# WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

# Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review Regulation 16 Consultation

## Consultation Response Form

Consultation Period

**6th July 2026 – 31st August 2026**

Wealden
District Council

## Introduction

Wealden District Council is publishing the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review for consultation in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended). The purpose of this consultation response form is for you to make your comments on the draft Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan.

Under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), we are required to undertake a minimum six-week consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be the last opportunity to comment on the plan before it is submitted for independent examination. The consultation on the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review is open between **9am on Monday 6th July 2026 and 5pm on Monday 31st August 2026.**

The documents submitted by Hailsham Town Council include:

- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2042. Review of the made Neighbourhood Plan. Submission version (March 2026).
- Hailsham: Design Guidelines. Final Version (March 2026).
- Hailsham: Neighbourhood Plan 2025-2042. Executive Summary (March 2026).
- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement (inc. Area Statement and Equalities Impact Assessment (March 2026).
- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Addendum to Basic Conditions Statement (May 2026).
- Neighbourhood Plan Review. Statement of significance of the modifications: As updated for the submission version of the Plan following the Regulation 14 consultation (June 2026).
- Appendix to Statement of Modifications- Health Check of Made Plan (draft) (April 2024).
- Housing Needs Assessment (February 2026).
- Housing Needs Survey. Final Report (February 2026).
- Housing Needs Survey and Assessment. Summary Combined Report (February 2026).
- Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA) Screening Report. Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review. Pre-Regulation 14 Version. (November 2025).
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion. Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review. Pre-Regulation 14 (November 2025).

- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Volume 1: Overview (March 2026).
- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Volume 2: Summary report of initial consultation (March 2026).
- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Volume 3: Meetings, presentations and drop-in events (March 2026).

- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Volume 4: Consultation 'focus' events (March 2026).
- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Volume 5: Regulation 14 Consultation (March 2026).
- Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Volume 5: Regulation 14 Consultation (Annex) (March 2026).

- Supporting Document. Neighbourhood Plan: Ideas. Community Mobility Hubs (October 2024: Rev A)
- Supporting Document. Hailsham: Town Centre. Draft Concept Masterplan. (September 2025).
- Supporting Papers. Town Centre Analysis and Ideas.
- Supporting Papers. Town Wide Analysis and Ideas.

- The Made Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan. Final Version (July 2021).
- Hailsham Character Assessment (December 2017)
- Mini-Guide to the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan (December 2020).
- Tracked Version Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Design Guidelines (March 2026)
- Tracked Version Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan, 2025-2042. Review and Update of Made Plan (March 2026).
- Covering letter (June 2026)

## Viewing the Neighbourhood Plan

The Neighbourhood Plan Review and the supporting documents are available to view on our website;

https://www.wealden.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/neighbourhood-planning/hailsham-neighbourhood-plan-review/

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

- Wealden District Council, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am-5pm, Wednesday 9am - 5pm.
- Hailsham Town Council Offices, Members Room (Mayors Parlor), Inglenook, Market Street, Hailsham, East Sussex, BN27 2AE Open Monday- Friday 10am- 2pm.
- James West Community Centre, Brunel Drive, Hailsham, BN27 3FX Open Tuesday- Friday 10am- 2pm.

- Hailsham Library, Western Rd, Hailsham BN27 3DN Open Monday 12-5pm, Tuesday 12-5pm, Thursday 10am-6pm, Friday 10am-5pm, and Saturday 10am-5pm.

## How to Comment on the Neighbourhood Plan

- By post: print and complete this form and send it to Planning Policy, Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX
- By email: complete this 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.

## Queries

If you have any queries relating to the consultation or submitting your comments, please contact the Planning Policy Team on (01892 602008) or email Nplans@wealden.gov.uk. If you or somebody you know, would like any information, documents or forms in large print, or in another language, please let us know.

## 1. Personal Details

For your comments to be considered, you must at least provide your name and address (this can be an email address). 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 Examiner. However, the Council will not publish your personal contact information such as telephone numbers, email or private addresses. By submitting your views on the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review, you confirm your consent to the above and that you accept full responsibility for your comments.

| Personal Details | Answer |
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| Title | |
| First Name | |
| Last Name | |
| Job Title and Organisation (if relevant) | |
| Address | |
| Postcode | |
| Contact telephone number | |
| Email address | |
| Interest in the area (for example are you a resident, business owner or do you work in the proposed neighbourhood area) | Neighbouring Parish |

## 2. Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan

Please use the space below to tell us your comments on the Neighbourhood Plan and / or supporting documents. It would be helpful if you can provide reasons and evidence for your comments. Please use additional sheets if necessary.

In general, we find the review aspirational, positive and laudable and are very supportive of the vision. However, some aspects may be hard to deliver and we question the feasibility.

Specifically, MHT-01: Crossing the A22. The existing tunnel is well placed for exiting Hailsham east of the A22, but location of the exit west of the A22 would, we believe, be onto private land and question how feasible this is and how much it would be used. We question safety, particularly the western end is quite remote. Distance to the attractions noted (Abbotts Wood, Arlington Stadium, Knockharch, Bushy Wood) would all present quite a distance to walk for a young family. The distance would be less of a challenge for cycling or wheeling.

Given the existing crossing point at Arlington Road West and East, would a more feasible plan be to install a traffic light controlled crossing at this location therefore making it safer?

MHT-02: The 'Hailsham Country Line'. In general, we would support the vision of the Hailsham Country Line, segregated from the A22 traffic as this provides not only walking, wheeling and cycling provision for Hailsham residents, but also to Hailsham for those in outlying areas west of the A22.

## 3. Examination Participation (please tick if appropriate)

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| | I would like to attend the examination in public, should it be deemed necessary by the appointed examiner. |

## 4. Notification of Adoption (please tick if appropriate)

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| X | I would like to be notified of the local planning authority's decision on the adoption of the Hailsham Neighbourhood Plan Review (under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012(as amended). |

## Data Protection Statement

We are required to collect and hold your personal information as part of the consultation process in formulating the Neighbourhood Plan. Please note that all comments will be publicly available and identifiable by your name and, where applicable, organisation.

Wealden District Council is committed to protecting personal data. We will collect, use, share, store and otherwise process your personal data when it is necessary to:

- Carry out tasks in the public interest or in the exercise of our official authority;
- Meet our legal or statutory obligations; or
- Deliver the services you have requested.

In limited circumstances, we may also process personal data when it is necessary for the purposes of a legitimate interest (including those of our partners or third parties), necessary to protect an individual's vital interests, or where you have given your consent. We may share your personal data with other Council departments, service providers, other public bodies, and trusted partners in the circumstances listed above. We will only share the minimum information required.

For further information about how we collect, use, share and safeguard your personal data, and your legal rights, please see our Privacy Policy at: https://www.wealden.gov.uk/transparency-spending-and-performance/data-protection/privacy-policy/ and our planning policy privacy notice at https://www.wealden.gov.uk/transparency-spending-and-performance/data-protection/privacy-policy/privacy-notice-for-planning-policy/

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| Signature | | 25.08.26<br>Date |

*Please print name if submitting electronically*