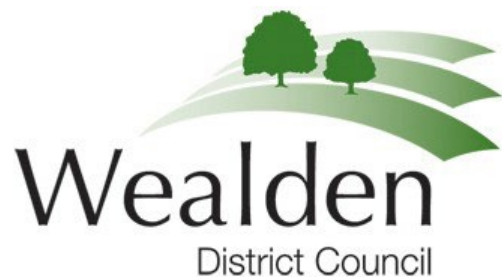


WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL CONSULTATION

East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan Regulation 16 Consultation

Consultation Response Form

Consultation Period
8 January 2024 – 26 February 2024



Introduction

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

Under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended), we are required to undertake a minimum six-week consultation on the Neighbourhood Plan. This will be the last opportunity to comment on the plan before it is submitted for independent examination. The consultation on the East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan is open between **9am on Monday 8 January 2024 and 5pm on Monday 26 February 2024**.

The documents submitted by East Hoathly with Halland Parish Council include:

- East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan. Submission Version (Regulation 15) Version 19 (26 August 2023).
- East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan Character Appraisal. Version 6 (20 August 2023).
- East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan Sustainability Appraisal. Version 4 (26 August 2023).
- East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan Basic Conditions Statement. Version 6 (24 November 2023).
- East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan Consultation Statement. Version 4 (24 November 2023).
- Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Screening Opinion East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Regulation 14) (February 2022).
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) Screening Report East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan (Pre-Regulation 14) (February 2022).

Viewing the Neighbourhood Plan

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

<https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse>

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

- East Hoathly Village Stores, 2 High Street, East Hoathly, BN8 6EB. Open Monday to Friday 8am-6pm, Saturday 8am- 1pm.
- Kings Head, 1 High Street, East Hoathly, BN8 6DR. Open Monday 5pm-9pm, Tuesday to Saturday 12am-10pm, Sunday 12am-9pm.

- Muffins Café, 9 High Street, East Hoathly, BN8 6DR. Open Monday to Saturday 9.30am to 4.30pm.
- Staverton Nursery, Eastbourne Road, Halland, BN8 6PU. Open Monday to Saturday 8am to 5.30pm.
- The Blacksmiths Arms, Lewes Road, Halland, BN8 6PN. Open Monday to Saturday 12am to 9.30pm, Sunday 12am to 7pm.
- Wealden District Council, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX. Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8.30am-5pm, Wednesday 9am -5pm.

How to Comment on the Neighbourhood Plan

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

You can make comments on any of the information submitted for the consultation. Please make it clear which document you are commenting upon alongside the paragraph/page number. Your comments should address whether the Neighbourhood Plan meets the basic conditions. These are outlined in the Regulation 16 Guidance Notes.

Queries

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

1. Personal Details

For your comments to be considered, you must at least provide your name and address (this can be an email address). Representations cannot be treated in confidence and copies of all representations, along with your name or organisation, will be made publicly available on the Council's website (in due course) and sent to the Examiner. However, the Council will not publish your personal contact information such as telephone numbers, email or private addresses. By submitting your views on the East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan, you confirm your consent to the above and that you accept full responsibility for your comments.

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

2. Comments on the Neighbourhood Plan

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

We are the owners of the northern parcel of Moat Wood and oppose the inclusion of our woodland in the plan to make it a 'Local Green Space'. We have owned the woodland for over three years now and decided to buy this area as a plan to restore the woodland to its natural state and to relax there and use the woodland for family activities. It was clear to us that the woodland is used by the local community and wanted to keep it this way. Since we have owned the wood, we have faced ongoing hostility from some of the local community with abuse, vandalism of the woodland floor, the natural fauna (all of our flag iris has been pulled up and ivy pulled from trees), signs, and the wooden bridge to gain access to our woodland. We frequently have to remove rubbish and dogs mess left by the people who use our green space. There is a sense of entitlement from some of the woodland users to do what they like in our woods. Our woodland area is currently under assault from the local children who have dug up several areas of the ancient woodland floor, with the most recent damage being another bike track that has been created since the pine trees were thinned, thus making attempts to restore the woodland counter-productive. An adjoining section of our wood is owned by the village, but it seems to us that the children can't play in the section they own and have been forced into our section which is being damaged. We find it hard to believe that we can have the green space order placed on our privately owned wood against our wishes and feel that it will further damage the relationship between us and the local community. Please can we have our section removed from the plan. Since we have had the woodland, we have made steps to improve it and its biodiversity by working with the Woodland Trust, creating a management plan and we have begun thinning the pines from the pine plantation to allow the light in. The biggest threat to this green space is what we are experiencing from the local community; so it is ironic that we are being subjected to this. It appears clear that we cannot work with the local community going forward. We do not feel comfortable with posting our address on this form as we have faced such hostility from some of the locals.

3. Examination Participation (please tick if appropriate)

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

4. Notification of Adoption (please tick if appropriate)

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I would like to be notified of the local planning authority's decision on the adoption of the East Hoathly with Halland Neighbourhood Plan (under Regulation 19 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended))

Data Protection Statement

Wealden District Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will only use and store your personal data in line with the UK General Data Protection Regulation 2021 and Data Protection Act 2018. We are required to collect and hold your personal information as part of the consultation process in formulating the Neighbourhood Plan. All comments will be publicly available and identifiable by name and (where applicable) organisation. We will not disclose your personal data to any third parties, unless we need to do so to provide a service to you or we are legally required to do so. We may share your personal data with other Council departments in order to provide the service you have requested.

Our Privacy Policy sets out how we collect, use and securely hold your data and can be viewed at: <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/transparency-spending-and-performance/data-protection/privacy-policy/> and our planning policy privacy notice at: <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/transparency-spending-and-performance/data-protection/privacy-policy/>

Signature	Ian Burt	25/02/24 Date
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Please print name if submitting electronically