmental or landscape perspective. The developers own approach for its proposed future is confused, conflicted and callow. 'Rewilding' with livestock and additional public rights of way is counter intuitive. The conclusion must therefore be that this is simply about Fairfax needing to offload the Ansty Farm area in the High Weald National Landscape that they cannot develop, but they must buy as part of the purchase deal. It clearly has nothing to do with sustainability or biodiversity gain. Even on its own merits (without the connected housing application) it must be rejected.

Kind regards