17th July 2012

Dear Sir or Madam,

Further Hearing

The Inspector has considered the responses received as a result of the consultation on the proposed modifications to the Core Strategy. A number of respondents have indicated that they would wish to have their further views heard in front of the Inspector. However, this applies only if the Inspector considers that new matters have been raised. In this case many of the responses were repeating comments made during the pre-submission consultation or going over ground which has already been covered thoroughly at the earlier hearings or in further written representations made at that time. Nonetheless, there were some comments made that related to new information, in particular to the relationship between the Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework, which was published in March 2012.

The Inspector therefore intends to hold a further hearing session at **10.00 on Thursday 6 September at East Sussex National Golf Resort**. The hearing will be in public but, in addition to the Council and the National Park Authority, only those invited to do so by the Inspector as a result of their new representations will be able to speak.

A draft agenda for the hearing session is attached setting out the Inspector’s questions and the participants for each item. No further written submissions are required as participants have set out their concerns in their representations. Discussion at the hearing will be limited to the Inspector’s questions and the new matters that they have raised. The Inspector will not permit discussion of material that has already been fully considered at the early hearings.

For those who have been invited to participate I would be grateful if you can confirm that you will be attending the Hearing (preferably by email to lynette.benton@wealden.gov.uk) by the 30th August 2012 at the very latest.

Yours Faithfully,

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