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Local Development Framework

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Statement Under Regulation 30 (d) (ii)
Issues and Options
2007
Dear

I am writing to you to give you an update on the progress of the Wealden Local Development Framework and the preparation of the Council's Core Strategy. Your name is included in a database of people and organisations expressing an interest in being involved in the production of our LDF. If however, you no longer wish to be contacted, then please let us know.

We have prepared an Issues and Options consultation paper, which sets out a range of planning issues for Wealden and then suggests different options for tackling them. We are seeking your views on these before we make any decision about which options should be taken forward to the next stage of the LDF process. The issues and Options paper will be subject to public consultation for a period of 6 weeks. The consultation will run from Monday July 2 2007 until 5.30pm on Monday August 13 2007.

We would very much welcome your views on our Issues and Options paper. You can view the full document and make your comments by visiting our website www.wealden.gov.uk.

The quickest and easiest way to make your comments is on our online consultation system. If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so in order to make your comments. Just follow the link from the home page on our website. You will also find a set of background papers available to download and we would also welcome any feedback on these too.

If you would like the Issues and Options paper in CD format or a printed copy, please contact the Planning Policy team. Please note that in the interests of paper saving and in order to cover production costs, we must make a charge of £15 for the full printed version. CDs and printed summaries are free of charge. Documents can also be inspected at local libraries and council offices. Please also note that the council will be consulting on a draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document. Please let us know if you wish to be notified once this document has been published.

For further information, please contact a member of the Planning Policy team on 01892 602007 or email or email ldf@wealden.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Watson
Local Development Framework Manager
Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing to you to give you an update on the progress of the Wealden Local Development Framework and the preparation of the Council's Core Strategy and to enclose a CD, which contains the Issues and Options document. A printed summary guide is also available on request.

In line with our Local Development Scheme, the Issues and Options paper will be subject to public consultation for a period of 6 weeks from Monday July 2 2007. The purpose of the Issues and Options paper is to help us to develop a Preferred Options Document. This document will be consulted on in early 2008 in line with regulation 28 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) England Regulations 2004.

All of our consultation, which we undertake during the production of the LDF will meet the requirements set out in our Statement of Community Involvement, which was adopted by full Council in February this year. We will also be consulting on a draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document that is due to be published shortly.

In order to make your comments about the Issues and Options paper, please visit our website www.wealden.gov.uk to view the document and follow the link to our consultation system.

The quickest and easiest way to make your comments is on our consultation system. If you are not already registered on the system, you will need to do so in order to make your comments. You will also find a set of background papers available to download. We are inviting comments on any of this material. The deadline for receipt of comments is 13 August at 5.30pm.

If you would like to speak to someone about the Wealden LDF please contact a member of the Planning Policy team on 01892 602007.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Watson
Planning Policy Manager
Dear «Name»

Re: Local Development Framework – Issues and Options paper.

I am writing to you to give you an update on the progress of the Wealden Local Development Framework and the preparation of the Council's Core Strategy and to enclose a copy of our Issues and Options document. We can provide additional copies of the document (CD format) free of charge if required. A free summary guide is also available and we enclose 2 copies, one of which you may wish to display at your Parish office.

In line with our Local Development Scheme, the Issues and Options paper will be subject to public consultation for a period of 6 weeks between Monday July 2 2007 and Monday 13 August (until 5.30pm).

The purpose of the Issues and Options paper is to help us to develop a Preferred Options Document. This document will be consulted on in early 2008 in line with regulation 26 of the Town & Country Planning (Local Development) England Regulations 2004 and our Local Development Scheme.

All of our consultation, which we undertake during the production of the LDF will be meet the requirements of our Statement of Community Involvement, which was adopted by full Council in February this year. I enclose a copy of the leaflet, which is being distributed to every household in the District, which sets out further information on the consultation process. We will also be consulting on a draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document and will be writing to you on the matter at the appropriate time.

You will note from the enclosed leaflet that we have also produced a Summary Guide to the full Issues and Options Paper. Comments are invited on either the full document or the Summary Guide and indeed any of the supporting background research papers which are also being published on the Council’s website on 2 July.

In order to make your comments on the Issues and Options paper, please visit our website www.wealden.gov.uk and follow the link to our consultation system. If you are not already registered on the system, please do so in order to make your comments. This is the quickest and easiest way to make your comments. Please note that the consultation system does not include a facility for saving ‘draft responses’. We would recommend that you agree any wording/drafting before pasting in to the online system. A paper copy of the consultation questions is available should that be of assistance. We cannot accept anonymous representations, so we would recommend that you direct your constituents to our website to submit comments for themselves. Members of the Planning Policy Team will be happy to guide anyone through the process.

Director of Environmental Services  Michael J Fleming
If you would like to speak to a member of the Planning Policy team about the Wealden LDF or would like to join us at one of the drop in sessions organised on 7, 14 and 28 July, please call 01892 602007 or email ldf@wealden.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

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Planning Policy Manager
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All of our consultation, which we undertake during the production of the LDF, meets the requirements set out in our Statement of Community Involvement, which was adopted by full Council in February this year. I enclose a copy of an LDF leaflet, which is being distributed to every household in the District, which sets out further information on the consultation process. We will also be consulting on a draft Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document and will be writing to you on this matter at the appropriate time.

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If you wish to make representations directly, please visit the Council’s website www.wealden.gov.uk and follow the link to our consultation system. If you are not already registered on the system, please do so in order to make your comments. We cannot accept anonymous representations, so we would recommend that you direct your constituents to our website to submit comments for themselves. Members of the Planning Policy Team will be happy to guide anyone through the process. If you would like to speak to an officer about the Wealden LDF, or would like to join us at the drop in sessions organised on 7, 14 and 28 July, please contact a member of the Planning Policy team on 01892 602007.

Yours sincerely,

Jacqueline Watson
Planning Policy Manager

Enc: Issues & Options Consultation Paper / LDF leaflet / Brief guide to online consultation system
Newspaper Advert for Core Strategy
To appear in Kent and Sussex Courier and Sussex Express

Wealden District Council
Local Development Framework-Core Strategy Development Plan Document
Public Consultation on “Issues and Options”

Wealden District Council is in the process of preparing its Core Strategy. This
document will be at the heart of the Council’s Local Development Framework
(LDF). The LDF will set out the principles for where, when and how
development in the District will take place over the next 20 years. The first
stage in producing the Core Strategy is to set out a range of difficult planning
“issues” for Wealden and examine different “options” for tackling them. The
Council has prepared an Issues and Options consultation paper to help the
community give their views.

A series of informal “drop-in sessions” at towns across the District will take
place on Saturdays throughout July. This will be your chance to ask planning
officers any questions you may have regarding the Issues and Options
consultation paper and to see our display explaining more about the Core
Strategy and Local Development Framework.

Saturday 7th July 10am-1pm
Hailsham- Leisure Centre (foyer), Vicarage Lane, BN27 2AX
Crowborough-Council Offices (Atrium), Pine Grove, TN6 1DH

Saturday 14th July 10am-1pm
Polegate-Community Centre, 54 Windsor Way, BN26 6QF

Saturday 28th July 10am-1pm
Uckfield-Civic Centre (Ashdown Room), TN22 1AE
Heathfield-Co-op Supermarket, 110 High Street, TN21 8JD

The Council welcomes your comments on the Issues and Options
consultation paper. These will be considered as the Council prepares the
next version of the document. The paper and a summary document can be
viewed on the Council’s interactive consultation website www.wealden.gov.uk
from Monday 2nd July to Monday 13th August. Associated background papers
can also be downloaded. Printed reference copies will be available for public
inspection between these dates at Town and Council offices and libraries
across the District: a full list of venues will be available at the drop in
sessions, online at www.wealden.gov.uk or by telephoning the planning policy
team on 01892 602007.

Making your representations
The quickest and easiest way to submit your representations is by using our
online consultation system. You can register at www.wealden.gov.uk and you
will need to provide an email address (in order to receive a password which
will enable you to use the system). If you do not have internet access or if
you require any assistance, please telephone 01892 602007 to speak to a planning officer, or email ldf@wealden.gov.uk.

Please make sure that all representations reach us by 5.30pm on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} August. We regret that representations received after this date cannot be considered.

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Planning for Wealden’s Future
Make Your Views Count!

Jasmine, (aged 7) wants a house like this when she grows up. But it’s not just new housing we’ll need in the future: it’s new jobs, better infrastructure, services, shopping and leisure facilities.

Wealden District Council is producing a new type of Plan called a Local Development Framework (LDF) which will need to address how the District develops over the next 20 years.

An “Issues and Options” consultation paper has been published which explores the main planning issues and possible ways forward for the District.

The Council wants to hear from the public before making any decisions, and we encourage you to get involved. Visit our website www.wealden.gov.uk and follow links to the LDF to find out more. Or call in at one of our drop-in sessions, where Council representatives will be on hand to answer your questions.

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HAILSHAM, Leisure Centre, Vicarage Lane

Saturday 14th July 10am-1pm
POLEGATE, Community Centre, Windsor Way

Saturday 28th July 10am-1pm
UCKFIELD, Civic Centre
HEATHFIELD, Co-op supermarket, High Street

If you need more information, please contact Wealden District Council on 01892 602007.
Any Questions?
‘Drop-in’ sessions will run from 10am to 1pm on all dates as set out below.

Council representatives will be available to answer any questions on the LDF at the following sessions:

Saturday 7 July 2007
CROWBOROUGH
The Atrium, Wealden District Council Offices, Pine Grove TN6 1DH

HAILSHAM
The Foyer, Hailsham Leisure Centre, Vicarage Lane, BN27 2AX

Saturday 14 July 2007
POLEGATE
Community Centre, 54 Windsor Way, BN26 6QF

Saturday 28 July 2007
UCKFIELD
Ashdown Room, Civic Centre, TN22 1AE

HEATHFIELD
Co-op supermarket, 110 High Street, TN21 8JD

Latest Information and Contacting the District Council
Remember, you can visit our website to find out all the latest information about the Wealden Local Development Framework and have your say about the Issues and Options Consultation Paper. Just go to www.wealden.gov.uk.

Our Planning Policy team can give you information and answer your questions about the LDF. Please call us on 01892 602007 or email us at ldf@wealden.gov.uk.

The full printed version of the Issues and Options Consultation Paper can be obtained by contacting the Planning Policy team. Please note, that in the interests of paper saving and in order to cover production costs, we must make a charge of £15 per copy. A printed summary guide or CD of the full text are available free of charge.

Wealden District Council,
Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1DH
Telephone 01892 602007 ldf@wealden.gov.uk www.wealden.gov.uk
Local Development Framework: Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Paper

Jasmine (aged 7) has drawn a picture of what type of house she wants when she grows up. However, ensuring that there are sufficient homes for all of us (young or old) is only one of the challenges we face in Wealden. Protecting our valued countryside and environment, encouraging investment, providing new jobs for local people, delivering high quality public services and creating lively town centres with quality shopping and leisure facilities, are just as important.

Wealden District Council has to make difficult decisions on the future of the District and wants to hear your views about what needs to happen and where.

The Council has a duty to produce a new type of plan called a Local Development Framework (LDF). This will provide the framework for identifying where new development will take place, which areas should be protected and how we can address the needs of our local communities. Work on the LDF has started but we want to hear from you now before any key decisions are taken about the future.

The Council is publishing a consultation paper on the key issues and choices for Wealden. This document is called the Core Strategy Issues and Options Consultation Paper. If you are interested in planning for the future, or if you simply care about your local area, we would urge you to get involved and have your say.

The decisions which need to be made will affect all of us in one way or another. Your views can really make a difference, if you get involved now.

How you can learn more about the current consultation?

There are a number of ways to do this:

- Visit our website www.wealden.gov.uk and follow the links to the LDF
- Talk to Council representatives at a ‘drop-in’ session (details overleaf)
- Visit a local library to view the full Issues and Options document
- Read the summary document (available free, on request or from the stand at our ‘drop-in’ sessions)
- Watch the local press for details
- Contact your District Councillor

How can I make comments?

We would encourage you to send us your views online, as this is the easiest and quickest way to make comments. You will need to register on our consultation system, which will only take a few minutes of your time.

You can register by going to our website www.wealden.gov.uk and following the link to the Local Development Framework pages (you will need to provide an e-mail address in order to receive a password).

If you do not have access to the Internet at home, or cannot make use of internet points at your local library, please contact the Council's Planning Policy team on 01892 602007 to discuss alternative ways of submitting your comments.

Consultation Information

We have organised a series of ‘drop-in’ sessions where you will be able to talk to Council representatives about the LDF and how it may affect your area. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about the forthcoming Design Guide, due to be published shortly.

The consultation period for the Issues and Options Consultation Paper will take place from 2nd July 2007 and will last for six weeks. During this time, you will be able to make your comments on our website www.wealden.gov.uk. All comments must be received by 5.30pm on 13th August 2007 in order to be considered.
Spatial Development Options
2009
Dear [Name]


I am writing to inform you that as part of the development of our Core Strategy, the Council has published a Spatial Development Options document for public consultation. The consultation period runs from Monday 6th July until Friday 28 August 2009.

The consultation document sets out our vision and strategic aims, and proposes a number of possible alternative spatial development strategies for Wealden. You can view the full document and make comments by visiting our website www.wealden.gov.uk. On our website you can also view our Spatial Development Options Consultation - Summary Guide and the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal of the options we have developed. Background Papers, which provide more detailed technical information on a number of subjects, are also available.

We welcome your views on the options to deliver future housing and employment development in Wealden. In order to respond to the consultation document, please visit our website www.wealden.gov.uk and follow the link to our LDF consultation system. If you are not already registered on the system, it will only take a moment to do so. Alternatively, a questionnaire is available on request as part of the Summary Guide. The deadline for receipt of comments is 5.00pm on 28th August 2009.

If you would like a copy of any of the above documents in CD format or a printed copy please contact the Planning Policy Team. CDs and printed summaries are free of charge however in order to cover production costs there will be a charge for full printed versions of the Spatial Options document, Sustainability Appraisal and for Background Papers. Documents can also be inspected at a number of locations across the District. Details of these locations are on the reverse of this letter together with information relating to our exhibition and drop-in sessions which you are invited to visit.

We shall look forward to receiving your views on shaping Wealden's future. If you would like to speak to someone about the Core Strategy or the current consultation process, please contact a member of the Planning Policy Team on 01892 602007.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Eveleigh
Planning Policy Manager
Visit one of the following Deposit Points to view a copy of the full document and supporting papers (please check opening hours, as these may vary)

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Any Questions? Come along to one of our exhibition and 'drop-in' sessions, and talk to us. These sessions will run on the following dates:

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- Council Offices, Pine Grove, TN6 1DH.
  - Friday 17 July 2009, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
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Hailsham:
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  - Friday 31 July 2009, 5:30pm - 7:30pm
  - Saturday 1 August 2009, 10am - 1pm
The Council is preparing a new long term plan for Wealden which will provide a real opportunity to improve the way we do things in the future – the way we use land, the way we build and the way our towns and villages develop and change.

What are we consulting on?
Following on from our last consultation in 2007, we are publishing a planning document which explores alternative ways of distributing future housing and employment growth in Wealden. The document is called Core Strategy – Spatial Development Options.

We are keen to hear your views on our ideas and on the alternatives we are considering. Your responses will help us with the challenging choices we must make as we finalise our plan next year. We want everyone to have a say in the important decisions that lie ahead.

How can you learn more about the consultation?
- Visit our website www.wealden.gov.uk
- Come to an exhibition and ‘drop-in’ session
- Visit a local library within the District, or the Council Offices at Crowborough or Hailsham, to view the full document and supporting papers
- Read the summary document online (also available free, on request or from the exhibition and drop-in sessions)
- Talk to your local councillor

How can you make comments?
By going to www.wealden.gov.uk and following the links to the Local Development Framework (LDF) pages.
If you do not have access to the internet at home, or cannot make use of internet points at your local library, please come along to one of our exhibition and drop-in sessions to find out more.
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  - Saturday 1 August 2009, 10am - 1pm

Consultation on the Core Strategy - Spatial Development Options document runs from Monday 6 July until 5pm on Friday 28 August 2009. In order for them to be considered, it is important that you get your views to us within this period.

If you or someone you know would like this information in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact the Planning Policy Team at:-

Wealden District Council, Council Offices,
Pine Grove, Crowborough
TN6 1DH.

01892 602007
ldf@wealden.gov.uk
www.wealden.gov.uk
Local Development Framework Consultation

Play a part in shaping Wealden’s future

From 6 July to 28 August Wealden District Council will be consulting on a document called “Core Strategy - Spatial Development Options”.

This suggests a number of alternative strategies for the distribution of housing and employment development over the next 20 years.

Find out about the consultation on-line at www.wealden.gov.uk or at one of our exhibition and drop-in sessions:

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Proposed Submission Core Strategy
2011
Dear Sir/ Madam,


Following approval at the meeting of Full Council on the 8th December, Wealden District has published its Proposed Submission Core Strategy on 11th February for receipt of representations between 14th February and 28th March 2011. After consideration of all representations received the council would then intend to submit the document to the Secretary of State for its examination in public (EIP) later this year. The various ways in which you can view the Core Strategy and associated documents are set out in this letter.

The Core Strategy has already been through a number of stages of preparation during which extensive stakeholder involvement, including two significant rounds of public consultation (in 2007 and 2009), has taken place. At this stage, the publishing of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy is to allow for representations to be made in connection with issues of soundness and legal compliance. Guidance notes on this matter, which explain about the representations process, are available on the Council’s website and also on request from the Planning Policy Team on 01892 602007.

The Core Strategy DPD sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the whole of the Wealden District area, including the area within Wealden which lies within the recently designated South Downs National Park. The Strategy comprises a long-term spatial vision and strategic objectives for the period to 2030, a spatial strategy, core policies and a monitoring and implementation framework with clear objectives for achieving its delivery. All subsequent documents produced as part of the Council’s Local Development Framework (LDF) will build on the objectives and policies set out in the Core Strategy. It identifies the quantum of growth and broad locations for delivering housing and other major development needs such as employment, retail and infrastructure.

Representations can most easily be made online using our consultation system which can be accessed from the Council’s website at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/ or by using the web address http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/. Alternatively representations may be made by completing a representation form (available on our website or by request) and sending them to Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR. Written forms may also be sent by fax to 01892 602006. Representations must be made between Monday 14th February and Monday 28th March 2011 and any representations.
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Deposit Points/ Availability of Documents

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Dear «Title» «Family_Name»,


Following approval by Full Council at the meeting of 8th December, Wealden District Council will be publishing its Proposed Submission Core Strategy on Friday 11th February for receipt of representations between 14th February and 28th March 2011. After consideration of all representations received the Council would then intend to submit the document to the Secretary of State for its examination in public (EIP) later this year.

The Core Strategy has already been through a number of stages of preparation during which extensive stakeholder involvement, including two significant public consultation exercises (in 2007 and 2009), has taken place. At this stage, the intention of publishing the Proposed Submission Core Strategy is to allow for representations to be made in connection with issues of soundness and legal compliance. Guidance notes on this matter are available on the Council’s website, which explain about the representations process, and on request from the Planning Policy Team on 01892 602007.

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Guidance Note for Respondents

Before making your representation on our proposed Core Strategy, we would encourage you to read the following guidance, as it will explain where you can view the documents, how you can make representations and the type of comments which can be considered. An Errata to the February 2011 Proposed Submission Core Strategy was published on 24th February 2011 which makes changes to Policy WCS 6 and the Key Diagram. You will need to read the Errata to view the changes to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. The Proposed Submission Core Strategy has not been changed with the amended wording.

If you, or somebody you know, would like the information contained in this document in large print, Braille, tape/CD or in another language please contact Wealden District Council on 01323 443322 or info@wealden.gov.uk.

Introduction
Wealden District Council’s Proposed Submission Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) and Errata to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy is published under Regulation 27\(^1\) so that representations can be made prior to its submission to the Secretary of State later this year. All representations received will be considered alongside the submitted document, which will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector.

Representations can be made from **14th February to 18th April 2011** in writing, using the representation forms provided by the Council, or via our online consultation system.

**Purpose of Examination**
The Planning Inspector is required\(^2\), at examination, to consider whether the Core Strategy complies with certain legal requirements and is ‘sound’. Those who wish to make a representation are asked to clarify whether the issue raised relates to either legal compliance or soundness.

- If you are seeking to make representations on the **way** in which Wealden District Council has prepared the Core Strategy, it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **legal compliance**.

- If it is the **actual content** on which you wish to comment or object to, it is likely it will relate to whether the soundness of the Core Strategy in terms of it being **justified, effective or consistent with national policy**.

The Planning Inspectorate has issued guidance entitled ‘Local Development Frameworks – Examining Development Plan Documents: Procedural Guidance’ (August 2009). In the Annex to this document (page 42) the guidance provides advice on the scope and content of representations which can be made during consultation on the Publication Core Strategy. This document can be found on the Planning Inspectorate’s web site at the following link:


**Legal Compliance**
The Inspector will check that the Core Strategy meets all of the legal requirements under Section 20(5)(a) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (2004 Act). You should therefore consider the following before making a representation on legal compliance:

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\(^1\) The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended
\(^2\) Under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act
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- The Core Strategy should be within the current Local Development Scheme (LDS) and the key stages should have been followed. The LDS is effectively a programme of work prepared by Wealden District Council setting out the Local Development Documents the Council proposes to produce up until 2030. It sets out the key stages in the production of any DPD which the Council proposes to bring forward for independent examination. The LDS is available on the Council’s website.

Please note, the timetable for the production of the Core Strategy has been amended following announcement of the revocation of Regional Spatial Strategies by the Coalition Government in July 2010.

- The process of community involvement carried out in preparation of the Core Strategy should be in general accordance with Wealden District Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and is available on the website. The SCI is a document which sets out how the Council will involve the community in the preparation and revision of Development Plan Documents (DPDs) and in the consideration of planning applications.


- On publication of the Regulation 27 Document (the Proposed Submission Core Strategy), the Council must then publish the documents prescribed in the Regulations, and make them available at their principal offices and on their website. The Council must also place local advertisements and notify all of the various DPD bodies (these are set out in the regulations) and any persons who have requested to be notified.

- The Council is also required to provide a Sustainability Appraisal Report when it publishes the Core Strategy. This should identify the process by which the Sustainability Appraisal of the Core Strategy has been carried out, the baseline information used to inform the process and the outcomes of that process. The Sustainability Appraisal is a tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect social, environmental and economic factors and objectives.

- The Core Strategy must also have regard to national policy and conform generally to the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS) for the South East. The RSS sets out the region’s policies in relation to the development and use of land and forms part of the development plan for Wealden. The Government has signalled its intention to revoke the regional strategies but for now it remains a part of the Development Plan.

- The Core Strategy must also have regard to the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for Wealden District. The SCS was prepared by the Local Strategic Partnership which is representative of a range of interests in Wealden. The Core Strategy is a key delivery mechanism for the vision and principles in the SCS and these principles have informed the preparation of the Core Strategy. The SCS can be viewed at http://www.wealdencommunitystrategy.co.uk/.
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Soundness
To be sound a DPD should be:

- Justified
- Effective; and
- Consistent with national policy

Justified
To be justified the Core Strategy should be founded on a robust and credible evidence base involving:

- Evidence of participation of the local community and others having a stake in the area; and
- Research/ fact finding: to show that the choices made in the plan are backed up by facts.

The Core Strategy should also provide the most appropriate strategy when considered against reasonable alternatives. These alternatives should be realistic and the subject of sustainability appraisal. The DPD should show how the policies and proposals help to ensure that the social, environmental, economic and resource objectives of sustainability will be achieved.

Effective
To be effective the Core Strategy should be deliverable, embracing:

- Sound infrastructure delivery planning;
- Having no regulatory or national planning barriers to delivery;
- Delivery partners who are signed up to it; and
- Coherence with the strategies of neighbouring authorities.

The Core Strategy should also be flexible and able to be monitored. The DPD should indicate who is to be responsible for making sure that the policies and proposals will happen and when they will happen.

The plan should be flexible enough to deal with changing circumstances, which may involve minor changes to respond to the outcome of the monitoring process or more significant changes to respond to problems such as lack of funding for major infrastructure proposals. Although it is important that policies are flexible, the Core Strategy should make clear that major changes may require a formal review of the Core strategy or parts of it including through public consultation.

Any measures which the Council has included to make sure that targets are met should be clearly linked to their Annual Monitoring Report. This report must be produced each year by all Local Authorities and will help to identify whether the DPD needs amendment.

Consistent with national policy
The Core Strategy should be consistent with national policy. Where there is a departure, the Council must provide clear and convincing reasoning to justify the approach. Conversely, you may feel the Council should include a policy or policies, which would depart from national or regional
policy to some degree, in order to meet a clearly identified and fully justified local need, but where they have not done so. In this instance it will be important for you to say in your representations what the local circumstances are, that justify a different policy approach to that set down in national or regional policy and support your assertion with evidence.

If you think the content of the Core Strategy is not sound because it does not include a policy where it should do, you should consider the following questions before making representations:

- Is the issue with which you are concerned already covered specifically by any national planning policy or in the Regional Spatial Strategy for the area? If so, it does not need to be included;
- Is what you are concerned with covered by any other policies in the Core Strategy or will it be covered by any other DPD to be prepared later as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF)? There is no need for repetition between documents in the LDF;
- If the policy is not covered elsewhere, in what way is the DPD unsound without the policy?
- If the DPD is unsound without the policy, what do you consider the policy should say?

If you wish to make a representation seeking a change to the Core Strategy or part of the Core Strategy you should make clear in what way the Core Strategy or part of the Core Strategy is not sound having regard to the legal compliance check and three tests set out and explained above. You should try to support your representation with evidence showing why the Core Strategy should be changed. It will be helpful if you also say precisely how you think the Core Strategy should be changed. Representations should succinctly cover all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further submissions based upon the original representation made at publication. After this stage, further submissions will only be sought at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues that he/she identifies for examination.

Careful consideration should be given by those making a representation in deciding how the representation should be dealt with, i.e. by written representation or by exercising the right to be heard. Only where a change is sought to the Core Strategy is there a right for the representation to be heard at the hearing session. However, appearance at the hearing session will be at the discretion of the Planning Inspector. It is important to note that written and oral representations carry exactly the same weight and will be given equal consideration in the examination process. You can tell us if and why you consider it necessary to participate at the hearing session.

Where there are a number of individual groups who share a common view on how they wish to see a DPD changed, it would be very helpful for them to work together and to send a single representation which represents the agreed view, rather than for a large number of individuals to send in separate representations which repeat the same points. In such cases the group should indicate how many people it is representing and how the representation has been authorised.

Further detailed guidance on the preparation, publication and examination of DPDs is provided in Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Spatial Planning (available via http://www.communities.gov.uk).

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Representations cannot be treated in confidence. Regulation 30 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended, requires copies of representations to be made publicly available. The Council will also provide names and associated representations on its website but will not publish personal information such as telephone numbers, e-mails or private addresses. By submitting representation on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy or any associated documents you confirm that you agree to this and accept responsibility for your comments.

**Guidance on completing the written representation form**

1. It is important that a separate form is used for each representation you wish to make.
2. Each form should be completed fully, with your name and address on each.
3. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS and BLACK INK when completing the form.
4. You may submit the form yourself or on behalf of an organisation or company. Alternatively you may ask someone to do it for you if you need help, or you can appoint an agent. If an agent is appointed their full details should also be given and all future correspondence will be sent to this agent.
5. It is important that you clearly state which section of the document you are referring to: for example, paragraph, section or policy number.
6. Your objection should be clearly based on the tests of soundness as explained in detail in this guide. Please clearly indicate in Question 4 which test of soundness you think is not being met.
7. If you are objecting, you should clearly state what changes you think should be made to make the Core Strategy sound and legally compliant.
8. Please remember to sign and date the form.

Please return completed forms to:

Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1BR. Alternatively you may submit your written representation by fax 01892 602777.

**Guidance on completing the online representation form**

You can make your representations online at http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/. To make representations in this way you will need to register your details and/or log in. You will then be able to make comments on each paragraph, strategic planning objective, policy and the vision contained within the document.

**Further assistance**

Should you require any further information or assistance, please contact the Planning Policy Team by telephone on 01892 602007 or by e-mail at ldf@wealden.gov.uk.

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3 If you have been involved in the earlier stages of the Core Strategy or have been contacted by the Council about the process in the past, you will already be registered on our Objective database, enabling you to respond online without registering again. If you have forgotten your password or username, please contact the Planning Policy team for assistance.
Statement of Representations Procedure


Title of Document:
Wealden District Council’s Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Subject matter and area:
The Core Strategy sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the area. It comprises a long-term spatial vision and strategic objectives for the period to 2030, a spatial strategy, core policies and a monitoring and implementation framework with clear objectives for achieving its delivery. This is the Proposed Submission document. An Errata to the February 2011 Proposed Submission Core Strategy was published on 24th February 2011 which makes changes to Policy WCS 6 Rural Areas Strategy and the Key Diagram. You will need to read the Errata to view the changes to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. The Proposed Submission Core Strategy has not been changed with the amended wording. All subsequent documents produced as part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) will build on the objectives set out in the Core Strategy. It identifies the quantum of growth and broad locations for delivering housing and other major development needs such as employment, retail and transport. The Core Strategy DPD covers all of Wealden District, including the area of Wealden which is within the South Downs National Park.

Period of publication:
Representations must be made between Monday 14th February and Monday 18th April 2011. Representations received after 5pm on 18th April 2011 cannot be accepted. Before submitting representations we encourage you to read our ‘Guidance Note for Respondents’.

Address to which representations should be sent:
Representations may be made by completing a representation form and sending them to Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR. Written forms may also be sent by fax to 01892 602777. Alternatively, representations can be made online using our consultation system which can be accessed from the Council’s website at http://www.wealden.gov.uk or using the web address http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/.

Future notification:
Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- that the Core Strategy DPD has been submitted for independent examination under Section 20;
- the publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Core Strategy DPD;
- the adoption of the Core Strategy DPD.


Representations cannot be treated in confidence. Regulation 30 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended, requires copies of representations to be made publicly available. The Council will also provide names and associated representations on its website but will not publish personal information such as telephone numbers, e-mail or private addresses. By submitting representation on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy you confirm that you agree to this and accept responsibility for your comments.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Why has the Council published an Errata?
A: An Errata has been published as it has come to the Council's attention that there was wording missing from Policy WCS 6 Rural Areas Strategy of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. This wording had been agreed by Full Council on 8th December 2010 but had not been fully repeated in the published Proposed Submission Core Strategy. The Errata provides the correct wording of Policy WCS6 and also clarifies a typographical error in relation to the Heathfield map on the key diagram. You will need to read the Errata to view the changes to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, as the changes are not contained within the Proposed Submission Core Strategy document. To allow full consideration of the published Proposed Submission Core Strategy and the published Errata, we have extended the period for representations until 5 p.m. on Monday 18th April 2011. No representations will be considered after that date. Any representations received prior to the publication of the Errata will still be considered.

Q: Can I make further representations since the Errata has been published?
A: Yes you can. You still need to make your representation in the same way as outlined previously.
Representations can most easily be made online using our consultation system which can be accessed from the Council's website at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/ or by using the web address http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/. Alternatively representations may be made by completing a representation form (available on our website or by request) and sending them to Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR. Written forms may also be sent by fax to 01892 602666. Before submitting representations we would encourage you to read our 'Guidance Note for Respondents'.

Q: What is the Core Strategy?
A: The Core Strategy is part of the Local Development Framework - the strategic Development Plan Document that sets out the key elements of the planning framework for Wealden. The Core Strategy contains a spatial vision and strategic objectives, a spatial strategy, core policies and a monitoring and implementation framework. It identifies the broad locations for development and the growth allocated to the rural settlements as well as the infrastructure required to deliver growth. When adopted the Core Strategy will be Wealden's principal Development Plan Document. In preparing the Core Strategy, the Council has worked closely with communities, Parish and Town Councils and many other agencies and partners to ensure that we have the right tools in place to guide and support development in a way that meets future needs.

Q: When will the Core Strategy be adopted?
A: Please see response to 'What happens next after the representation period?' at the end of this section.

Q: What is wrong with the old plan that you need to replace it with something new?
A: Wealden's existing plans were produced several years ago and we now have new requirements to meet. We are now required to produce a Local Development Framework, which consists of a number of different documents one of which is the Core Strategy.

Q: Why does the Core Strategy not contain all the policies and maps that are in the current Local Plans?
A: The Local Development Framework will consist of a number of development plan documents, which in their entirety will replace the Local Plans. The Core Strategy is the first, and principle document which identifies the overall strategy. In the future we will be producing two further development plan documents called the Strategic Sites Development Plan Document and Delivery and Site Allocations Development Plan Document. These documents will allocate land for development and provide for more specific policies. The Core Strategy explains what the Strategic Sites Development Plan Document and Delivery and Site Allocations Development Plan Document will cover.

Q: Why have I been notified that the Core Strategy has been published?
A: We produced a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in February 2007, which provides a framework of consultation for the Local Development Framework process. As part of the development of that document we produced a database of all those people who were interested in the Local Development Framework and the Core Strategy. That database has been added to following earlier consultations on the Core Strategy in 2007 and 2009. We have used the database to inform all the interested parties. We are also required to consult with certain organisations and to place an advertisement in local papers.

Q: Why has the Proposed Submission Core Strategy been published?
A: After two rounds of consultation in 2007 and 2009 and the collection and analysis of a large evidence base the Council has agreed to publish the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, before submitting the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for examination. We are publishing the Core Strategy so that representations can be made and the Inspector appointed on behalf of the Secretary of State can consider those representations alongside the Core Strategy.

Q: What is a representation?
A: The representation stage is different from the public consultation carried out previously, and is a means of testing whether our Core Strategy proposals and policies are considered to be legally compliant and sound. A representation is a comment that is made about a Development Plan Document. Any person or organisation can make representations but they should relate to the legal compliance and soundness of the plan. Please read Wealden's Guidance Notes for Respondents document for more information on how to make a representation available on the Council's website at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/.

Q: How can I view the documents?
A: The Proposed Submission Core Strategy document is available to view on our website http://www.wealden.gov.uk/ or alternatively on our consultation portal http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/. An Errata to the February 2011 Proposed Submission Core Strategy was published on 24th February 2011 which makes changes to Policy WCS 6 Rural Areas Strategy and the Key Diagram. You will need to read the Errata to view the changes to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. The Proposed Submission Core Strategy has not been changed with the amended wording. You can either view each section at a time within the portal itself or you can download a PDF version of the document. We have produced a number of documents which support the Proposed Submission Core Strategy including a Sustainability Appraisal. These documents are collectively called Submission Documents and can be found on the Council's website.

These documents are also available to view at the following venues around the District.
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Q: Are the documents available on the website?
A: All documents can be downloaded for free from the Council’s website at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/. The main documents are available in PDF format. You will need to have an Adobe Acrobat programme on your computer to enable you to read or download PDF documents. If you do not have Adobe Acrobat on your computer, you can download Adobe Acrobat free of charge by following the link on the Council’s website http://www.wealden.gov.uk/.

Q: How do I pay for the documents?
A: Payment can be via cash/credit or debit card at Wealden District Council offices, or by cheque made payable to Wealden District Council, or by contacting the council’s information officer on 01892 602510. Please note that for credit card transactions, there will be a handling fee of 2%.

Q: Can I get a large print/braille/audio version of the consultation documents?
A: Yes. If you need copies of any of the documents in a different format, please let us know by telephoning our document request line on 01892 602007 and we will arrange for the documents to be sent to you in your requested format.

Q: Can I get a copy of the document in another language?
A: Yes. If you need copies of any of the documents in a different language, please let us know by telephoning our document request line on 01892 602007. We will arrange for the documents to be sent to you in your requested language. There will be no charge for this translation service.

Q: How can I make a representation on the Core Strategy?
A: We would encourage you to make comments on our consultation portal http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/. To make representations in this way you will need to
register your details and/or log in*. You will be able to make comments on each element of the document.

Alternatively you can make your comments in writing. When making written representations, we recommend you use the representation form. This will help to ensure your comments are recorded correctly. Representation forms are available online at http://www.wealden.gov.uk/ or can be collected from Wealden District Council offices in Crowborough and Hailsham.

To avoid duplication of work, the Council requests that respondents do not send additional or duplicate copies of representations in more than one format (e.g. an electronic version and a hard copy). All representations should be made using the ‘Representation Form’ (or online version) to ensure the Council has all the information needed to process your comments. Please use a separate form for each individual representation you wish to make, to aid processing. All representations received will be acknowledged by post or email.

* If you have been involved in the earlier stages of the Core Strategy or have been contacted by the Council about the process in the past, you will already be registered on our database, enabling you to respond online without registering again. If you have forgotten your password or username, you can contact the Planning Policy team for a reminder.

Q: Can I comment on the supporting documents
A: The supporting documents form part of the evidence base and justification for the Core Strategy. Therefore, we would encourage you to consider whether the comment you wish to make regarding the supporting document can be dealt with by responding directly to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. If this is the case you may make a representation on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, and explain why you either agree or disagree with the evidence provided in the supporting document.

However, there may be circumstances where you may wish to comment on the supporting document directly. This may particularly be the case for the Sustainability Appraisal and the Habitat Regulations Assessment, as they are guided by specific regulations. If you wish to make comments directly in relation to these documents or any of the other supporting documents please send them in writing to Head to Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1DH or e-mail ldf@wealden.gov.uk. Please provide as much information as possible in your response, including your name and address as well as the specific issues you wish to raise, so that we may fully record your responses.

Q: How does the on-line consultation process work?
A: Once you have registered on our system and typed your comments, your response is automatically given a number so that we can record it as part of our consultation. We will let you know by email when we have received your comments and when they will be available on the website. There may be a delay between submitting your comments and when they are published on the website. This is because we have to review each individual comment. The responses are then automatically collated, so that we can analyse and consider comments more easily and speedily.

The on-line consultation process will automatically close at the end of the consultation process at 5pm on the 18th April 2011.
Q: I don't have access to a computer/ the internet - how do I respond?
A: Those who do not have access to a computer or the internet can access our website from the Council's help points at both the Council Offices (at Hailsham and Crowborough), or in local libraries. Alternatively, you can post the representation forms to Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR. Written forms may also be sent by fax to 01892 602666.

Q: When can I make a representation?
A: Representations can be made from Monday 14th February until 5pm on Monday 18th April 2011. Representations received after 5pm on Monday 18th April, will not be accepted.

Q: Why is the representation period so long?
A: Originally a 6 week representation period was provided in order to give people a chance to read the background documents and ask questions if they want to, before making their representations. We have added an extra 3 weeks to the representation period because we have produced an Errata. This will give people a chance to properly consider this too.

Q: Do I have to give my name when I reply?
A: We cannot accept anonymous responses, as we need to know that the response is genuine. Responses will be published on the Council's website so that everyone can view them. To ensure your privacy, we will not publish any of your personal details such as address, phone numbers or e-mail addresses.

Q: Why do you want to know all this other information about me when I register, such as my race and gender?
A: The Council is trying to ensure that it reaches all of the community in its consultation exercises. By providing this information it helps us to identify those people who we are not hearing from, so that we can consider other ways of consulting with them in the future. However, please do not feel obliged to give this information if for any reason you feel uncomfortable about doing so.

Q: What happens next after the representation period?
A: The Core Strategy will be submitted to the Secretary of State, together with its Sustainability Appraisal. A Planning Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State, will carry out an independent examination in public into the soundness of the Core Strategy. The Inspector will issue a binding report and the Council will adopt and publish the final version of the Core Strategy. This process may take from 6 - 9 months from submission to adoption of the final version.

Q: How can I find out more or ask questions?
A: Planning Officers can be contacted by emailing: ldf@wealden.gov.uk or by calling 01892 602007.
The Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Notice of Publication of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy Development Plan Document for Representations (Regulation 27)

Wealden District Council has prepared its Proposed Submission Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD). The Core Strategy sets out the key elements of the planning framework for the area. It comprises a long-term spatial vision and strategic objectives for the period to 2030, a spatial strategy, core policies and a monitoring and implementation framework with clear objectives for achieving its delivery. All subsequent documents produced as part of the Council's Local Development Framework (LDF) will build on the objectives and policies set out in the Core Strategy. This document identifies the quantum of growth and broad locations for delivering housing and other major development needs such as employment, retail and infrastructure. The Core Strategy DPD covers all of Wealden District, including the area within Wealden that lies within the South Downs National Park.

The Council is now inviting representations on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. Reference copies of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy and other related Proposed Submission documents, representation forms and guidance notes are available for public inspection at the following locations and at the following times from Monday 14th February 2011 to Monday 28th March 2011.

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Crowborough Town Council - Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough, TN6 1DA Tel. 01892 652907 Mon-Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4.30pm
Forest Row Parish Council - Forest Row Community Centre, Hartfield, BN27 2AE Tel. 01342 822661 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm
Hailsham Town Council - Inglenook. Market Square, Hailsham, BN27 2AE Tel. 01323 421702 Mon-Fri 9am–4pm
Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council - 92 High Street, Heathfield, TN21 8JB Tel. 01435 865700 Mon-Fri 9.30am-3pm
Maresfield Parish Council - Parish Office, Churchfields, Nutley, TN22 3NA Tel. 01825 714555 Mon-Fri 10am-4pm
Additionally, the Proposed Submission Core Strategy and other Proposed Submission documents can be viewed on Wealden District Council's website http://www.wealden.gov.uk. Representations can most easily be made online using our consultation system which can be accessed from the Council's website http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/. Alternatively representations may be made by completing a representation form and sending it to Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR. Written forms may also be sent by fax to 01892 602666. Representations must be made between Monday 14th February and Monday 28th March 2011. Representations received after 5pm on 28th March 2011 cannot be accepted. Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following matters - that the Core Strategy has been submitted for independent examination; the publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Core Strategy; and the adoption of the Core Strategy.

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The Council is now inviting representations on the Proposed Submission Core Strategy. Reference copies of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy, the Errata to the Proposed Submission Core Strategy and other related Proposed Submission documents, representation forms and guidance notes will be available for public inspection at the following locations and at the following times from Monday 7th March 2011 to Monday 18th April 2011.

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Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council - 3 Gorringe Valley Road, Willingdon, BN20 9SX Tel. 01323 489603 Mon-Fri 9am-1pm

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