Wealden District Council

Working in Partnership

South Downs National Park Authority

OUR REF: LDF 0440

**ASK FOR: Planning Policy Team Tel: 01892 602007**

DATE: 4th April 2012

Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Wealden District Council (Incorporating part of the South Downs National Park ) Consultation upon Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document**

Following the submission of the Core Strategy for its public examination the appointed Planning Inspector, Mr. Michael Moore BA (Hons) MRTPI CMILT MCIHT, has now considered all of the representations submitted on the Core Strategy including all of the submissions and evidence given at the public Hearing sessions which were held from 17th January to 2nd February 2012.

As part of the process and in response to matters raised and discussed at the various hearing sessions the District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority jointly submitted a number of proposed modifications to the Core Strategy to help achieve soundness of the document. In his letter and interim report to the Authorities dated 5th March 2012 and which is available to see on the Wealden District Council website the Inspector has also proposed a number of additional main modifications to the Strategy.

This letter is to advise you that it is now a requirement under the relevant regulations that the Authorities formally consult upon these various proposed modifications in order that any comments received may be forwarded for consideration by the Inspector prior to him issuing his final report. The Authorities wishes to confirm to you that **this period for consultation on the proposed modifications to the Core Strategy will commence on Wednesday 11th April 2012 and will run for a period of six weeks closing at 5.00pm on Wednesday 23rd May 2012.**

In his letter of 5th March the Inspector has also asked the Authorities to advise that consultees should confine any further comments solely to the modifications and that this consultation does not represent an opportunity to raise other matters which either were or could have been part of the earlier representations on the submitted plan. 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.

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You may already have submitted your representations on the Core Strategy, in which case the Inspector will have already considered your comments. Additionally you may have attended or even participated in some of the Hearing sessions to offer oral evidence which the Inspector has now considered. This letter is to advise you that there is now the opportunity, should you wish, for you to make representations on the proposed modifications to the submitted Core Strategy.

Other individuals who did not make representations on the Core Strategy but who were on our database at the time of submission of the document are also receiving this letter because they have indicated to us that they wish to be informed of publications or consultations regarding our Local Development Framework/ Planning Policy documents.

More recently, and as part of the now concluded consultation exercise on our proposed Strategic Sites Development Plan Document (SSDPD) others have asked that they be added to our database. These persons are therefore also receiving this letter.

**Public Inspection**

Hard copies of guidance notes for making further comments on the proposed modifications to the Core Strategy have been prepared to assist this consultation process. These, together with a standard form have been designed to assist in submission of comments and subsequent consideration of them by the Inspector. May I urge that you read these Guidance Notes before submitting your further comments. Hard copies of the Proposed Modifications, the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment, the Guidance Notes and Form, and other related submission documents will be available for public inspection and reference at the venues shown on the schedule accompanying this letter.

Hard copies of all documents will also be available at the Wealden District Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough. Additionally, the submitted Core Strategy, Proposed Modifications, the accompanying Sustainability Appraisal and Habitat Regulations Assessment, Guidance Notes and Form, and other related submission documents can be viewed on Wealden District Council's website http://www.wealden.gov.uk.

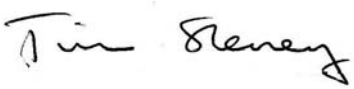
Please telephone 01892 602007 or e-mail ldf@wealden.gov.uk if you require assistance in submitting your representation or if further information is required. If you, or somebody you know, would like the information (Guidance Notes, Forms etc) in large print, Braille, Audio tape/CD or in another language 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.

Data Protection Act 1998 and Freedom of Information Act 2000

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.

Yours Faithfully,





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