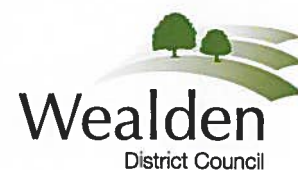


Wealden Local Plan – Issues, Options and Recommendations consultation

Hailsham and surrounding areas



Issue:

The delivery of 9,380 dwellings within and around Hailsham and Hellingly, including 418 dwellings outstanding from the Core Strategy

Preferred option for testing

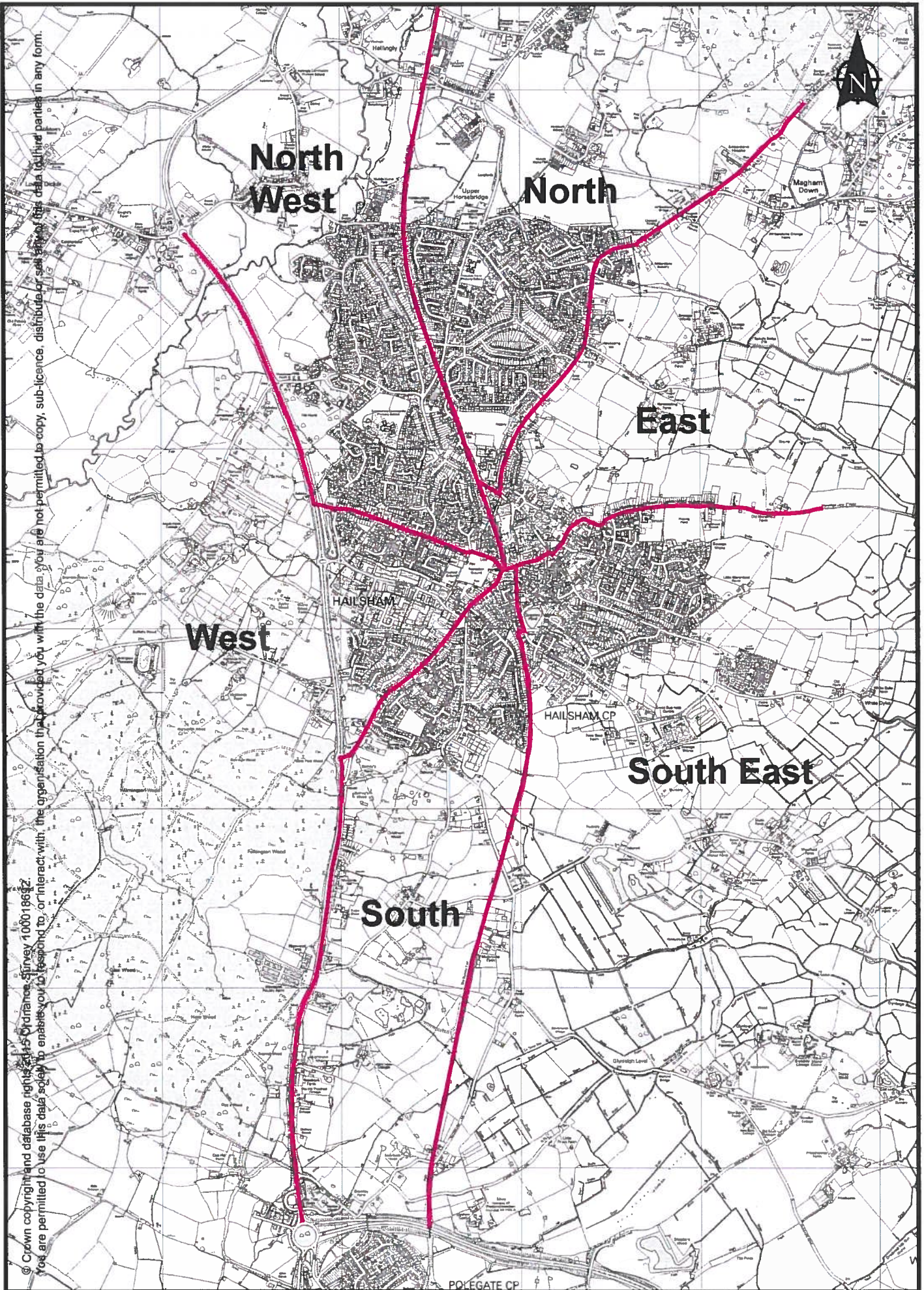
To test the provision of around 4,000 dwellings in the North, South East and Southern Sectors adjoining Hailsham Town, and to include infill development/ redevelopment of the existing urban area the exact amount of which will be provided through a capacity study. This will include the provision of the remaining 418 homes to the East of Hailsham identified in the Core Strategy and shown on Map 38. This will however, not allow any further incursion towards the Pevensy Levels in this Sector.

The first choice to provide for the remaining 5,380 dwellings is the provision of an urban extension on land at West Hailsham with the re-routing of the A22 and the down grading of the existing A22. However it is acknowledged that there are significant issues with regards to delivery and the second choice is the development within South Hailsham in the Parish of Hailsham and Polegate with the third choice of land at West Polegate.

The option of 9380 dwellings is predicated on the improvements to the A27, or another alternative, and the delivery of other road and social infrastructure as well as the improved waste water treatment in Hailsham.

Advantages and disadvantages

Advantages	Disadvantages
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for early release of sites within and around Hailsham in order to help with the 5 year housing land supply. • Allows for a large urban extension that will help foster economic growth in the wider area. • Builds upon opportunities already available in the area • Seeks opportunities where there is greatest land and infrastructure potential. • Helps conserve designated landscapes and features of biodiversity importance including the Pevensy Levels and the Ashdown Forest. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a significant amount of growth and change within a relatively short timescale. • There will be concerns about coalescence between Hailsham and Hellingly and Hailsham and Polegate. • Significant infrastructure investment will be required, although less than if the growth was accommodated elsewhere. <p style="color: green; font-weight: bold;">Please see over for the broad location map</p>



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