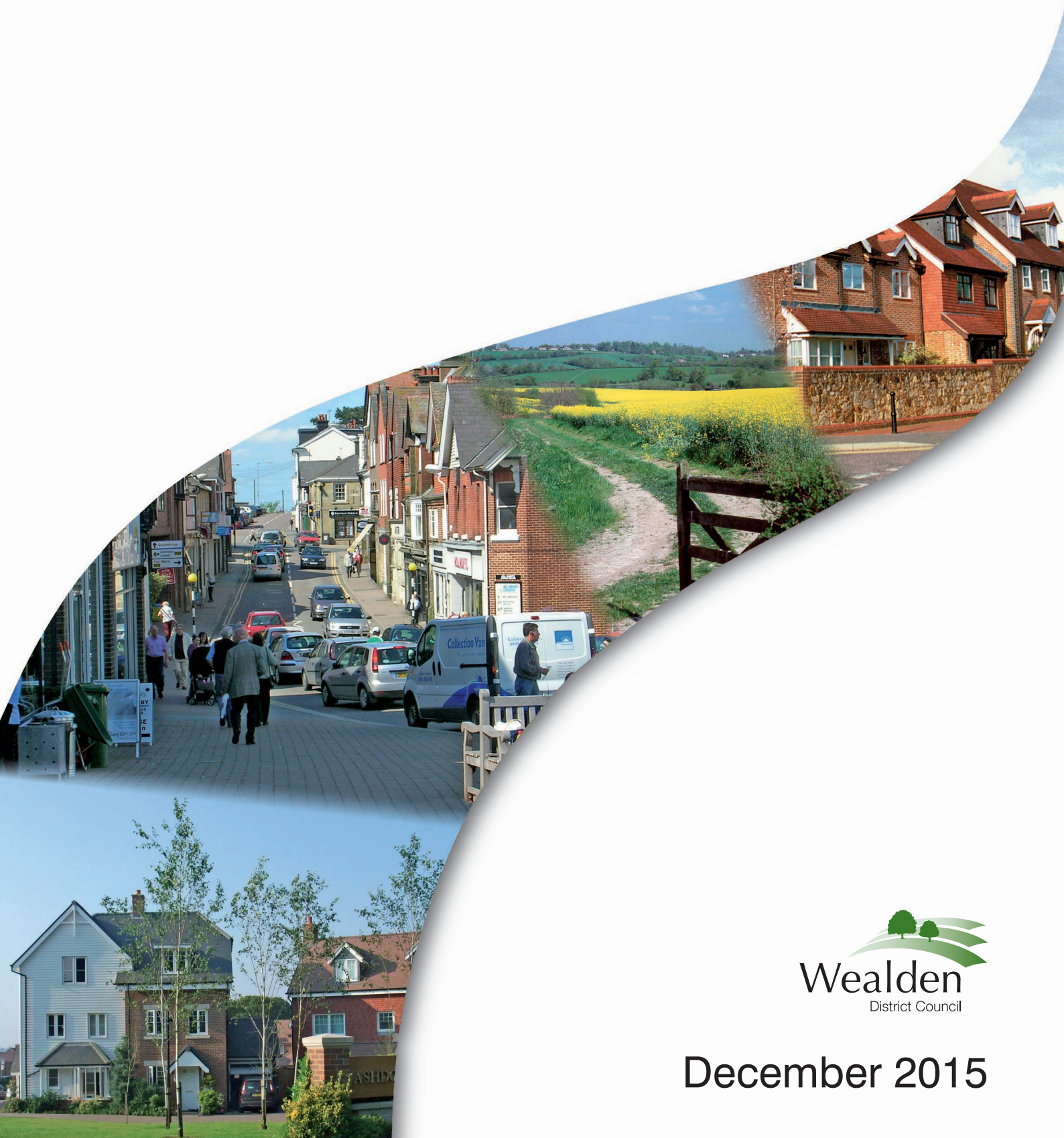


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Annual Monitoring Report 2014 - 2015



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1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) is focussed on monitoring the performance and effectiveness of Local Plan policies in accordance with the Council's Core Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Framework Background Paper (BP13). This Background Paper sets out how the Council intends to monitor and implement delivery of its Core Strategy. This paper is closely linked to our AMR and the various milestones and targets set out within it.
- 1.2 The document contains a housing trajectory (see section 5) which shows high levels of housing completions which are a result of sites allocated in the Council's Non-Statutory Local Plan and which are now currently being built out. The trajectory is also a result of continuing high levels of windfall development, with 205 completions on windfall sites during 2014-15.

2. INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 This AMR covers the period 1st April 2014 to 31st March 2015 however in some cases 'commentary' is provided to cover the period beyond the end date of 31st March 2015 where this is considered to be helpful or appropriate.

Purpose

- 2.2 The AMR covers five key monitoring tasks previously identified within the Council's Implementation and Monitoring Framework.
- To review preparation of Development Plan Documents (DPD's) against the timetable and milestones set out in the Local Development Scheme (LDS).
 - To assess the extent to which policies and related targets in DPD's are achieving their intended purpose.
 - Where policies are not achieving their intended purpose to explain why and set out what steps are required to ensure they do achieve their intended purpose.
 - To identify the significant effects of implementing policies and whether they are as intended.
 - To set out whether policies are to be amended.
- 2.3 The AMR identifies the key challenges and opportunities for the District and provides the background against which to consider the need for any necessary revision of spatial policies.

Content

- 2.4 The AMR report concentrates and reports on the Districts performance in relation to the indicators outlined in the Core Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Framework.
- 2.5 This report is set out in a further five sections. Section 3 provides headline planning issues for the District. Section 4 provides an explanation of the progress made in producing and implementing the Wealden LDS. Sections 5 and 6 provide an analysis of the housing trajectory and policy performance, using indicators which relate to the Core Strategy and which are set out in the supporting Implementation and Monitoring Framework to that Development Plan Document (DPD). A Glossary of Terms is included in Annex 4 to provide explanation of some of the more technical abbreviations, acronyms and titles used within the Annual Monitoring Report itself.

Policy background

- 2.6 National planning policy contained within the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) requires all documents to have a clear focus on implementation. The NPPF requires a positive approach to planning and development with clear economic, social and environmental policies. Central to the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. As such, the need for monitoring is essential to ensure that the spatial objectives and policies contained within the Core Strategy are delivered.

3. HEADLINE PLANNING ISSUES FOR THE DISTRICT

- 3.1 This section examines some of the headline planning issues which face the District.

Waste Water Issues

- 3.2 The Council has been working with Southern Water, East Sussex County Council and the Environment Agency to explore the prospects for increasing waste water capacity in the District. As indicated in the Core Strategy and the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP), one of the main waste water issues is the capacity of the two waste water treatment works serving Hailsham, Hellingly, Polegate, Willingdon, Stone Cross and outlying settlements in south Wealden to discharge treated waste water into the receiving environment, the Pevensey Levels. The Environment Agency has granted restricted discharge consents to both works in order to protect the integrity of the Pevensey Levels Ramsar site and Site of Community Importance (SCI).
- 3.3 It is considered that any development breaching the consented capacity of the waste water treatment works would have an adverse effect on the integrity of the Pevensey Levels, in accordance with the European Habitats Directive and national regulations. Until implementation of a suitable and deliverable scheme to allow further connections to the waste water treatment works, the Core Strategy distributes growth in the relevant catchment areas taking into account the capacity of Hailsham South and Hailsham North Waste Water Treatment Works.
- 3.4 Southern Water has concluded its studies regarding options to increase waste water capacity to the Pevensey Levels, and is working towards the implementation of new plant at the Hailsham Waste Water Treatment Works by 2022. Further information can be obtained from the Council's website.

Transport issues

- 3.5 In relation to the District's transport infrastructure, we are aware through our work on the Infrastructure Delivery Plan with the Highway Authority (East Sussex County Council) and other stakeholders, that a number of our roads are at or nearing capacity. The level of growth proposed through the Core Strategy, will stretch this further and require a number of measures ranging from delivering sustainable transport solutions, reducing demand, providing more efficient management of infrastructure, or providing new or improved infrastructure where necessary.
- 3.6 We have worked closely with East Sussex County Council and other partners, including Eastbourne Borough Council, on a number of transport studies for south Wealden and Eastbourne which identify the various transport interventions, demand management measures and further transport investment required to support future development in both Authorities in a sustainable manner. Around £67 million funding has been allocated through the Local Growth Deal Fund to East Sussex Highway projects. In Wealden District, this includes £4 million towards junction improvements for the A22/A27 which was allocated in 2013/14 and will be available for spend in 2016/2017. Around £8.6 million was allocated in the Local Growth Deal Fund for a walking/cycling package for the Eastbourne and South Wealden area (£0.3 million in 2015/2016 and £8.3 million over period 2017/18 to 2020/2021). Funding previously allocated to the Sustainable Transport corridor for 2015/16 totalling £0.3 million has been transferred to the walking/cycling package.

- 3.7 In addition, the Council has been working with East Sussex County Council and Uckfield Town Council to identify solutions to the town centre traffic capacity issues, and the necessary mitigation required in order to sustain the growth identified in the Non Statutory Wealden Local Plan and the Core Strategy. Phase 1 works to Uckfield Town Centre Highways Improvements Scheme are underway with a package of works totalling £1.3 million. Stage 1 works implemented over the last year include provision of a new station car park (opened Autumn 2015). The High Street improvement works are currently scheduled to commence in Spring 2016 and improvements to the bus station (Autumn 2016).
- 3.8 In Hailsham the District Council is working with the County Council and Hailsham Town Council on the first of the Movement and Access Strategy for Hailsham and Hellingly (MASHH improvements to the town centre. This scheme includes improvements to footways, carriageways, signalling and signage in the High Street/Vicarage Lane/George Street area. The scheme is scheduled for implementation in Summer 2016.

Internationally Designated Sites

- 3.9 Under European and national legislation the Council has a duty to ensure that our plans do not have adverse effect on the integrity of European designated sites. Within Wealden this relates to the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC), the Pevensey Levels Ramsar site and SCI and the Lewes Downs SAC.
- 3.10 In partnership with neighbouring authorities, specialist technical work to ascertain the possible impact of development and proposed growth on these designated areas has been undertaken. Future mitigation will be necessary to ensure that development does not have an adverse impact on these sites.
- 3.11 With regards to Ashdown Forest SPA, Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space (SANGS) together with Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (SAMM) on the Forest are also required in order to mitigate recreational pressure resulting from development.
- 3.12 Two SANGS (Suitable Alternative Natural Green Space) sites are currently being secured in relation to development sites in Uckfield and Crowborough. Mitigation will also be required within the Pevensey Levels hydrological catchment area through the provision of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS).
- 3.13 We are working with neighbouring authorities, the Conservators of the Ashdown Forest, Natural England and the Environment Agency to agree the necessary mitigation measures, future development plan policies and the delivery mechanisms required in relation to the Ashdown Forest SPA and SAC and Pevensey Levels Ramsar Site and candidate SAC.
- 3.14 In relation to the effects of traffic pollution, the Council commissioned specialist ecological and air quality consultants to carry out a long-term study of Nitrogen deposition at Ashdown Forest. The purpose of the monitoring programme is to provide the Council with information on the impacts of Nitrogen deposition on the Ashdown Forest SAC so that its effects on development in the longer term can be more fully understood. This requirement was one of the recommendations of the independent Planning Inspector who assessed the Core Strategy as sound. The

monitoring programme is now fully underway with all air quality monitoring equipment installed. The base line ecological monitoring was undertaken in August 2013 and further subsequent work has now been undertaken. Further information can be obtained on the Councils website.

Green Infrastructure

- 3.15 It will be necessary to provide a Green Infrastructure Strategy for the District to coordinate the provision of green infrastructure over the next 20 years. A Green Infrastructure Strategy will ensure that an accessible network of multi-functional green space is provided both in and around development areas to assist in the conservation and improvement of biodiversity and the provision of suitable recreational space. The District Council is working with the County Council, adjoining local authorities and other partners to develop a green infrastructure strategy for the county.

Flood risk management and water supply

- 3.16 Flood risk is also an issue within Wealden and we are aware that certain parts of settlements such as Uckfield and Hailsham are subject to a high probability of flood risk, although this does not relate to all available land in those towns. Growth within other settlements, such as Pevensey Bay, Isfield and Forest Row is also heavily constrained by flood risk.
- 3.17 In consideration of the NPPF and other guidance on such matters, the Core Strategy does not propose any growth within flood risk zones 2 and 3. There are no requirements therefore for any new flood defences as a result of growth proposals, although Sustainable Drainage Systems will be required in all new developments to reduce the level of surface water run-off in new developments.
- 3.18 Some limited flood defence improvements to the River Uck in Uckfield have been implemented and a series of measures recommended through the Infrastructure Delivery Plan will further reduce flood risk in the area.
- 3.19 The District Council is currently working with East Sussex County Council on the preparation of Surface Water Management Plans for key settlements at risk from flooding, including Hailsham and Uckfield. These plans are scheduled for completion in 2016.
- 3.20 The Environment Agency has also confirmed that the District is classified as an area of “water stress” owing to the comparatively low rainfall and the high level of population. As a result, the South East Water Management Plan identifies a programme for demand and supply measures, which will be subject to OFWAT funding. South East Water plans to extend the reservoir at Arlington by 2035 which will provide for increased resilience and provision.

4. WEALDEN'S LOCAL PLAN

- 4.1 The Core Strategy Local Plan was adopted in February 2013 and is the overarching planning policy document for Wealden.
- 4.2 The Core Strategy replaces the following saved policies in Wealden's Local Plan 1998:
HG2, Affordable Housing on New Development
HG3, Affordable Housing Exceptions Policy
The other saved policies remain in place. Both the Wealden Local Plan 1998 and the Non-Statutory Local Plan 2005 remain material planning considerations in so far as they do not conflict with the National Planning Policy Framework (see paragraph 211 of the NPPF).
- 4.3 Since the Localism Act a number of the District's town and Parish Councils are producing Neighbourhood Development Plans. The production of these will follow a similar approach to the LPAs own development plan documents and indeed, once adopted formally, Neighbourhood Development Plans will be part of the Development Plan Neighbourhood Areas have been designated for the Parishes of Hartfield, Herstmonceux, Maresfield and Hellingly and the Towns of Crowborough and Uckfield.

Documents in the Council's LDS

- 4.4 The following sections of our AMR summarise the purpose of each document in the Council's Local Development Scheme (LDS) and provides a commentary on the milestones and targets of each document. The LDS provides the timetable for the production of Local Plan documents.
- 4.5 The first LDS for Wealden was adopted in 2007. Government Guidance requires the LDS to be reviewed on a regular basis to take account of progress and slippage on any documents, agreement to produce additional documents, and new or emerging policy issues.
- 4.6 Following a meeting of Full Council on 25th November 2015 a Local Plan timetable was approved for further Local Plans.

Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

- 4.7 The Council's SCI was approved May 2015 in accordance with the timetable for review as referred to in last year's AMR.

Core Strategy Local Plan

- 4.8 The Wealden District (incorporating part of the South Downs National Park) Core Strategy was adopted in February 2013 and remains the key Local Plan for the District - an overarching document for the delivery of growth.

Strategic Sites Local Plan

- 4.9 Under Section 22(1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended, the Strategic Sites Local Plan was withdrawn by Wealden District Council

on 27th May 2015. The Report on the Decision made by the Leader of the Council on 15th May 2015 and the minutes of Full Council on 27th May 2015 provide full details.

Wealden Local Plan (Incorporating Delivery and Site Allocations Local Plan and review of the Wealden Core Strategy)

- 4.10 It is anticipated that the Wealden Local Plan will cover all policy requirements for Wealden District excluding the part of the District within the South Downs National Park. This will mean that all policies within the Local Plan, when adopted, will supersede all adopted Core Strategy policies and all saved policies within the 1998 adopted Wealden Local Plan. Accordingly all strategic sites identified in the adopted Core Strategy and the now withdrawn Strategic Sites Local Plan will be reviewed as part of the process. In addition to this the Council is required in this document to identify the objectively assessed needs of the district, including housing need, and provide a strategy which seeks to meet this need where possible. The document shall contain all strategic allocations including housing, employment, retail and other relevant allocations and local allocations which are not covered within Neighbourhood Development Plans. The Plan will also include all implementation policies to meet the new planning objectives and the spatial strategy.

Milestone	Target	Whether met
Evidence gathering		Commenced and on-going
Public consultation on Issues and Options (Reg. 18)	Autumn 2015	Yes
Publication of Proposed Submission Wealden Local Plan	November to December 2016	
Submission to SoS	April/May 2017	
Adoption and publication	2018	

Hailsham Area Action Plan

- 4.11 This document will form part of the Wealden Local Plan and will be part of the suite of Local Plan documents. It will provide detailed policies in relation to infrastructure, phasing and other matters as well as site allocations in relation to Hailsham and the wider area.

Milestone	Target	Whether met
Evidence gathering		Commenced and on-going
Public consultation on Issues and Options (Reg. 18)	Autumn 2015	Yes
Publication of Proposed Submission Hailsham Area Action Plan	November to December 2016	
Submission to SoS	April/May 2017	
Adoption and publication	2018	

Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan

- 4.12 This document updates the policy within the Core Strategy, as a result to the change in policy approach identified in the now withdrawn Strategic Sites Local Plan. The document reviews the Affordable Housing policy contained within the Core Strategy (policy WCS8).

Milestone	Target	Whether met
Public consultation on Issues and Options (Reg. 18)	22 nd October 2014 – 27 th November 2014	Yes
Pre submission consultation (Reg. 19)	1 st December 2014 – 12 th January 2015	Yes
Submission to SoS	January 2015	March 2015*
Adoption and publication	Summer 2015	

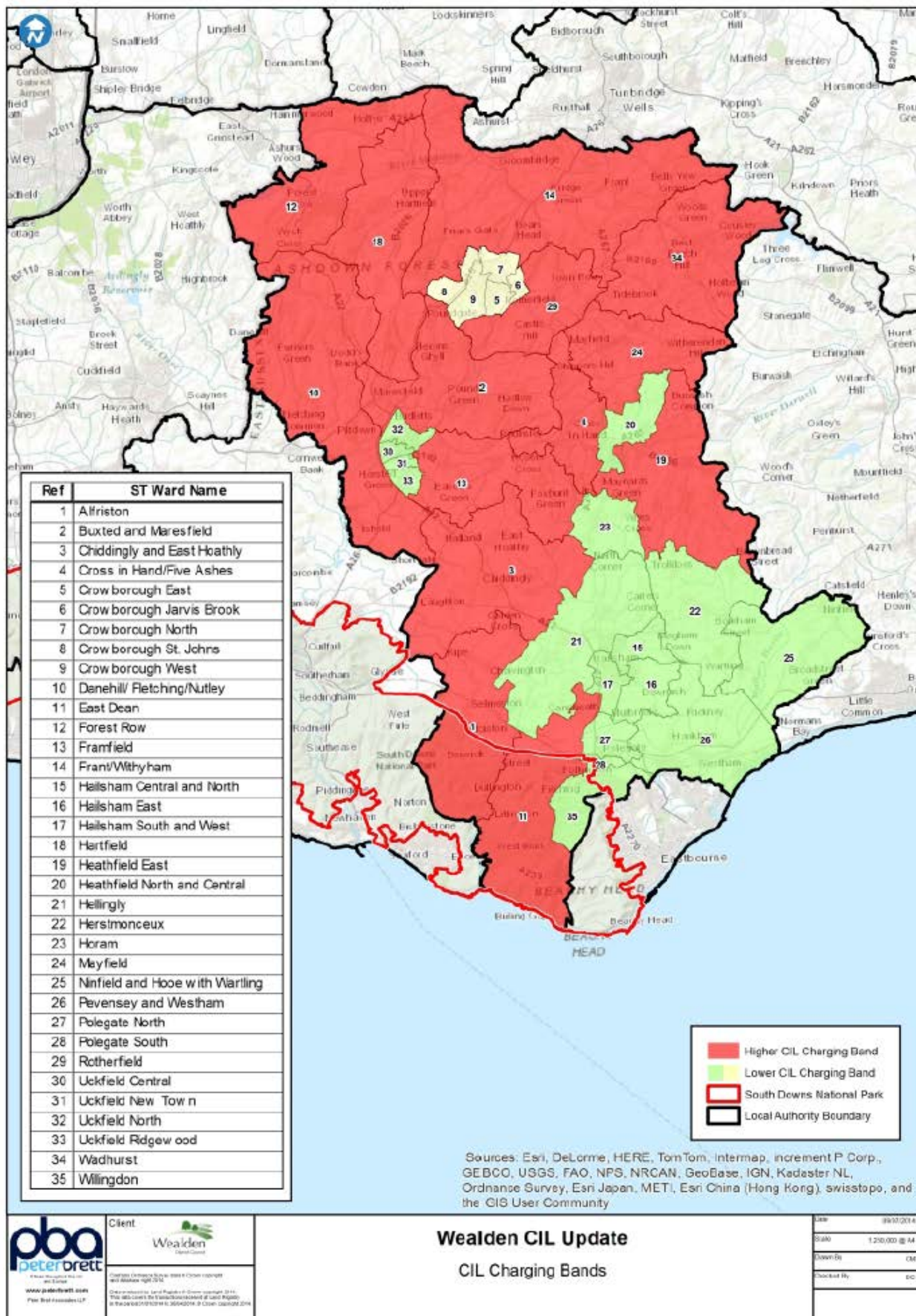
*Subsequent to the preparation of the Pre submission consultation document the Government announced a change in policy and guidance in relation to affordable housing thresholds which necessitated the Council publishing a revised proposed submission document in February 2015. This meant a delay to the submission to the Sec of State. The Examination was held in May 2015 and as a result proposed modifications were published in July 2015. As a result of further changes to Government policy, revised proposed modifications were published in October 2015. A one day hearing is being held in January 2016.

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

- 4.13 The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Schedule sets out the approach to CIL across the District (excluding the South Downs National Park). The Draft Charging Schedule was examined on 23rd June 2015 by Planning Inspector Mr Jameson Bridgewater. The Council received the final report from the Inspector on 21st August 2015. This report concludes that the Wealden Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule provides an appropriate basis for the collection of the levy in the district. The Council has sufficient evidence to support the schedule and can show that the levy is set at a level that will not put the overall development of the area at risk. The Inspector recommended that the schedule should be approved in its published form, without changes.
- 4.14 The charging rates for Wealden District Council (excluding the area covered by the South Downs National Park Authority) are outlined in the table below.

Development	CIL Charge (£ per sq m)
Residential (higher band)	£200
Residential (lower band)	£150
Retail – wholly or mainly convenience	£100
Retail – wholly or mainly comparison	£20
Standard Charge (applies to all development not separately defined)	£0

4.15 The residential charging zone boundaries are set out in the map below.



- 4.16 The Charging Schedule was adopted by Full Council on 25th November 2015 with an implementation date of 1 April 2016.

Community Infrastructure Levy Milestone	Target	Whether met
Evidence gathering	Jan 2007	Yes - commenced
Public consultation – Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule	July 2012	13 th August to 21 st September 2012
Pre submission consultation	June - July 2013	Yes – 17 th June 2013 to 29 th July 2013
Submission to SoS	Early 2015	Yes – 25 th March 2015
Adoption and publication	Summer 2015	Adopted 25 th November 2015

Local Plan Evidence Base

- 4.17 The studies which have contributed to the Local Plan evidence base in the year 2014/15 are as follows:

Community Infrastructure Levy Viability Evidence Base update – August 2014

- 4.18 This study updates the viability study undertaken in January 2013 to under pin the charges proposed in the Council's Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Draft Charging Schedule.

Gypsy and Traveller Assessment

- 4.19 The Council, in conjunction with the other East Sussex Authorities, Brighton and Hove Unitary Council and the South Downs National Park Authority, has undertaken a Gypsy and Traveller Assessment (GTAA) which identifies the need for Gypsy and Traveller pitches within Wealden for the period up to 2038.

Landscape Assessment

- 4.20 The Council commissioned consultants to undertake a Landscape Character Assessment during Summer 2014. The work provides an assessment of the District's landscapes in terms of its capacity to accommodate development; its sensitivity and contribution to settlement setting. The assessment covered the High Weald, Low Weald and Pevensey Levels in addition to specific settlements within the District but excluded the areas designated as High Weald AONB and South Downs National Park. The assessment will help inform policy development for the Wealden Local Plan, including site allocation work and Conservation Area Appraisals, as well as provide a useful tool to help in the determination of planning applications.

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA)

- 4.21 The Council has begun work on the new Wealden Local Plan which will re-assess the need for housing and economic development in the District, and set out a strategy to deliver the growth required.

- 4.22 The Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA) will provide up-to-date evidence on the availability of land for new development within the District, to support the development of potential options for consideration later in the Local Plan process.
- 4.23 Submissions received in response to the Call for Sites, which was undertaken between December 2014 and May 2015, are currently being reviewed. These sites have been registered and the assessment work will begin in due course and at an appropriate time in the evidence gathering stages for the production of the Wealden Local Plan.
- 4.24 At this early stage in the Local Plan process new site submissions and revised or additional information for existing sites are still invited, and can be submitted following the process outlined on the Call for Sites webpage.
- 4.25 The final report is scheduled to be completed in Autumn 2016 to support the Proposed Submission Wealden Local Plan.

Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)

- 4.26 Wealden District Council has commissioned a SHMA for the District to cover the period up to 2037. This is being undertaken by consultants in accordance with national planning guidance and the study helps to inform the new Wealden Local Plan. A draft final version of the document can be viewed on the Council's website.

Saved Local Plan Policies

- 4.27 The Council has taken the opportunity through this AMR to publish the policies that have been saved from the adopted 1998 Wealden Local Plan.
The list of saved policies, approved by the Secretary of State under paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 8 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, was published on the 27th of September, 2007. A full list of saved policies is provided at Annex 3. All remaining, unlisted policies in the adopted Local Plan have now expired.
- 4.28 The following adopted Wealden Local Plan (1998) saved policies are superseded by the Core Strategy:

Policy HG2 – Affordable housing on new development;
Policy HG3 – Affordable housing exceptions policy.
- 4.29 Development boundaries are removed from the following settlements shown on the inset maps to the Proposals Map of the Wealden Local Plan 1998.

Revoked Development Boundaries	Inset Map number
Berwick Station	3
Blackboys	4
Broad Oak	5
Cross – in – Hand	8
East Dean and Friston	11
East Hoathly	12
Fairwarp	13
Five Ash Down	14

Five Ashes	15
Framfield	18
Hadlow Down	21
Halland	24
Hooe Common	31
Isfield	33
Lower Dicker	37
Lower Horsebridge	38
Maresfield	39
Mark Cross	40
Maynards Green	42
Nutley	44
Pevensey	45
Punnetts Town	48
Upper Dicker	55
Vines Cross	56
Windmill Hill	61

5. THE HOUSING TRAJECTORY

- 5.1 The following provides a commentary on the major issues which arise from the housing trajectory, which provides a snapshot of the situation as regards the delivery of housing development.
- 5.2 The housing trajectory shows housing supply in relation to the delivery of housing and other requirements set down in the Wealden Core Strategy. For the period up until 2014/15, the housing trajectory shows actual completions. From 2015 onwards, the trajectory shows projected completions based upon the latest available information from Development Management and recent build out rates.
- 5.3 The trajectory shows annual completions of 576 in 2014/15 (including completions of 193 affordable homes). This exceeds the figure of 474 which was projected for the year as a whole in the 2013/2014 AMR. This follows completion figures of 560 for 2013/14, 674 for 2012/13 and 617 for 2011/12 and therefore the last four years of housing delivery all significantly exceed the annual requirement figure set in the Council's Core Strategy of 450 dwellings per annum. However, the level of completions is anticipated to fall next year. This is due to the sites from the Wealden Local Plan 1998 now having been largely built out whilst sites from the Wealden Core Strategy are taking some time to reach build out stage. There continue to be high levels of completions on windfall sites, and of the 576 total completions in 2014/15, 205 of these were on windfall sites. The average number of windfalls per annum over the last 10 years is 247. From 2016 onwards, however, it is projected that completions will start coming forward from sites which have been identified in the Core Strategy. A significant number of these sites have now been granted planning consent whilst other sites have planning applications pending. The projected delivery shown in the housing trajectory below reflects a reasonable prospect of delivery over the plan period. No allowance is made for any projected development coming forward from the new Wealden Local Plan which is scheduled to be adopted in 2018.

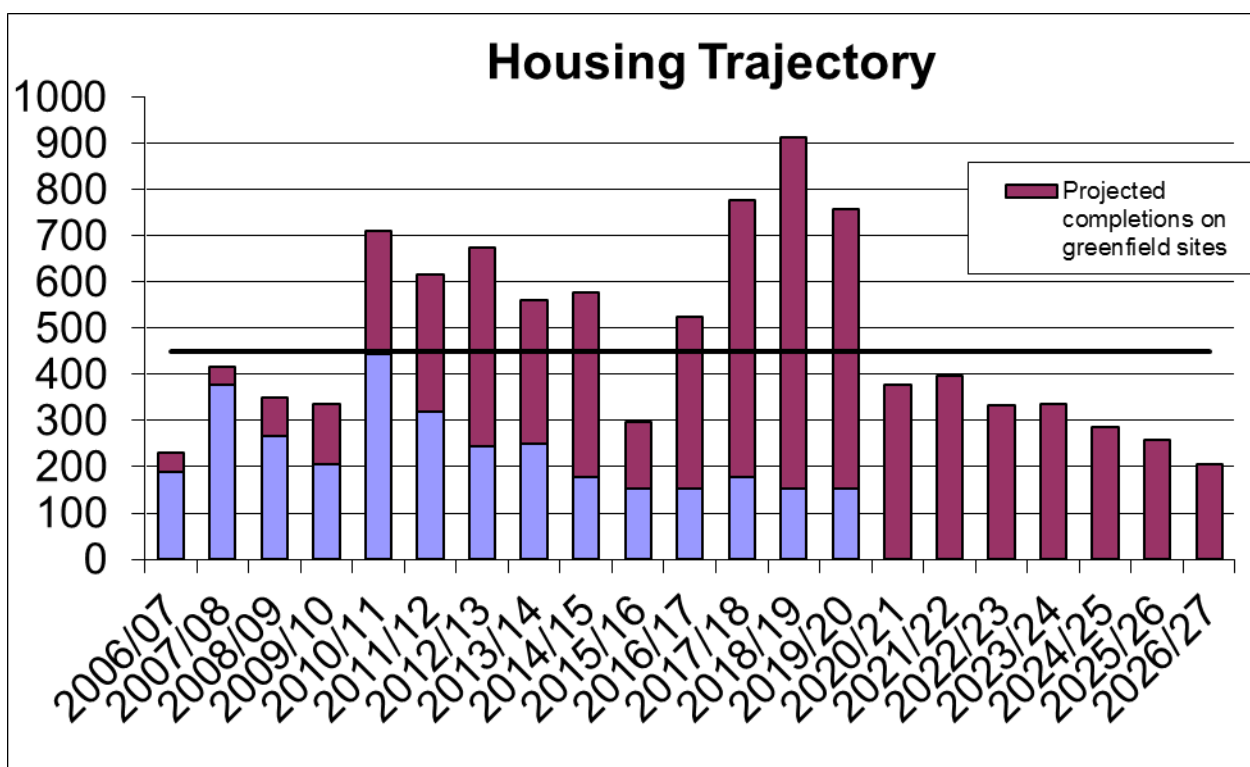


Table 1: Housing Trajectory

- 5.4 The trajectory shows projected completions on both brownfield and greenfield land. The trajectory is based upon an annual average requirement of 450 units per annum as provided for by the Wealden Core Strategy (shown as the solid black line on the trajectory). For the period up until 2015/16, the trajectory includes only deliverable sites either with existing planning permission at 1st April 2015 in addition to a single deliverable site identified in the Non-Statutory Local Plan and does not include any allowance for allocations coming forward from the adopted Core Strategy during this period. The figures do not include a projection for windfall development despite the fact that there is compelling evidence that windfall sites will continue to provide a reliable source of supply. This means that any housing projection figures are, in reality, an underestimate. It is also likely that a significant proportion of development on windfall sites will be on brownfield land.
- 5.5 From 2016/17, it is projected that completions will come forward from sites which are identified in the Core Strategy and these projected completions are therefore included within the trajectory from that date onwards.
- 5.6 Housing growth is identified at 13 villages throughout the District and amounts to some 455 dwellings - further detail is set out within the Core Strategy. For the purposes of the housing trajectory it is assumed that these developments will take place at an even rate throughout the Plan period. In reality development is unlikely to be at an even rate and some developments may come forward earlier in the plan period.
- 5.7 The trajectory shows that as sites come forward from the Core Strategy from 2016-17 onwards there is a significant increase in projected completions, with completions projected to rise to over 900 by 2018/19. These are high rates of completions which exceed the relatively high rates which have been achieved over the last few years where completions have been over 550 per annum for each of the last five years. Such projected figures are, however, backed up by robust information and the majority of the units projected to be built out over this period already have planning consent. The main reason for this projected increase in completions is the grant of planning consents for new development following the adoption of the Core Strategy in February 2013 which has provided a catalyst and certainty for planned growth. This is an approach encouraged and supported by the NPPF. The Council's new Local Plan is scheduled to be adopted in 2018 but no allowance is made in the trajectory for proposed development from this source.

6. **LOCAL PLAN INDICATORS**

Brief synopsis of the data in this section

Progress has been made towards achieving a number of the key targets, notably the targets in relation to both market and affordable housing completions (see Table 9 below). At this stage, a number of planning consents have been granted in relation to land identified in the Core Strategy but as yet there are no completions on any of these sites. This data will form part of future AMRs and outcomes assessed against policies and policy objectives.

It is therefore considered that current policies are working effectively and will work in combination with new policies being developed through the new Wealden Local Plan. There is currently therefore no requirement to review existing policies as part of this AMR.

6.1 **Introduction**

The following section provides commentary on the indicators identified in the Core Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Framework.

A full list of the indicators, the definitions used the source of the data and any limitations with the data can be found at Annex 1. The format of this section follows the themes and structure of the Core Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Framework document. For each spatial planning objective a table sets out the indicators to be used under the headings shown below.

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 20YY/YY	Progress towards target
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Table 2: Indicator column headings

The 'Indicator name', 'Indicator description' and 'Target' are reproduced from the Core Strategy Implementation and Monitoring Framework (Background Paper BP13).

The 'Achievement' column shows the achievement in the reporting year in relation to the target for that indicator.

For clarity the 'Progress towards target' column includes a series of symbols as shown below.

Symbol	Definition
	Target achieved
	Progress made towards target in reporting year
	No progress towards target in reporting year
	Trend is away from target in reporting year
	Baseline - no comparative data available
	Not monitored this year
	No data available

Table 3: key for indicator tables

6.2 Core Strategy Spatial Planning Objective 1: Protecting the natural environment

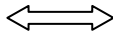
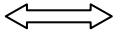
Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
1a	NI197	Proportion of sites where conservation management is being achieved	Increase above current level	52.0%	
1b	Quality of SSSI's	Proportion of SSSIs favourable or unfavourable recovering	95%	96.5% (down 0.1% from last year)	
1c	Change in areas and populations of biodiversity	Changes in (a) priority habitats and species (by type) and (b) change in areas designated for their intrinsic environmental value including sites of international, national, regional, sub regional or local significance	No loss	(a) No change (b) No change	

Table 4: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 1

Commentary and analysis

There has been no significant change as regards the above and this reflects continued focus on conserving priority habitats whilst resources remain constrained.

Quality of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)

	SSSI areas (ha)	Units in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition	% in favourable or unfavourable recovering condition	Units destroyed	SSSI units minus destroyed units
2010/11	8234	225	97.8%	0	8234
2011/12	8233	223	96.96%	0	8233
2012/13	8234	224	97.4%	0	8234
2013/14	8234	222	96.6%	0	8234
2014/15	8234	222	96.5%	0	8234

Table 5: Quality of Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSIs)

Commentary and analysis

There has been no significant change in the quantity or area of SSSIs although there has been a slight decrease in SSSIs categorised as favourable or unfavourable recovering.

Areas of biodiversity importance

Designation		Abbr.	Area of designation (2012/13) (ha)	Area of designation (2013/14) (ha)	Area of designation (2014/15) (ha)
International	Ramsar		3099	3099	3099
	Special Area of Conservation	SAC	5827	5827	5827
	Special Protection Area	SPA	3207	3207	3207
National	Area of Outstanding natural Beauty	AONB	44625	44625	44625
	National Nature Reserve	NNR	239.4	239	239.4
	National Park		6088	6088	6088
	Site of Special Scientific Interest	SSSI	8234	8234	8234
Local	Country Park		309.7	309.7	309.7
	Local Nature Reserve	LNR	255.6	256.8	256.8
	Regionally Important Geological Site	RIGS	126.1	126.3	126.3
	Site of Nature Conservation Importance	SNCI	3313	3305	3305
Reserve/property	Environmental Stewardship Agreements		31829	33965	33437
	National Trust		614	614	615
	RSPB Reserve		181	181	181
	Sussex Wildlife Trust Reserve		362.2	362.2	362.2
	Woodland Trust		159.7	159.7	159.7

Table 6: Areas of biodiversity importance

The above figures show no major change from the last reporting year with the exception of a decrease in land subject to Environmental Stewardship Agreements.

6.3 **Spatial Planning Objective 2: Protecting the historic environment**

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
2a	Listed buildings	Number of listed buildings at risk	Number of listed buildings at risk	3	
2b	Tourism impact	Annual impact figures from Tourism South East: number of visitors and total spend by visitors to Wealden	Increase above current level	Increase in both spending and visitor numbers - see text below	

Table 7: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 2

Commentary and analysis

Listed buildings

English Heritage maintains an 'At Risk' register of all listed buildings at risk within a local authority area. Currently in Wealden District there three buildings at risk (this excludes those situated within the South Downs National Park area):

- Parish Church of All Saints, Waldron and Heathfield;
- Parish Church of St Nicholas Church, Church Lane, Pevensey; and
- Argos Hill Windmill, Argos Hill, Mayfield.

There is no change from last year.

Tourism Impact

The latest data as regards tourism in Wealden relates to 2013 and is published in The Economic Impact of Tourism on Wealden in 2013 study commissioned by Wealden District Council and carried out by Tourism South East. The 2014 report is still awaited.

An estimated 445,000 staying trips were spent in the District in 2013 of which 368,000 were made by domestic visitors (83%) and 77,000 by overseas visitors (17%). Compared to 2012, domestic overnight trips dropped by 0.8% and trips made by visitors from overseas increased by 13.2%. Staying trips result in an estimated 1,630,000 visitor nights spent in the District, a fall of 2.0% compared to 2012. Visitor expenditure was up. Staying visitors spent in total £78.3 million on their trip, up by 5.7% compared to 2012.

Approximately 5.6 million tourism day trips were made to the District (lasting more than 3 hours and taken on an irregular basis) in 2012 generating an additional £175.3 million in trip expenditure. Compared to 2013, the volume of day trips rose by 1.8% and the value of day trips rose by 2.9%.

Total expenditure (overnight and day) to Wealden is estimated to have been in the region of £253,527,000 in 2013, up by 3.7% compared to 2012.

Direct expenditure generated by tourism in Wealden in 2013 was £242,316,000 which is up by 3.3% compared to 2012. Direct expenditure is translated to £294,246,000 worth of income for local businesses through additional indirect and included effects. Compared to 2012, this represents an increase of 3.3% in total tourism value.

6.4 **Spatial Planning Objective 3: Housing provision**

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
3a	Housing completions per annum - NI 154/ AMR H2b	Housing completions per annum	In line with housing trajectory	576 dwellings	
3b	Affordable housing	Affordable housing completions as a percentage of all completions within the policy threshold	35% (plan target)	N/A	
3c	Affordable housing completions	Affordable housing completions per annum	Interim target of 100 per annum until site allocation policies are in place	193	
3d	Strategic completions	Housing completions per annum by Strategic Development Area	In line with figure 5 of the Core Strategy (see paragraph 6.6 of this AMR) and the accompanying text (see paragraph 6.7 of this AMR)	See below	
3e	Homelessness	Total homeless households in priority need	Reduce from current level	147	
3f	Gypsy and Traveller	Net additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches granted permission	23 by 2016 (total of 8 provided to date)	3	

Table 8: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 3

Housing completions

This important indicator is also measured in WDC's quarterly performance reports. The performance report for 2014/15 confirms 576 net additional homes were provided in 2014/15 compared with 560 in 2013/14. The housing trajectory target for 2013/14 was 474 and therefore this target has been exceeded.

Figure 5 of the Core Strategy indicates development to start in relation to strategic development in the following areas by 2014/15: Crowborough; Stone Cross; and villages.

To date development has only commenced in one of these areas – Stone Cross.

The housing trajectory shows projected completions for the period to 2027. To monitor the delivery of this indicator the following trigger points and subsequent actions are proposed:

1) a) if the total level of completions is 15% below the target as shown on the housing trajectory at the end of each five year period (2011/15, 2016/20, 2021/25) then the following actions will be undertaken;

- an examination of the reasons for the lower levels of completions;
- liaison with developers to help progress sites and identify any problems with delivery; and
- development of possible initiatives to overcome impediments to encourage development on problematic sites.

Comment

In the last few years, housing completions have exceeded projected completions on the trajectory and therefore no trigger points have been activated.

b) if the total level of completions is 25% below the target then a review of the policy and evidence base will be undertaken to examine whether any review or partial review of DPDs is required.

2) a) For strategic development areas with less than 200 dwellings proposed over the plan period, if half way through the proposed build period the number of dwellings is more than 15% short of the number that should have been built at that point (assuming an even rate of development) then the following actions will be undertaken:

- an examination of the reasons for the lower levels of completion;
- liaison with developers to help progress sites and identify any problems with delivery; and
- development of possible initiatives to overcome impediments to encourage development on problematic sites.

If, at half way through the proposed build period, the level of development is more than 25% short of the target then a review of the policy and evidence base will be undertaken to examine whether a change in policy is necessary.

b) For sites with more than 200 dwellings proposed over the plan period the same triggers and actions will apply but they will be monitored in 5 year periods (2011/15, 2016/20, 2021/25).

Comment

None of the above sites has reached its halfway point at this stage and, in accordance with Figure 5 in the Core Strategy (Indicative Delivery of Housing Development) no sites were anticipated to have substantial numbers of completed units at this stage.

Affordable housing completions per annum

193 affordable housing completions took place in this reporting period. This is more than the annual target of 100 per annum by some considerable amount.

Strategic completions

Figure 5 of the Core Strategy along with the accompanying text provides the indicative phasing of development in strategic development areas. The following trigger points will apply:

1) In line with figure 5 of the Core Strategy and accompanying text:

a) if development has not commenced within 2 years of the proposed start date then the following actions will be undertaken:

- an examination of the reasons for this;
- liaison with developers to help progress sites and identify any problems with delivery; and
- development of possible initiatives to overcome impediments to encourage development on problematic sites.

b) if development has not commenced within 5 years of the proposed start date then a review of the policy and evidence base will be undertaken to examine whether a change in policy is necessary.

Comment

No sites are yet beyond 2 years from the proposed start date.

AMR H4 - Gypsy and Traveller pitches

	Permanent	Transit	Temporary
No. of pitches	3	0	0

Table 9: Net additional Gypsy & Traveller pitches

3 additional permanent gypsy and traveller pitches were granted in 2014-15.

The GTAA covering Wealden District identifies a need for 53 new Gypsy and Traveller pitches for the District for the period up to 2038 and therefore there is an outstanding need for 50 pitches.

6.5 **Spatial Planning Objective 4: Supporting the viability of Wealden's principal towns**

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
4a	Strategic allocations	New employment allocations by Strategic Development Area	In line with WCS 3	N/A	★
4b	Retail provision	New retail allocations by Strategic Development Area	In line with WCS 3	N/A	★
4c	Vacant units	Vacant units in town centres	Reduce	N/A	⊘

Table 10: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 4

Commentary and analysis

Indicators 4a and 4b identified within this spatial planning objective relate specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy. More than half of the development proposed in the Core Strategy now has either planning consent or resolution to grant consent although at this stage delivery has not yet taken place.

Policy WCS3 of the Core Strategy provides the level and distribution of Employment (B Class) and Retail (convenience and comparison) land allocation for each of the towns and settlements in Wealden. To monitor delivery of indicators 4a and 4b the following trigger points will apply:

If planning consents are not in place to provide 50% or more of the total floorspace by 2020 and 75% or more of the total floorspace by 2025 for each town/ settlement then the following actions will be taken:

- an examination of the reasons for the lower levels of development;
- development of possible initiatives to overcome impediments to encourage development on problematic sites;
- liaison with developers to help progress sites and identify any problems with delivery; and
- a review of the policy and evidence base will be undertaken to examine whether a change in policy is necessary.

6.6 Spatial Planning Objective 5: Education and skills

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
5a	School places	Number of new school places provided through developer contributions	In line with IDP	N/A	☆
5b	Qualifications	People of working age with no qualifications	Reduce	3500 (2014)	↑

Table 11: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 5

Qualifications

Year	Number	Percentage
2010	9,700	11.7%
2011	7,300	8.8%
2013	6,300	7.7%
2014	3,500	4.0%

Table 12: Working age population with no qualifications - Wealden

6.7 Spatial Planning Objective 6: Improving economic prosperity

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
6a	AMR BD1	Quantity of new employment floorspace	38190sq m by 2030		
6b	AMR BD4	Quantity of new retail floorspace	16937 sq m by 2030		
6c	Employment rate	Proportion of working age population who are in employment	No target	76.9%	

Table 13: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 6

No data currently available in respect of Wealden employment monitoring for 2014-15. An update will be provided separately when made available.

Quantity of new employment floorspace

No data currently available in respect of Wealden employment monitoring for 2014-15.

Quantity of new retail floorspace

No data currently available in respect of Wealden employment monitoring for 2014-15.

Employment rate

April 2009/ March 2010	April 2010/ March 2011	April 2011/March 2012	April 2012/March 2013	July 2013/June 2014	July 2014/June 2015
77.7%	72.0%	75.5%	72.1%	80.6%	76.9%

Table 14: % Employment Rate – Wealden

There has been a fall of approx. 3.7% in the employment rate¹ compared to last year.

6.8 Spatial Planning Objective 7: Promoting the reduction in the need to travel by car

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
7a	Housing distribution	Housing completions by town/ settlement	In line with figure 5 of the Core Strategy (see paragraph 6.6 of this AMR) and the accompanying text (see paragraph 6.7 of this AMR)	N/A Refer to SPO3 above	☆
7b	Employment distribution	New employment allocations by town/ settlement	In line with WCS 3	N/A Refer to SPO6 above	☆
7c	Retail distribution	New retail allocations by town/ settlement	In line with WCS 3	N/A Refer to SPO6	☆
7d	Commuting	Commuting flows into & out of the District	Reduce out commuting	30,381 (2011)	↓
7e	Mode travel	Travel to work by mode	Reduce travel to work by private vehicle over the plan period	66.3% - Private Vehicle 8.8% - Public transport 7.5% - Foot/ cycle (2011 data)	↑
7f	AQMA	Air Quality Management Areas	No reduction in air quality	No areas identified in the District	☺

Table 15: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 7

This data is based on the 2011 Census and therefore has not been updated this year.

Mode of Travel

	Private vehicle	Public transport	Foot/ cycle
Wealden (%)	66.3	8.8	7.5

Table 16: Mode of travel to work in Wealden (2011)

This data is based on the 2011 Census and therefore has not been updated this year.

¹ The employment rate is the percentage of the labour force that is employed

6.9 Spatial Planning Objective 8: Enhancing the village network

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
8a	Distribution	Housing completions per annum by settlement	In line with Fig 5 of the Core Strategy (see paragraph 6.6 of this AMR) and the accompanying text (see paragraph 6.7 of this AMR) and WCS 6	N/A Refer to SPO3 above	☆
8b	Exception sites	Completions of affordable homes on exception sites	No target	5 units	

Table 17: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 8

Commentary and analysis

Exception Sites

There were 5 units on exception sites this year compared with 33 the previous year.

6.10 Spatial Planning Objective 9: Climate change

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
9a	CO 2 per capita	Carbon dioxide emissions per capita	Reduction to 5.6t p c by 2010/11 on 2008 (ESCC target)	Total – 6.2 tpc (2014)	↓

Table 18: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 9

Co2 emissions per capita

	Wealden			
	2010	2011	2012	2013
Industrial and commercial	197	187	203	193
Domestic	361	320	389	377
Road	361	355	348	342
Total	899	840	940	912

Table 19: Co2 emissions per capita (kt)

The Table shows the latest data available. Carbon emissions from all sectors decreased but still remain higher than 2010.

6.11 Spatial Planning Objective 10: Flood risk

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
10a	Risk of flooding	Number of planning permissions granted on strategic development areas within flood zones 2 and 3	None	None	

Table 20: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 10

Commentary and analysis

Whilst some flood zone land has been included within land which has been granted planning consent, none of this land has been included within the land identified for residential development.

6.12 Spatial Planning Objective 11: Green infrastructure

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
11a	Green infrastructure	New green infrastructure provided as part of the Local Plan	No target	N/A	
11b	ANGSt	Accessible natural green space 2ha <300m from home (relating to new development) or assessment of overall provision of natural green space against Natural England's standards	To increase	N/A	

Table 21: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 11

Commentary and analysis

The indicators identified within this spatial planning objective relate specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and therefore no data is currently available for analysis in this AMR.

6.13 Spatial Planning Objective 12: Crime and safety

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
12a	Anti-social behaviour	Perception of anti-social behaviour	No target	Low perception - 87.9% (08/09) High perception - 21.1% (08/09)	↔
12b	Road casualties	Recorded road casualties	Reduce	All casualties – 616 (2014)	↓

Table 22: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 12

Commentary and analysis

The total number of road casualties reduced by 23 from the 2013 level (639)..

Recorded road casualties

	All casualties	Child casualties
2008	714	50
2009	679	59
2010	595	52
2011	556	41
2012	557	35
2013	639	38
2014	616	45

Table 23: Number of recorded road casualties - Wealden

The number of all casualties has fallen whilst the number of child casualties has increased.

6.14 Spatial Planning Objective 13: Living Environment

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
13a	Living Environment	Assessment of contribution of new development to meeting this objective.	To be developed in detail	N/A	☆

Table 24: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 13

Commentary and analysis

The wording used in the indicator description has changed due to the withdrawal of the Strategic Sites DPD. The indicator identified within this spatial planning objective relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and therefore no data is currently available for analysis in this AMR.

6.15 Spatial Planning Objective 14: Previously developed land

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
14a	Employment floorspace on previously developed land	Total amount of new employment floorspace on previously developed land	N/A	Not available	N/A
14b	Residential development on previously developed land	New and converted dwellings on previously developed land	N/A	179 (31%)	N/A
14c	Housing density	Density of development to comply with requirements in the Strategic Sites DPD	In line with Strategic Sites DPD	N/A	☆

Table 25: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 14

Commentary and analysis

14a - Total amount of new employment floorspace on previously developed land

No data currently available in respect of Wealden employment monitoring for 2014-15.

14b - New and converted dwellings on previously developed land

	Total
Gross	179
% gross on PDL	31%

Table 26: New and converted dwellings - on previously developed land

Analysis of housing completions within the District during the monitoring year revealed that 31% of housing development took place on previously developed land which is a decrease from 2013/14 levels (45%).

In the case of Wealden District, there is a very limited supply of previously developed land which would be available for potential development and the District does not have a legacy of derelict former industrial land which would be suitable for such use. Whilst Wealden does not have a target at present in relation to this indicator, future targets will be considered through the Wealden Local Plan.

6.16 Spatial Planning Objective 15: Infrastructure provision

Indicator number	Indicator name	Indicator description	Target	Achievement 2014/15	Progress towards target
15a	IDP action plan	IDP Action Plan to be developed in specific detail at Strategic Sites DPD stage	In line with IDP Action Plan	Delivered 2015	
15b	Access to GP	Annual amount of new residential development on strategic sites within 30 mins public transport time of a GP	100% new development on strategic development areas within 30mins public transport time of a GP	N/A	
15c	Travel time to nearest services	Travel time to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling.	Increase above current level (see below)	N/A	

Table 27: Assessment of Spatial Planning Objective 15

Commentary and analysis

With the exception of 15a, the indicators identified within this spatial planning objective relate specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and therefore no data is currently available for analysis in this AMR.

IDP Action Plan

In July 2015 the Council published the Infrastructure Road Map. This document identifies the delivery mechanisms for the infrastructure identified for the Core Strategy Local Plan

Access to GP

	Public transport/ walk		Cycle		Car	
	E. Sussex	Wealden	E. Sussex	Wealden	E. Sussex	Wealden
2009	99.2	97.7	99.8	99.3	100	100
2010	98.7	95.7	99.8	99.9	100	100
2011	98.8	96.5	99.6	98.5		
2013	99.2	97.2	99.8	99.2	100	100

Table 28: Access to GP's (within 30 mins) - %

There has been an improvement in the accessibility data in relation to GPs for both East Sussex and Wealden.

Travel time to the nearest services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling

		Employment		Further Education		Food Stores		GP		Hospital		Primary School		Town Centre	
		ES	W	ES	W	ES	W	ES	W	ES	W	ES	W	ES	W
Public transport/walk	2010	11	14	21	21	10	13	11	13	33	41	6	6	17	21
	2011	11	13	22	22	10	13	11	12	35	47	10	12	17	20
	2013	9	11	22	19	8	10	9	11	29	29	8	8	15	17
Cycle	2010	7	9	14	14	6	8	6	7	23	31	6	6	13	15
	2011	7	8	14	14	6	8	6	8	24	34	5	5	13	15
	2013	7	8	17	14	7	9	6	8	22	26	6	6	13	15

ES= East Sussex

W = Wealden

Table 29: Travel time to nearest services (mins)

Public transport/walking results for earlier years are not directly comparable with figures for 2013 due to methodology changes.

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Annexes to the Annual Monitoring Report

Annex 1: Core Strategy indicators and definitions

Spatial Planning Objective 1: Protecting the natural environment (SPO1)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Increase above current level proportion of sites where conservation is being achieved		Sussex Biodiversity Record centre	
95% of SSSI favourable or unfavourable		Sussex Biodiversity Record centre	
Maintain or increase the current levels of areas of land in SSSI		Sussex Biodiversity Record centre	

Spatial Planning Objective 2: Protecting the historic environment (SPO2)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Number of listed buildings at risk		English Heritage 'At Risk' register;	http://risk.english-heritage.org.uk
Tourism Impact	See report	The Economic Impact on Tourism on Wealden in 2010 study	It is unsure whether the information provided in the report will be updated and if so the frequency of the updates.

Spatial Planning Objective 3: Housing provision (SPO3)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Completions in line with housing trajectory	Net dwelling units counted as complete when roof is constructed	WDC - in house	
35% affordable housing completions as a percentage of all completions within the policy threshold	Information taken from outline planning applications and reserved matters granted	WDC - in house	Data currently unavailable
% Affordable housing completions per annum	Housing completions ready for occupation	WDC - in house	
Housing completions per annum by SDA in line with the phasing of development in figure 5 of the Core Strategy	Net dwelling units counted as complete when roof is constructed		This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Reduce the total homeless households in priority need from current level	A household is legally homeless if either there is no accommodation that they are entitled to occupy or they have accommodation but it is	WDC - in house	

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	not reasonable for them to continue to occupy this accommodation		
23 net additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches granted planning permission by 2016	Permanent or transit sites granted planning consent	WDC - in house	

Spatial Planning Objective 4: Supporting the viability of Wealden's five principal towns (SPO4)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
New employment allocations in line with policy WCS3	Planning consents granted within SDA's	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
New retail allocations in line with policy WCS3	Planning consents granted within SDA's	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Reduce the level of vacant units in town centres from current level			Data currently unavailable

Spatial Planning Objective 5: Education and skills (SPO5)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Number of new school places provided through developer contributions (in line with IDP)		WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Reduce from current levels the % of people of working age with no qualifications	The working age definition has recently changed to reflect changes to the female state pension age and now includes all people aged 16-64. The working age population figures are derived from mid-year population estimates which are compatible with the 2001	East Sussex in figures - Dataset: Qualifications of Working Age Population 2005-2010 - districts. Source: Annual Population Survey NOMIS/ONS.	As numbers have been rounded district figures may not sum exactly to county totals. Data comes from the results of a sample survey and may be

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>Census.</p> <p>Qualification level in this dataset is as follows:</p> <p>Level 1: 1+ 'O' level passes, 1+ CSE/GCSE any grades, NVQ level 1, Foundation GNVQ.</p> <p>Level 2: 5+ 'O' level passes, 5+ CSEs (grade 1's), 5+ GCSEs (grades A-C), School Certificate, 1+ 'A' levels/AS levels, NVQ level 2, Intermediate GNVQ.</p> <p>Level 3: 2+ 'A' levels, 4+ AS levels, Higher School Certificate, NVQ level 3, Advanced GNVQ.</p> <p>Level 4 and above: First degree, Higher degree, NVQ levels 4 and 5, HNC, HND, Qualified Teacher Status, Qualified Medical Doctor, Qualified Dentist.</p> <p>Other qualifications: includes any qualifications not mentioned above.</p>	Published August 2011.	<p>subject to sampling error.</p> <p>The dataset relates to the period January to December in each year and presents time-series information for calendar years from 2005 to 2010</p> <p>The dataset is released annually.</p>

Spatial Planning Objective 6: Improving economic prosperity (SPO6)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Quantity of new employment floorspace	Any development within use class B1, B2 and B8	WDC - in house	
Quantity of new retail floorspace	Town centre is defined as the main towns in the district; Hailsham, Crowborough, Uckfield, Heathfield and Polegate	WDC - in house	As Wealden does not have any defined town centre areas the data is for the local authority as a whole.
Proportion of working age population who are in employment	The working age definition has recently changed to reflect changes to the female state pension age and now includes all people aged 16 to 64. This table uses the working age population as a denominator to calculate the employment rate.	East Sussex in Figures - Dataset: Employment Rate 2004-2015 - districts. Source: Annual Population Survey data	Care should be taken when looking at the data for districts, as the sample sizes are quite small and the results given may not be very robust. This dataset is released quarterly. The next update in ESIF is due in December 2015.

Spatial Planning Objective 7: Promoting the reduction of the need to travel by car (SPO7)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Number of housing completions by town/ settlement in line with the phasing of development in figure 5 of the Core Strategy	Net housing completions within SDA's	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Number of new employment allocations by town/ settlement in line with policy WCS3	Any development within use class B1, B2 and B8 within the town/ settlements indicated in policy WCS3	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Number of new retail allocations by town/ settlement in line with policy WCS3	Any development within use class A1, A2, B1a, D2 within the town/ settlements indicated in policy WCS3	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Reduce (from current levels) the level of out commuting from the District	<p>This dataset shows the number of people commuting into and out of the district, together with the net commuting flow. A negative number indicates more workers travelling out of the area to work than come into the area. The data show numbers for those coming into and out of Wealden only.</p> <p>The place of work is where a person works in their main job. This will be the depot address for people who report to a depot.</p>	East Sussex in figures - Dataset: Commuting flows in 2011 - districts. Source: ONS Census 2011. This dataset presents results from the 2011 Census.	
Travel to work by mode - no target	This dataset shows which modes of transport are used by those who are in employment to get to their place of work. Data is available for individual modes of transport and grouped into general transport types: public transport, private vehicles	East Sussex in figures - Dataset: Mode of Travel to work in 2011. Source: ONS Census 2001. This dataset presents results from the 2011.	The effect of boundary changes in Wealden, combined with the new best-fit geography means that data for the following parishes will not be comparable between 2001 and 2011 and for this reason is

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	and walking and cycling. Data only includes the means of travel used for the longest part, by distance, of the usual journey to work. Figures cover only those who are aged 16-74 and in work. Unemployed and other economically inactive people are excluded. The category 'Train, underground, light rail or tram' also includes any person who uses a metro to get to work.		published separately on EsiF: - Berwick and Alciston (parishes merged) - Heathfield and Waldron - Mayfield and Five Ashes - Polegate - Willingdon and Jevington.
No reduction (from current levels) in air quality		The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs maintain a register of all Air Quality Management Areas in local authority areas.	
New footpath & cycleway provision linking new strategic development to facilities		WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.

Spatial Planning Objective 8: Enhancing the village network (SPO8)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Housing completions per annum by settlement in line with figure 5 and WCS6 of the Core Strategy	Net housing completions within SDA's	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Completions of affordable homes on exception sites - no target	Units granted in accordance with exception site policy HG5 of the Wealden Non Statutory Plan (becoming policy WCS9 of the Core Strategy)	WDC - in house	

Spatial Planning Objective 9: Climate change (SPO9)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Reduction to 5.6 tpc (10%) by 2010/11 on 2008 (ESCC target)	This dataset, previously called National Indicator 186 under the National Indicator set, measures end-user carbon dioxide emissions in the local area from the industrial, domestic and transport sector.	Department of Energy and Climate Change	This dataset relies on a draw-down of information from the National Inventory of Greenhouse Gas emissions.
80% reduction in emissions by 2050		As above	
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Spatial Planning Objective 10: Flood risk (SPO10)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
No planning permissions granted on SDAs within flood zones 1 and 2		WDC - in house	

Spatial Planning Objective 11: Green infrastructure (SPO11)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
New green infrastructure provided as part of Local Plan - no target	Green Infrastructure is a strategically planned and delivered network of high quality green spaces and other environmental features including parks, open spaces, playing fields, woodlands, allotments and private gardens. (Source: Natural England)	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.
Increase above current levels the accessible natural green space 2ha <300m from home (relating to new development)	Natural England's Accessible Natural Greenspace Standard (ANGSt) provides a set of benchmarks for ensuring access to places near to where people live. These standards recommend that people living in towns and cities should have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> an accessible natural greenspace of at least 2 hectares in size, no more 	WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>than 300 metres (5 minutes walk) from home</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> at least one accessible 20 hectare site within two kilometres of home one accessible 100 hectare site within five kilometres of home one accessible 500 hectare site within ten kilometres of home one hectare of statutory Local Nature Reserves per thousand population 		

Spatial Planning Objective 12: Crime and safety (SPO12)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Perception of anti-social behaviour - no target	<p>This dataset shows the number and percentage of respondents to the Place Survey according to the level of perceived anti-social behaviour in 2008/09</p> <p>The dataset contains a combined measure of the seven anti-social behaviour issues asked in the question 24 in the Place Survey conducted in 2008/09. This survey was carried out by Ipsos MORI on behalf of East Sussex County Council.</p> <p>Respondents were given a list of seven anti-social behaviour issues and asked to state the extent to which each may be a problem or not in their local area. A total score for each respondent was calculated based on the responses to the seven questions (0= Not a problem at all, 1= Not a very big problem, 2= Fairly big problem, 3= Very big problem). The maximum possible score is 21. Low perception of anti-social behaviour is a score up to 10 and high perception of anti-social behaviour is a score of 11</p>	<p>East Sussex in figures - Dataset: Perception of anti-social behaviour 2008/09 districts. Source: Ipsos MORI for East Sussex County Council. Published mid 2009.</p>	<p>The Place survey, which previously replaced the BVPI Survey was cancelled in 2010 therefore the data will be unavailable from 2011.</p>

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>and above.</p> <p>This dataset includes one of the National Indicators for Local Authorities and Local Authority Partnerships: perceptions of anti-social behaviour (NI 17). The indicator is the percentage of respondents whose score was 11 or above out of the total answering the question.</p> <p>Results from the Place Survey can be found in the section 'Surveys'. A summary table containing the Place Survey National Indicators 2008/09 can be found in the section 'Place Survey 2008/09'.</p> <p>Data have been weighted by sex, age and ethnicity to the known profile of each borough and district and then by a further weight to adjust for household size.</p>		
Number of recorded road casualties - no target	<p>This dataset shows details of recorded casualties of road traffic accidents for districts in East Sussex, together with data for road traffic accidents involving injuries to a child aged 0-15.</p> <p>The data on road casualties is sometimes revised and updated to reflect new evidence on the causes and consequences of accidents. The data in this table is the most accurate that was available to ESCC in August 2010, but the numbers in the table may vary slightly from those available in other published sources. None of the data for previous years has been revised with the release of the 2009 data in August 2010.</p> <p>'Fatal' injury includes only those cases where death occurs in less than 30 days as a result of</p>	East Sussex in figures (Dataset: Recorded road casualties, 1994-2013 districts) and Wealden District Council. Source: Sussex Police/ ESCC road safety data. Published annually	This table gives details only of casualties in recorded accidents. There may be other accidents which result in a casualty which are not recorded for some reason and these are not included in this table.

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	the accident. 'Fatal' does not include death from natural causes or suicide. A detailed definition of which accidents are included and excluded from the data, and the relevant injury categories, is available on the Department for Transport website (DfT) via the link below		

Spatial Planning Objective 13: Living environment (SPO13)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
One development brief prepared for each strategic site		WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.

Spatial Planning Objective 14: Previously developed land (SPO14)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
Proportion of new employment floorspace on previously developed land		WDC - in house	
Proportion of new and converted dwellings on previously developed land		WDC - in house	
30 dph average density of new house building on SDA's		WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.

Spatial Planning Objective 15: Infrastructure (SPO15)

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
IDP action plan to be developed in specific detail at Strategic Sites DPD stage		WDC - in house	This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
100% of new development on SDA's to be within 30 mins public transport time of a GP	<p>This dataset shows the number and percentage of all households (the target group) and households without a car (the risk group) who have access to a general practitioner's (GP) surgery using a variety of different modes of transport.</p> <p>Accessibility is the extent to which individuals and households can access day to day services, such as employment, education, healthcare, foodstores and town centres. Accessibility Indicators reflect both the current transport network and land use planning.</p> <p>Accessibility is measured in two ways. The 'threshold indicator' measures the proportion of the target population in a local area who can access a service within 'a reasonable time' threshold. For the GP tables, a reasonable time is defined by the lower threshold of 15 minutes and the upper threshold of 30 minutes. The lower threshold represents the national average of journey times to GPs as recorded in the National Travel Survey. The upper threshold represents the level at which the majority (80-90%) of journeys are completed. A combination of the two thresholds is used with a weighting to take into account that the longer it takes to reach a destination, the less people will go. This gives the 'continuous indicator', a measure which is based on the sensitivity of the population to the time taken to travel to each service.</p> <p>To show the continuous indicator in this table select 'Weighted by access to GPs'</p>	East Sussex in figures - Dataset: Number of GP surgeries accessible 2007-2010 super output areas. Source: DfT. Published annually	<p>This indicator relates specifically to delivery of the Core Strategy and will not therefore be monitored until development is built out from the Core Strategy.</p> <p>The DfT produced this guidance about the methodology and source data used in the development of the Accessibility Indicators.</p> <p>The DfT website has full details about the rationale behind the accessibility indicators and the methodology used to produce them</p>

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>from the distance variable drop down menu.</p> <p>The Department for Transport (DfT)'s Accessibility Indicators are a nationally consistent dataset providing information on the services available to local communities by three different modes of transport: walking/public transport, cycling, and car.</p> <p>This table gives the 'destination' indicators, which measure the number of people who can make a journey to access a service within a certain time, based on the median journey time to access that service (the lower threshold) and the time taken in 80-90% of journeys (the upper threshold).</p> <p>The DfT dataset also includes 'origin' indicators, which look at the opportunities available in a particular area, such as the number of GPs located within 15 minutes journey, and travel time indicators which look at the average shortest time taken to reach a destination, such as the time taken to travel to the nearest GP. Results for these are also available on ESiF.</p> <p>The methodology used over the 4 years 2007-2010 is broadly consistent. However it is important to note that there have been improvements in data quality and coverage, for example in the public transport data, and therefore improvements in reported accessibility may not be attributable entirely to interventions made at local level. The differences are:</p> <p>- Car speed - In previous years, default car speeds have</p>		

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>been used for the car statistics. In the 2010 statistics, Trafficmaster data, which takes into account actual speeds and delay, has been used to give a more reliable speed for each road link. This is likely to improve the accuracy of the indicators. These new data appear in these tables as 'car new' mode.</p> <p>- Change in data source for the location of GPs. The source of this data has changed from NHS Choices to Point X. The new datasets provide better coverage and quality.</p> <p>For more details about the methodology used please see the link below to the DfT guidance.</p> <p>Where there are large annual variations in some LSOAs/wards, this is likely to be due to differences in GPs surgeries listed in the destinations list for that year. This may be due to the opening and closing of these surgeries, or to improvements in the data source.</p>		
<p>Increase above current level access to services by public transport, walking and cycling</p>	<p>This dataset shows the minimum travel time to access the nearest service by public transport/ walking, cycle or car.</p> <p>Accessibility is the extent to which individuals and households can access day to day services, such as employment, education, healthcare, food stores and town centres. Accessibility Indicators reflect both the current transport network and land use planning.</p> <p>The Department for Transport (DfT)'s Accessibility Indicators are a nationally consistent</p>	<p>East Sussex in figures – Dataset: Travel time to the nearest service – 2007-2011 super output area. Source: DfT. Published annually</p>	<p>The DfT website has the full details about the rationale behind the accessibility indicators and the methodology used to produce them.</p>

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>dataset providing information on the services available to local communities by three different modes of transport: walking/public transport, cycling and car.</p> <p>The super output area level travel time indicators are calculated by producing population weighted averages, based on the 2001 census of population, of the Output Area level indicators. For more details about the methodology used please see the link below to the DfT guidance.</p> <p>Average travel time to a service is given in minutes, up to a maximum of 120. The number 999 indicates where a journey cannot be made within 120 minutes.</p> <p>Data for town centres was produced for the first time for 2009, so no data is available for previous years. Data for GPs is not available at local authority level for 2007.</p> <p>The methodology used over the 5 years 2007-2011 is broadly consistent. However it is important to note that there have been improvements in data quality and coverage, for example in the public transport data, and therefore improvements in reported accessibility may not be attributable entirely to interventions made at local level. The differences are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Car speed - In previous years, default car speeds have been used for the car statistics. In the 2010 and 2011 statistics, Trafficmaster data, which takes into account actual speeds and delay, has been used to give a more reliable speed for each road 		

Proposed indicator	Definition used	Source of data	Notes
	<p>link. This is likely to improve the accuracy of the indicators. These new data appear in these tables as 'car new' mode.</p> <p>- In 2010 the Business Register and Employment Survey replaced the Annual Business Inquiry as the data source for the employment centre location. Although the overall change in the number of employment centres was small, there may be much larger changes for individual Lower layer super output areas (LSOAs) as a result of this change of survey and the methodology used.</p> <p>- Change in data source for the location of GPs and Hospitals. The source of this data has changed from NHS Choices to Point X. The new datasets provide better coverage and quality.</p>		

Annex 2

Housing windfall completions in Wealden for the period 2005-2015

Year	Total completions	Total Windfalls
2005/06	173	173
2006/07	230	230
2007/08	415	415
2008/09	349	265
2009/10	337	157
2010/11	709	358
2011/12	619	224
2012/13	674	244
2013/14	560	200
2014/15	576	205
Total	4642	2471

Average windfalls per annum = 247

Annex 3

Wealden Local Plan

INDEX OF SAVED POLICIES

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DC13	Larger equestrian developments
DC14	Motor and gun sports
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DC19	Extensions to dwellings

DC20	Subdivision of large dwellings
DC22	Residential mobile homes

Housing

HG5	Dwelling mix within new development schemes
HG6	Crime prevention in new housing developments
HG7	Energy consideration in new housing developments
HG8	Retention of existing housing stock
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Business

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BS6	Village business areas
BS7	Retention of existing businesses within villages
BS8	Business development in village development boundaries
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BS13	Warehousing, Class B8, in business areas
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CR2	Crowborough Warren housing policy area
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CR7	Beacon Road and Park Road business areas: proposals for shops and services
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CR10	Whitehill Road

CR11	Public open space allocation: Goldsmith recreation ground
CR12	Crowborough Ghyll and Palesgate landscape policy area

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HA1	Housing Development in Hailsham
HA5	Business allocation land off Station Road / Old Swan Lane
HA6	New Shopping facilities outside main shopping areas
HA7	Commercial Uses outside main shopping area
HA8	Traffic calming and pedestrian priority measures
HA9	Junction improvement: South Road/Station Road/Western Road
HA11	New primary school: Ingrams Farm

Heathfield

HE1	Housing Development in Heathfield
HE2	Business Allocation: Land of Ghyll Road
HE3	Burwash Road Commercial Area

Polegate and Willingdon

PW1	Housing development in Polegate
PW5	Willingdon Levels recreation policy area

Uckfield

UC1	Housing development in Uckfield
UC2	Secondary shopping areas
UC3	Office/residential conversions between Framfield Road and New Place
UC5	Framfield Road
UC7	Public open space allocations: land south of Victoria Pleasure Ground and north of the Mount
UC8	Riverside Walk

Villages with Development Boundaries

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VB7	Old Willingdon Road and Western Downlands housing policy area, Friston
VB8	Business allocation: NE of South Street Business area, East Hoathly
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VB14	Florance Lane, Groombridge housing policy area
VB22.1	Lower Dicker traffic on A22
VB22.2	Business allocation: land adjacent Hackhurst Lane business area, Lower Dicker
VB23	Public open space allocation: Lower Horsebridge
VB24	Maresfield Park housing area, Maresfield

VB26	The Warren, Station Road, Knowle Park Road housing policy areas, Mayfield
VB31	Coast Road housing policy area
VB37	Mayfield Lane housing policy area

Hellingly Hospital

HH1	Hellingly Hospital
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Annex 4

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

Local Development Scheme (LDS)	The project management plan that describes the Council's programme for producing its Local Development Documents.
Local Plan	The new name for the Local Development Framework since the publication of the National Planning policy Framework
Objectives and Indicators	Objectives are what are trying to be achieved, and indicators are measures that show whether or not objectives are being achieved. They can be used to help show whether planning policy is effective, and in helping to conduct a Sustainability Appraisal.
Planning & Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	This amended much of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. In particular, the 2004 act made major changes to the system of development plans and introduced sustainable development, as defined by Government policy, as an objective of the planning system.
Soundness	A Development Plan Document will be considered sound if it has been prepared in accordance with the criteria set out in Government policy guidance and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)	A public statement of the Council's intentions for involving the community in the production of its Local Development Documents, and in ongoing development control (planning application) decisions.
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA)	A process for evaluating the environmental consequences of proposals and to ensure that environmental considerations and the decision making process are fully integrated.

**Strategic Housing
Land Availability
Assessment
(SHLAA)**

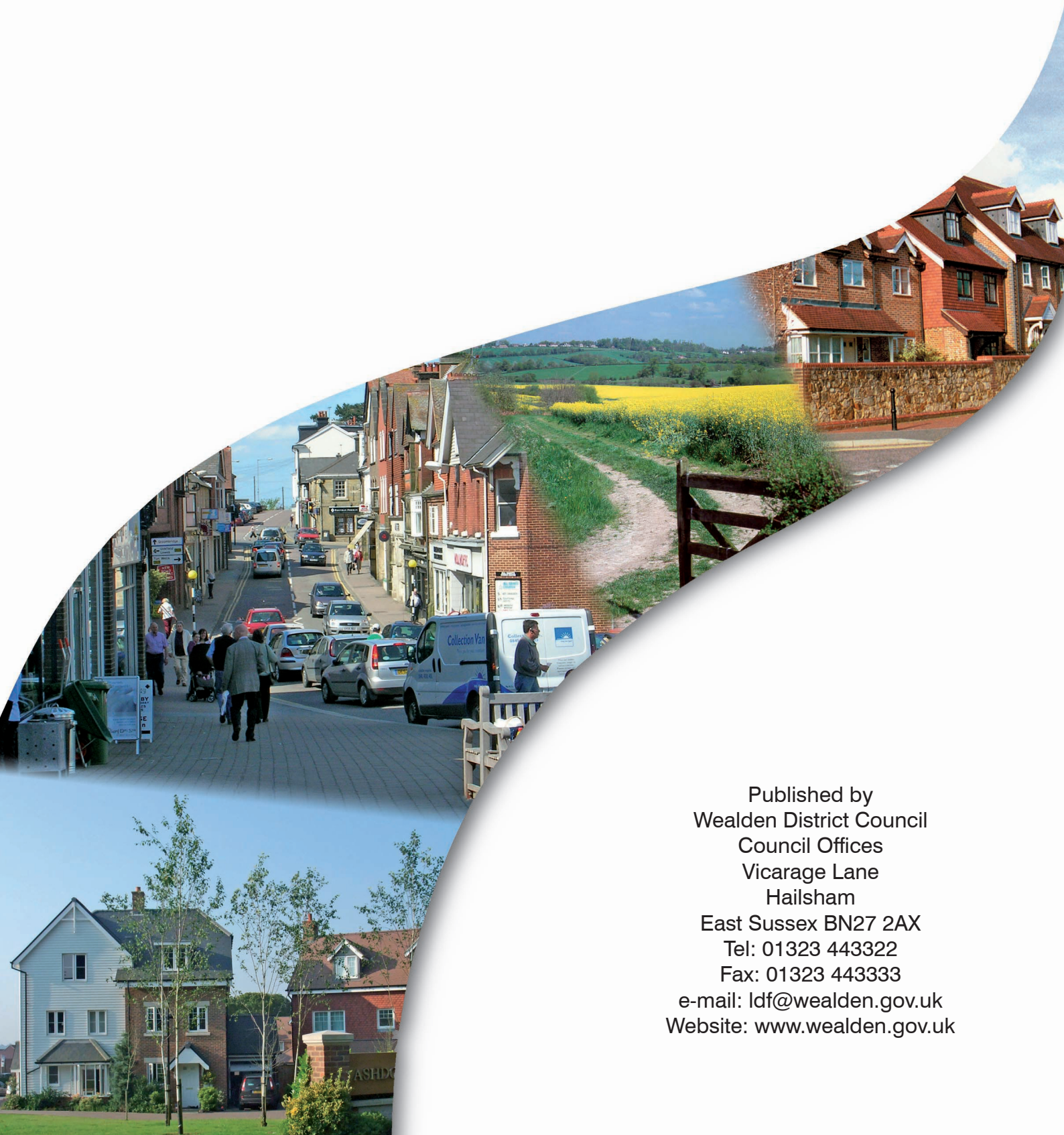
The SHLAA is a technical assessment that identifies sites that may have the potential for future housing development over the Core Strategy plan period. The assessment provides key evidence for the Local Plan and future housing delivery.

**Supplementary
Planning Documents
(SPD)**

These documents provide additional guidance to supplement the proposals and policies within a Development Plan Document. Unlike the latter, they are not subject to independent examination and do not form part of the Development Plan.

**Sustainability
Appraisal
(SA)**

An evaluation of the social, economic and environmental impacts of policies and strategies in a Local Development Document to ensure the policies and strategies are in accordance with sustainable development objectives.



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