

NOTES

The Register of Electors has effect from 1 December 2007. In order to be included in the Register a person must :-

- (a) be resident at a qualifying address in the area;
- (b) state their nationality and be a British or other Commonwealth Citizen, a Citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a Citizen of a Member State of the European Union;
- (c) not subject to any legal incapacity to vote (age apart);
- (d) be aged 18 year or over by 30th November 2008;
- (e) or have made a Service Declaration, Declaration of Local Connection or Overseas Declaration.

The Electoral Registration Officer makes and keeps two versions of the electoral register - the full register and the edited register. Please put an X in the appropriate box if you wish for your name and address to be excluded from the edited register. The full register lists everyone who is entitled to vote. You can check it by calling at the council offices or at some local libraries. Only certain people and organisations can have copies of the full register, and they can only use it for specified purposes. These include electoral purposes, the prevention and detection of crime and checking your identity when you have applied for credit. The law says who can have a copy of the full register and what they can use it for. The full list of such persons and purposes is given in the Representation of the People (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2002. It is a criminal offence for them to pass it on to anyone else or to use it for any other purpose. The edited register leaves out the names and addresses of people who have asked for their names to be excluded from that version of the register. The edited register can be bought by anyone who asks for a copy and they may use it for any purpose.

In accordance with the Representation of the People Acts, any application to be registered as an elector is subject to public inspection to allow for objection to the application to be made. At the end of this period of public inspection (if no objection has been received) the applicant may be added to the Register of Electors on the 1st day of the month. Applications must be determined by the Electoral Registration Officer by 14 days before the end of the month (exclusive of a 5 day period for receipt of objections) in order for the applicant to be added to the Register of Electors on the 1st day of the next month. Those applications determined after 14 days before the end of the month will be delayed for inclusion in the Register of Electors until the 1st day of the following month. Please note that in the "run-up" to an Election you will only be able to vote at that Election if your name has been added to the Register of Electors before the last day for delivery of Nomination Papers for the Election.

RETURN FORM TO:- Electoral Registration Officer, Wealden District Council, Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1DH.