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Dear Sir/Madam,

Many thanks for consulting National Highways on the Wadhurst Neighbourhood Plan ("The Plan"). We have reviewed the submitted documents and would make the following comments.

National Highways was appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.

The Plan is generally very well written and seems to cover all aspects National Highways would wish to see in a Neighbourhood Plan. Wadhurst itself is a village located c.5 km west of the A21, being the nearest access point to the SRN, and is located around the crossroads of the B2100 and the B2099, which provide direct links to the A21 and the larger nearby settlements of Royal Tunbridge Wells, and Crowborough..

The Plan seeks to address local transport issues, including traffic and parking issues and promoting sustainable transport options by improving connectivity to facilities within and beyond the Parish by integrating and, where possible, extending the network of footpaths, cycleways and bridleways, which is welcomed. The Plan notes local residents have raised problems associated with rat-running, where Wadhurst routes are used by drivers to avoid congestion on the A21. Traffic congestion in Wadhurst may be exacerbated by traffic diverting traffic through Wadhurst when delays are identified on the A21 and also when accidents close the A21.

Whilst not directly interacting with Wadhurst itself, there are currently studies and projects along the A21 to improve safety and congestions, which may result in more trips being directed to the SRN and away from Wadhurst, particularly for north-south journeys.

In terms of impact on the SRN, the Plan is not considered to have a material impact on the SRN, and as such no objection would be raised by National Highways.

We hope you find the above comments useful. National Highways look forward to being kept informed of any updates to the Neighbourhood Plan, which can be sent to us at planninse@nationalhighways.co.uk.

Kind regards,

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From: Nplans <Nplans@wealden.gov.uk>

Sent: Monday, June 5, 2023 9:40 AM

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Subject: #20236 Wadhurst Neighbourhood Plan Consultation (Regulation 16)

Dear Consultee

Wadhurst Parish Council has prepared a draft neighbourhood plan covering the parish of Wadhurst that sets out a vision for the future of the area, as well as planning policies that, if adopted, will be used to determine planning applications in the Parish and will form part of the Development Plan.

In accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Wealden District Council is inviting representations on the Submission Draft of the Neighbourhood Development Plan and supporting documents for a **6-week period from 9am on 5 June 2023 to 5pm on 17 July 2023**. All representations received will be forwarded to an independent examiner appointed to examine the Neighbourhood Plan.

The Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents are available to view on the Council's consultation page: <https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse>

Printed copies of the Neighbourhood Plan and the supporting documents can be viewed at the following locations:

- Carillon Cottage, High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AA (Open Monday to Saturday 9:30am - 12:30pm)
- Piccolo Café, High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AJ (Open Monday to Saturday 9am- 4pm, Thursday to Saturday - 5.30pm-9pm)
- Jempsons Supermarket, High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AJ (Open Monday to Saturday 7am to 9pm)
- Wadhurst Library, High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AP (Open Monday 2pm-4.30pm, Wednesday 10am-1pm, Friday 2pm- 4.30pm, Saturday 10am-1pm)
- Wealden District Council, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am-5pm, Wednesday 9am -5pm).

You can make comments on the Wadhurst Neighbourhood Plan and supporting documents using

the consultation response form, which you will find on our consultation page <https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse>. You can either send the form to us:

- By post: print and complete the response form and send it to Planning Policy, Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX
- By email: complete the response form and send it to Nplans@wealden.gov.uk

You can make comments on any of the information submitted for the consultation.

Please make it clear which document you are commenting upon alongside the paragraph/page number. Your comments should address whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions. These

are outlined in the Regulation 16 Guidance Notes which can be found on our consultation page at <https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse>.

Representations cannot be treated in confidence and copies of all representations, along with your name or organisation, will be made publicly available on the Council's website (in due course) and sent to the Independent Examiner thereafter. However, the Council will not publish your personal contact information such as telephone numbers, email or private addresses. By submitting your views, you confirm your consent to the above and that you accept full responsibility for your comments.

For any questions relating to the consultation or submitting your comments, please contact the Planning Policy Team on 01892 602008 or e-mail Nplans@wealden.gov.uk.

Kind regards

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