

SPATIAL STRATEGY

And reasons to object to its soundness.

The Major Defects.

The lack of clean water is a problem that already exists and we are already building more houses, this is without the additional work that is being proposed over the next 20 years. Surface water is also a problem that hasn't been addressed and covering more land with houses and roads will increase the problem. We already have over flowing sewage problems and further development would cause an even bigger issue. On the 29th November 2011 south East Water wrote to every customer in the area to preserve their water intake as their reservoirs were reaching very low levels, if we build more houses not only do they use more water but with more land covered water does not get into the ground as much as one would like,

Employment.

This is a primary problem whereby people will need an income to pay the mortgages and rents that are affordable. Start up work units are lacking in the area; I invite you to look at my Campaign for Change website especially under land and homes use. Affordable units could be created on rented land as on the document, we should also be creating business units in villages to spread employment over this area. Work from home should be considered when building new houses.

Care Homes.

Whilst this may be a county council area, Wealden should be consulting with the social services, NHS and County Council, being that we have a large number of older people in the district; there is a need for care homes under my land community trust plan. There is also a need for new, larger houses to have kitchens that can be accessible from more than one room or an annex with shared facilities so older people can be looked after by the younger members of the family. The extra accommodation could also be used to take in lodgers that are seeking refuge or young people that need their own space. Separate paper enclosed.

RESENT HEADLINES REGARDING CARE, SEPARATE PAPER ENCLOSED.

- £200m bill for 'bed blocking' pensioners left stuck in hospital
- Scandal of the 1million British pensioners left to suffer alone
- Toll of bankrupt OAPs doubles as debt crisis grows
- How 2,250 hospital beds are blocked by patients fit enough to go home
- Generation driven to drink to help fill the long lonely days of retirement
- Experts fear over care home funding
- 10,000 OAPs trapped in unfit care homes

Housing.

If we develop as proposed in the core strategy we will continue to build awful estates which i believe contribute to a host of negatives including family breakdown, depression, mental health issues and vandalism. Poor design and quality is exacerbated by the lack of open space. If for example, you were to go and visit Hailsham and Hellingly area you could see the awful estates being developed. The houses are too compacted; there are no open spaces, cheaply built and expensive to buy .Developers may say they have the answer, but they are the cause?

Open market housing makes most people have mortgages beyond their means, again may i refer you to look at my Campaign for Change document under land community trust, and we should not allow developers to build what they want but should instruct them to build what is needed. WE cannot have open market housing with more and more people dependent in part-time jobs. In the document it states that there is a need for a large number of affordable dwellings annually. It then goes on to say that Wealden District will deliver them over a number of years, some of these may be called affordable when in reality they are not and the vast majority will remain on the waiting list. The 70% open market can bring more people into the area, putting more pressure on social services and school placements. We should stop building open market housing. See enclosed growth and sustainability document, plus visit www.campaign-for-change.co.uk for more details. RECENT HEADLINES REGARDING HOUSING --

- 4 million think they will never afford a house
- Nation of young mortgage slaves
- Home owners are risking their health and toiling to pay mortgage bill.
- Cheap homes crisis, Two million children growing up without a parent in work.
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Community Centres/Churches.

On all new large developments there needs to be a place where a couple of couples could live full time that could run a coffee shop, library and a youth club that can be available in the early evening and also be used for worshipping purposes.

Roads.

The infrastructure for present development, let alone future development is inadequate thus making the strategy document unworkable. One hopes the localism bill will allow the local people to have more say in the future development of Wealden and we should not be ruled by parliamentary MPs who don't know the area or the councillors who appear to be controlled by developers. We have the South Downs national park and a large area of outstanding natural beauty in the district which means the surrounding areas of Hailsham and Polegate and will be taking the majority of the proposed housing. Traffic becomes grid locked twice a day now so this strategy plan has to be short sighted.

Schools/Education.

I understand that there are 700 children in Eastbourne with lack of places that are unable to attend school in the area, with more development proposed

in Wealden there is a need for more educational centres. I understand that some developers are not willing to pay the contribution to schools infrastructure, they should be told that if you don't pay, go away!
Travellers.

It would appear again that the councillors are burying their heads in the sand regarding the issue that the travelling community isn't all bad and that with proper sites they could fit into the community which many wish to do. If you were to seek the ten biggest crooks in Britain, nine would be living in large houses. It says there is a need for another 23 pitches in Wealden; this issue should be addressed before any more development takes place. Unless there are more real affordable houses this way of life will become more attractive to younger people.

Burial Grounds.

There is one thing that everyone will do and that is, die, and there appears that there is no provision to extend existing burial grounds or to build new ones. Or will the new incomers be living for ever?

Conclusion.

Whilst the strategy plan will appear to have a lot of effort put into it, as it stands it will be a disaster if implemented and I would like to see the secretary of state to call in a public inquiry. The document is a lazy man's guide to nowhere.