WEALDEN DISTRICT (INCORPORATING PART OF THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK)
Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document
Statement of Representations Procedure

Title of the document

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The subject matter

Wealden District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority submitted the Core Strategy Development Plan Document (DPD) to the Secretary of State on the 5th August 2011 for independent examination.

The Core Strategy sets out the key elements of the planning framework for Wealden District, including the area within Wealden that lies within the South Downs National Park. It comprises a long-term spatial vision and strategic objectives, a spatial strategy, core policies and a monitoring and implementation framework with clear objectives for achieving its delivery. 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 independent inspector appointed to conduct the examination, Mr Michael Moore BA(Hons) MRTPI CMILT MCIHT held an Exploratory meeting on 12th October 2011. The Public Hearing sessions relating to the submitted Core Strategy ran from 17th January to 2nd February 2012. As a result of evidence provided during the Exploratory Meeting and Hearing, Wealden District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority proposed a number of modifications to the Core Strategy. Following the Hearing the Inspector, Mr Michael Moore has suggested further main modifications to the submitted document that may affect the soundness of the submitted plan. These are set out in his letter to Wealden District Council dated 5th March 2012. As part of the modifications recommended by the Planning Inspector, it is proposed that the Core Strategy be amended to run from 2006 to 2027.

Representations on proposed modifications

As part of the examination, the Planning Inspector has requested that the Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document be published for representations. **Representations are invited upon the**
soundness of the Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document. To assist the Inspector any further comments should be confined to the proposed modifications only and should not relate to matters already covered as part of the examination of the Core Strategy. It is open to any individual to request that they wish to have their views heard in front of the Inspector. In this case and only if the Inspector considers that new matters are raised then he may decide to re-open the Hearing.

Representations are invited for a period of six weeks beginning on Wednesday 11th April 2012. To assist the Inspector in his consideration of any submitted comments representations should be made on the prescribed representations form and returned to Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR or by e-mail to ldf@wealden.gov.uk by no later than 5pm on Wednesday 23rd May 2012. Only those comments that are made in writing/email and that are received at the address (or email address) provided within the time period specified will be considered. The Proposed Modifications should be read in conjunction with the Submitted Core Strategy.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following matters - 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.

Please telephone 01892 602007 or e-mail ldf@wealden.gov.uk if you require assistance in submitting your representation or if further information is required. If you, or somebody you know, would like the information (guidance notes, forms etc) in large print, braille, tape/CD or in another language please let us know.

For any queries regarding the examination process or timetabling please contact the Programme Officer, Lynette Benton on 07985 878623 or by e-mail lynette.benton@wealden.gov.uk.


Representations cannot be treated in confidence. Regulation 30 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended, requires copies of all 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 a representation on the Proposed Modifications you confirm that you agree to this and accept responsibility for your comments.