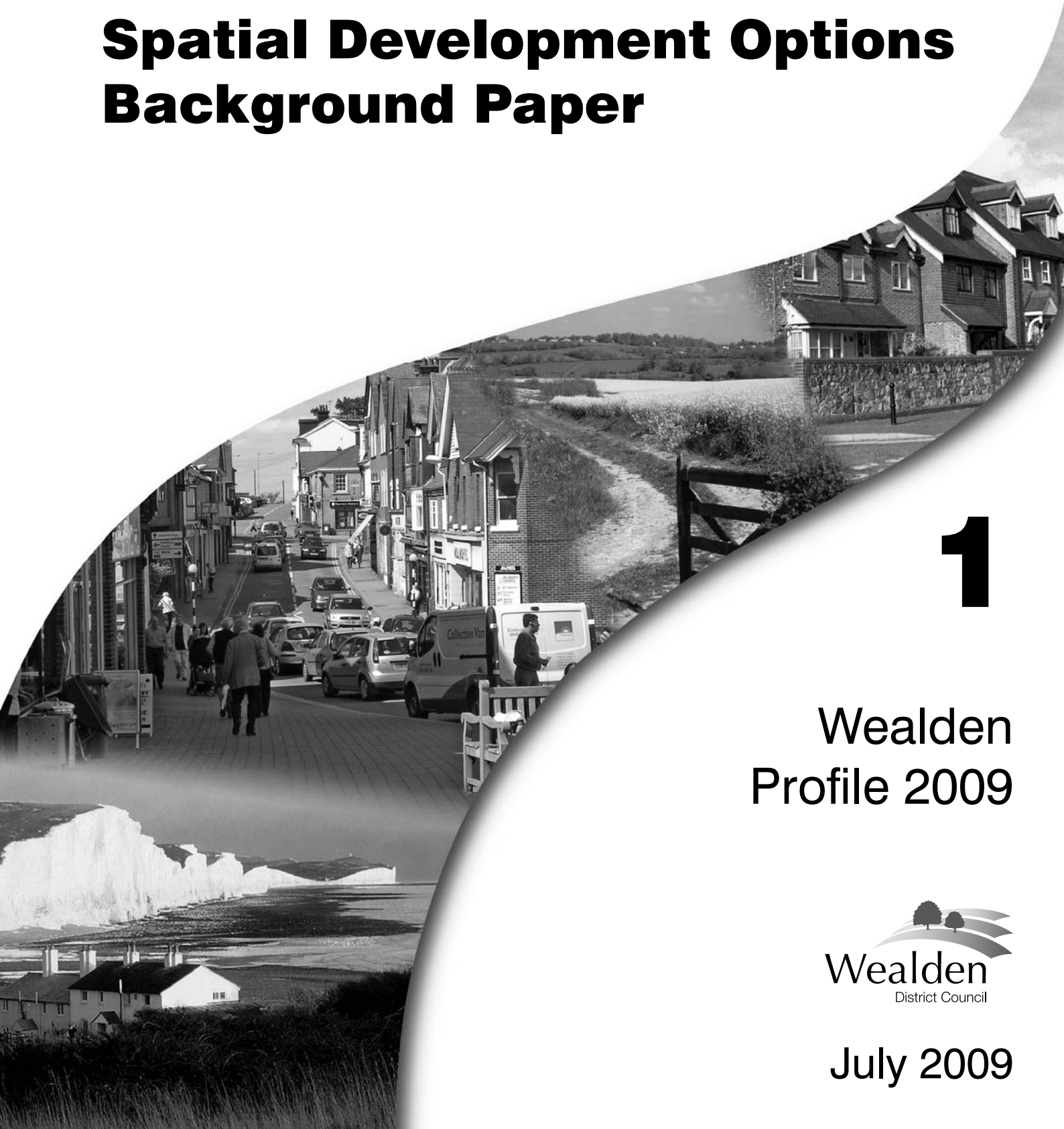


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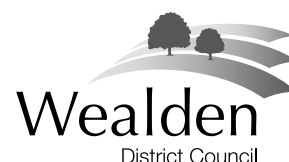
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Background

The Council has published a series of background papers to accompany the Core Strategy - Spatial Development Options consultation (July 2009). These cover a range of issues and provide more technical or detailed information than is contained in the consultation document itself. They also provide links to the various published sources of evidence on which the development of the housing and employment options has been based.

The background papers are:

1. Wealden Profile 2009
2. Housing land availability
3. Development of the strategic housing options
4. Summary guide to evidence studies
5. Summary guide to town visioning and masterplanning
6. Rural settlement classification
7. Infrastructure position statement

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Introduction

This Profile has been compiled to provide a factual and statistical background to Wealden District and contains key social, economic and demographic data for the Wealden District Council administrative area. It provides evidence for spatial planning in the District and helps to provide a consistent framework for wider corporate use. It also provides evidence for the Wealden Sustainable Community Strategy.

The data in this document will be updated as the Local Development Framework (LDF) progresses. The majority of the data is derived from Census 2001 information, which has been sourced primarily from *East Sussex in Figures* (ESIF)ⁱ, although other data sources have been used where appropriate to provide the most up to date information. For the purposes of consistency, wherever possible data at Parish level has been used. Data sources are referenced by endnotes.

Wealden District at a Glance

Area 83,502 hectares /835 km²

Population (2008) 145,882^a

No. of households (2008) 62,068^g

Projected population (2026) 152,769 (policy based)^b; 164,500 (trend based)^c

Population density 1.7 persons per hectare^d

Life expectancy women 83.8 years / men 80.4 years^e

Mean age of population 42.5 years

No. of dwellings 63,667^f

Average house price £313,173 (2008,Q3)^h

Total economically active 66,500ⁱ

Average household income (2008) £37,425^j

Unemployed (Feb. 2009) 2%^k

^a Source: CACI 2008

^b Source: *East Sussex in Figures: Chelmer Model*, East Sussex County Council

^c Source: *East Sussex in Figures: ONS, 2006 based Sub national Population Projections*

^d Source: *East Sussex in Figures: ONS, 2001 Census*

^e Life expectancy at birth 2005-2007: Source: *East Sussex in Figures: ONS*

^f Source: Wealden District Council 2008

^g Source: CACI 2008

^h Source: *East Sussex In Figures* / H M Land Registry

ⁱ Source: *East Sussex in Figures* / Annual Population survey / Labour force Survey, NOMIS / ONS April 2007 – March 2009

^j Source: *East Sussex in Figures* / CACI Pay Check data

^k % of Jobseekers Allowance Claimants as a % of working age population in Wealden: Source: NOMIS Claimant Count

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1. POPULATION

1.1 Population distribution

Wealden population was recorded as 140,023 in the 2001 Census. By 2008 it was estimated to have increased to almost 146,000. Half of these live in the District's five small market towns, 19% live in town fringe settlements, and 32% live in villages, hamlets or isolated rural settlements (*source: area profiles / audit commission and CACIⁱⁱ*).

	2001 Census	2008 Mid Year estimate (source: CACI 2008)
Wealden	140,023	145,882
Crowborough (parish)	19,935	20,553
Hailsham (parish)	19,667	20,255
Heathfield (and Waldron) (parish)	11,404	11,856
Polegate (parish)	7,933	8,173
Uckfield (parish)	13,684	14,154

1.2 Population Increase

There was a 16.5% increase in the population of Wealden District in the twenty years between 1982 and 2002, which was significantly higher than the overall increase in England (5.9%) and in the South East (10.5%). The increase in the population in Wealden District in the period mid year 2001 to mid year 2008 was 4.2% which was the same as the overall increase in the South East (4.2%). (*Source: Office for National Statistics*)

1.3 Population projection

Population projections are calculated using either a "trend-based" or "policy-based" approach. A trend-based approach shows what the population will be if recent trends in terms of births, deaths and migration continue. A policy-based approach takes into account planning policies and future planned housing development.

Wealden's population is projected to increase to between 148,555 (policy-based) and 153,300 (trend-based) by 2016, and between 152,769 (policy-based) and 164,500 (trend-based) by 2026. However, this change will not be evenly distributed by age and gender which will lead to significant changes in Wealden's population profile over the next 20 years. The over 65 age group is estimated to experience the most significant increase in population by 2026^{iv}.

It is noted that the policy-based figures are based on the housing allocation figure for Wealden as in the *Draft* South East Plan in 2006 (8,000 dwellings 2006-2026 at an average annualised rate of 400 per annum) rather than the allocation figure in the Adopted South East Plan - May 2009 (11,000 dwellings 2006-2026 at an average rate of 550 per annum). Revised policy population projections, based on the allocation figure in the Adopted South East Plan, should be available shortly and these are likely to show higher population projection figures for 2016 and 2026.

2016 population projections by age group– trend and policy based				
	Wealden 2016		East Sussex 2016	
Age range	Trend based	Policy based	Trend based	Policy based
All	153,300	148,555	543,2000	511,253
0-14	25,200	24,016	86,300	76,766
15-29	20,800	21,471	81,100	76,482
30-44	22,100	21,117	81,300	76,321
45-64	45,500	42,829	154,000	142,988
65-74	21,600	20,824	72,600	70,735
75+	18,300	12,824	67,800	44,179
85+	5,800	6,013	22,600	23,782

Source: Trend based projections are from the Office for National Statistics. Policy based projections are from ESCC based on earlier expectations of future levels of housing development (see para 1.3).

2026 population projections by age group – trend and policy based				
	Wealden 2026		East Sussex 2026	
Age range	Trend based	Policy based	Trend based	Policy based
All	164,500	152,769	586,700	519,334
0-14	26,000	23,567	89,700	73,430
15-29	20,700	21,887	79,900	72,659
30-44	24,000	21,460	89,100	75,777
45-64	45,300	40,084	156,700	135,880
65-74	22,400	20,428	77,300	70,914
75+	26,200	17,387	94,000	60,440
85+	8,000	7,956	30,400	30,234

Source: Trend based projections are from the Office for National Statistics. Policy based projections are from ESCC based on earlier expectations of future levels of housing development (see para 1.3).

1.4 Natural Change (births and deaths)

The most recent annual figure for natural change (2007) for Wealden is **-185**; this is the difference between the number of births and deaths in that year. A negative number shows that there were more deaths than births that year.

1.5 Births

In 2007 the crude birth rate in Wealden was 9.2 live births per 1000 population, which is lower in comparison with 12.3 in England and Wales, 12.3 in the South East and 10.1 in East Sussex^{iv}.

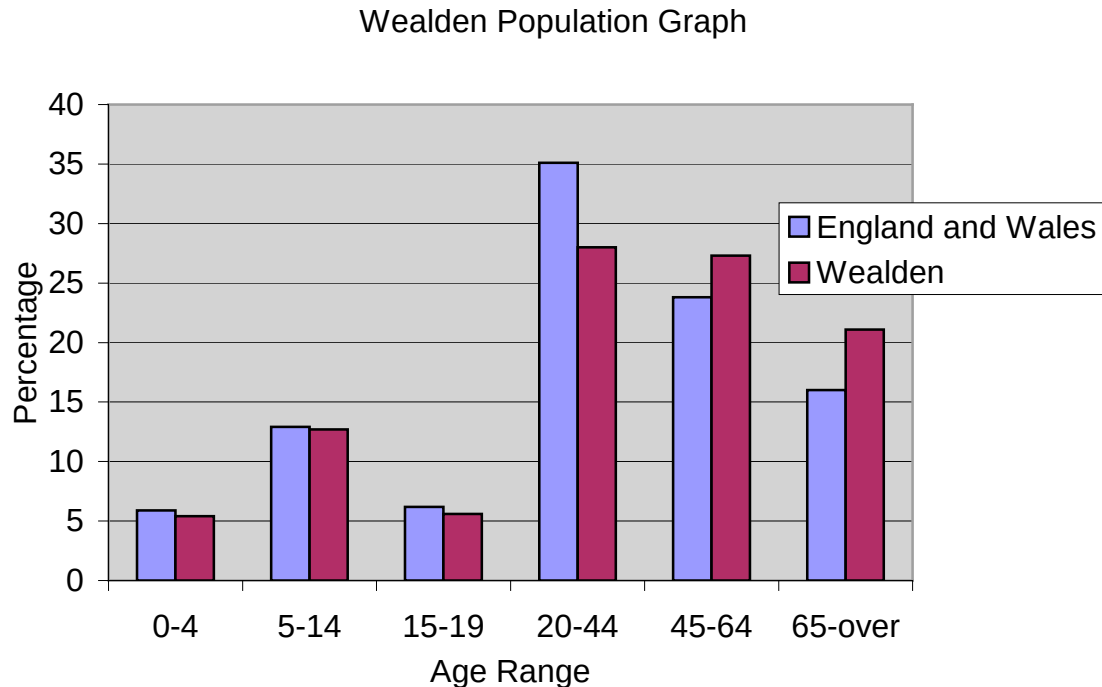
1.6 Deaths

The death rate in Wealden was 10.5 per 1000 population in 2007. This is higher than for England and Wales at 9.3, but lower than Rother at 15.4 and Eastbourne at 13.1 respectively^{iv}.

1.7 Age Profile

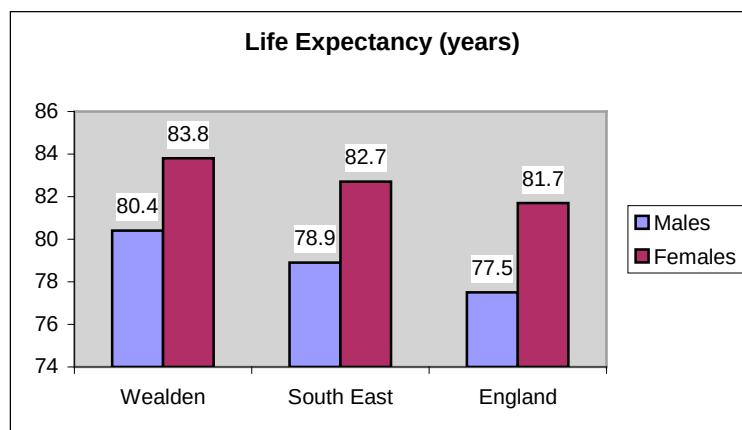
Wealden's age profile is not consistent with the national average. The District has lower than the national average proportion of people in the 20 to 44 age brackets. In contrast, the District has higher than the national proportion of people aged over 45 and this is particularly marked in the 65 and over age

group. Wealden has approximately the same proportion of people in the 0 to 19 age ranges as the national average. This is demonstrated in the graph below, which represents the percentage of the population in specific age groups in Wealden, with the national average for comparison^{iv}.



Source: Office for National Statistics^{iv}

1.8 Life Expectancy



Life expectancy in Wealden is above that recorded for the South East and for England

source: Office for National Statistics^{iv}

1.9 Migration

Wealden had a net inward migration in 2007 from within the UK of 800 people (arising from 7,800 leaving the District and 8,600 entering). This is more than four times that of Hastings (net migration of 200) but lower than that of Rother and Eastbourne (net migrations of 1,600 and 1,300 respectively). In terms of international migration, there was a net outflow of 630 people in 2006/2007 (comprised of 980 people leaving the District and 350 people moving into the

District). This was the largest net outflow of all the Districts in East Sussex. (Source: Office for National Statistics).

1.10 National Insurance (NI) Registrations by non-UK nationals

National Insurance registrations by non-UK nationals (2007/08) show that the majority of international migrants to Wealden were from non-EU countries. 40.4% were from countries outside of the EU. By contrast, migrants from the A8 Accession countries (the eight Eastern European countries who joined the EU in 2004 as well as Cyprus and Malta) make up a smaller percentage of National Insurance registrations in Wealden (34%) in comparison to that for East Sussex as a whole (42.5%)ⁱⁱⁱ.

1.11 Population Density

Wealden's population density is 1.7 persons/hectare, which is well below that of the South East (4.2) and of England (3.4)^{iv}.

1.12 Marital Status

The 2001 Census (parish level data) recorded 21.4% of the District's population as being single (never married) compared with 24.6% in East Sussex. 49.1% in Wealden were recorded as married, compared with 43.3% in East Sussex and 43.6% in England and Wales. The District had a slightly smaller percentage of separated (but still legally married) people than elsewhere in the County (2.0% compared to 2.4% for East Sussex^v).

1.13 Ethnic Origin

Ethnic Origin in 2001					
	White	Mixed	Asian/Asian British	Black/Black British	Chinese or other
Wealden	98.3%	0.6%	0.4%	0.2%	0.5%
East Sussex	97.7%	0.8%	0.6%	0.3%	0.6%

Source: Office for National Statistics

1.14 Religion

Religion in 2001

	Christian	Buddhist	Hindu	Jewish	Muslim	Sikh	Other religions	No religion	Religion not stated
Wealden	77.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.4%	0	0.7%	13.9%	7.4%
East Sussex	73.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%	0.6%	0	0.5%	16.5%	8.1%

Source: Office for National Statistics

2 HOUSING

2.1 Household composition

The Census 2001 recorded 136,885 (97.8%) people in Wealden as resident in households and 3,138 (2.2%) people as resident in communal establishments. It also recorded a total of 60,574 dwellings in the District.

At the last Census, there were 58,274 households in Wealden with an average household size of 2.4 people.

Source: Census 2001

The average household size in Wealden (2001) was the same as for England and Wales (2.4), which is higher than both East Sussex (2.2) and Rother (2.2)^{vii}.

Average household size Trend based projections	
Year	Projected average household size in Wealden
2011	2.26
2016	2.20
2021	2.15
2026	2.11
2029	2.09
Source: DCLG ^{vi}	

2.2 Pensioner only households

Wealden has a high number of pensioner-only households (31% of all households) and of lone pensioner households (17% of all households). This is higher than the national average of 24% and 14% respectively, but slightly lower than the average for the County at 33% and 19%^{ix}.

Lone Pensioner Households (parishes) 2001 (count)	
Wealden	9,896
Crowborough	1,195
Hailsham	1,466
Heathfield	751
Polegate	1,082
Uckfield	775
Source: EAST SUSSEX IN FIGURES ^{viii}	

2.3 Future changes in household composition

The Wealden Housing Market Assessment anticipates a major change in household composition. The number of couple households (with and without children) is forecast to decline, although in 2026 they will remain the largest group. The vast majority of new households that form over the next 20 years in Wealden are expected to be single person households and a large proportion (60%) of these are likely to be elderly. (Source: Wealden Housing Market Assessment).

Source: Wealden Housing Market Assessment^x. Note: figures may not sum due to rounding

Projected Growth in Household types 2006-2026 (trend based projection)	
Household type	Wealden (household type count)
Couples	-50
Lone Parents	-310
One Person	7,470
Other (multi person)	570
Total	7,680

2.4 Dwelling Types

Wealden (particularly north Wealden) has a very high concentration of detached houses, in common with many significantly rural areas. 46% of Wealden's housing stock is detached, compared with 33% in East Sussex and 23% in England and Wales. By contrast, terraced housing makes up just 12% of the District's stock, which is lower than England and Wales (26%) and East Sussex (19%). The parish with the highest proportion of detached properties as a percentage of its total dwellings is East Dean and Friston, with 80.4%. Polegate has the lowest percentage of detached properties, at just 21.8%. (*Source: Census 2001.*)

2.5 Tenure

Local Authority Owned

The percentage of Wealden's housing stock which is Local Authority owned was recorded at 5.1% in 2006 with the national average percentage being 7.9%^{xi}. The percentage for Wealden fell to 4.9% in 2009 (*Source: Wealden District Council*), with national statistics not yet being available.

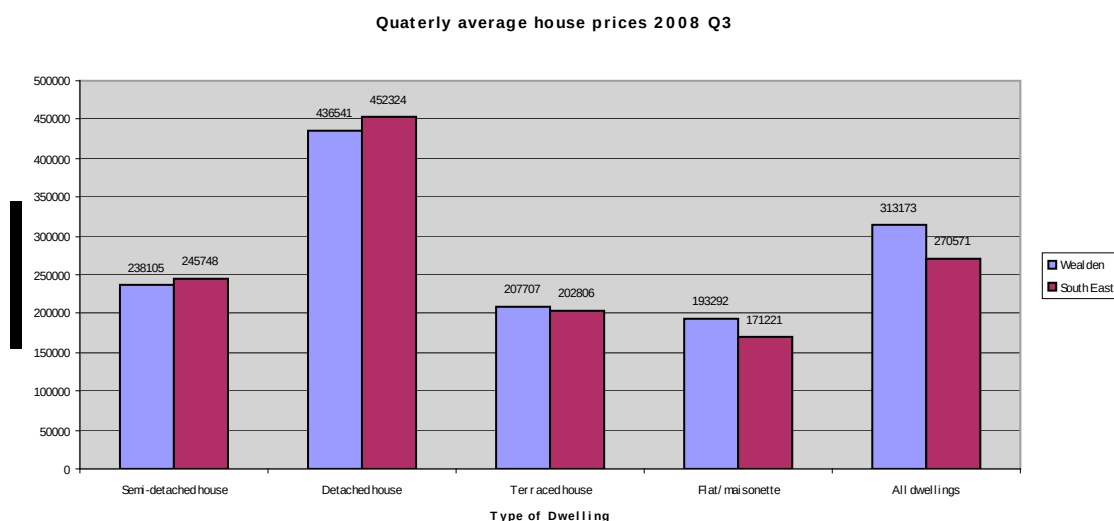
Registered Social Landlord Owned

In 2006, 2.3% of Wealden's housing stock was owned by Registered Social Landlords. The national average percentage was 8.3%^{xii}. The percentage of the stock owned by Registered Social Landlords in Wealden rose to 2.4% in 2009 (*Source: Wealden District Council*).

Privately Owned

The percentage of housing stock that was privately owned was 92.5% in 2006. This is higher than the national average which was 83.3%^{xiii}. The percentage remained virtually unchanged in Wealden in 2009 (*Source: Wealden District Council*).

2.6 Average house prices and rents



Source: Land Registry

For types of housing, other than detached and semi-detached houses, property prices in Wealden are above the average for the South East region.

In 2007 (the latest date for which figures are available) average Registered Social Landlord (RSL) weekly rents in Wealden were £75.26, and average Local Authority weekly rents were £60. Average Local Authority weekly rents in Wealden rose to £63 in 2008 (*Source: Communities and Local Government live tables 702 and 704*).

2.7 Council Tax Bands

Wealden has a higher percentage of dwellings in the top three Council Tax bands (bands F-H) than any other neighbouring district/borough (11.2%, 9.8% and 1.3% of total housing)^{xiv}.

2.8 New Housing Completions

New Housing Completions and Affordable Dwellings as a % of new completions			
	New housing completions	Affordable dwelling completions	Affordable dwellings completed as % of all new completions
2005/06	173	31	17.9%
2006/07	223	34	15.2%
2007/08	415	14	3.4%

Source: ESCC residential Monitoring Database

2.9 Housing Need

Housing Need in Wealden (2005)		
Total annual need for social housing (units)	Average annual supply from re-lets	Net annual outstanding need
1256	382	874

Source: Wealden Housing Needs Survey 2005

There were 2,233 households on the Council's housing register (April 2009). 1,860 (83%) of those require a property with up to two bedrooms, 256 (11%) require a three bedroom property and 117 (5%) require a property with more than three bedrooms.

2.10 Affordable Housing Need by Parish

The following Table shows the number (and percentage) of people on the Council's housing register that have chosen each Parish as their first choice location. These percentage figures were used as the basis for calculating relative affordable housing need in each Parish for the purposes of developing the various options in the **Core Strategy - Spatial Development Options** consultation document (July 2009). A map showing affordable housing need in each Parish is included in Section 8.

Affordable Housing Needs		
Parish	Number of people on the Councils housing register that have chosen this Parish as their first choice location	% of people on the Councils housing register that have chosen this Parish as their first choice location
North Wealden		
Buxted	34	1.49%
Chiddingly	9	0.39%
Crowborough	276	12.06%
Danehill	15	0.65%
East Hoathly	22	0.96%
Fletching	6	0.26%
Forest Row	100	4.37%
Framfield	22	0.96%
Frant	34	1.49%
Hadlow Down	7	0.30%
Hartfield	18	0.79%
Heathfield	153	6.69%
Horam	43	1.88%
Isfield	12	0.52%
Laughton	5	0.22%
Little Horsted	2	0.09%
Maresfield	30	1.31%
Mayfield	34	1.49%
Rotherfield	10	0.44%
Uckfield	283	12.37%
Wadhurst	86	3.76%
Warbleton	1	0.04%
Withyham	16	0.70%
Sussex Coast Policy Area		
Alciston	1	0.04%
Alfriston	10	0.44%
Arlington	1	0.04%
Berwick	2	0.09%
Chalvington & Ripe	2	0.09%
Cuckmere	1	0.04%
East Dean	12	0.52%
Hailsham	519	22.68%
Hellingly	16	0.70%
Herstmonceux	44	1.92%
Hooe	4	0.17%
Long Man	2	0.09%
Ninfield	22	0.96%
Pevensey	73	3.19%
Polegate	255	11.15%
Selmeston	1	0.04%
Wartling	0	0.0%

Westham	76	3.32%
Willingdon	29	1.27%
Total	2288	100%

Source: Wealden District Council

2.11 Deprivation

Wealden is ranked at 284 out of a total of 354 local authority districts in England in the Indices of Multiple Deprivation (with a high ranking number indicating a low degree of deprivation). There are however small pockets of deprivation, notably within Hailsham.

The Indices of Deprivation (ID) measure deprivation in relation to seven different factors - including health, crime and access to services - and the overall scores are combined to produce an overall measure of multiple deprivation. The ID for 2007 also measures deprivation for "*super output areas*". These are areas that are smaller than wards and contain around 1,500 people. The most deprived area in Wealden is a Census "super output area" which lies to the west of Hailsham town centre, which is within the highest 10% of these areas within East Sussex for deprivation^{xv}.

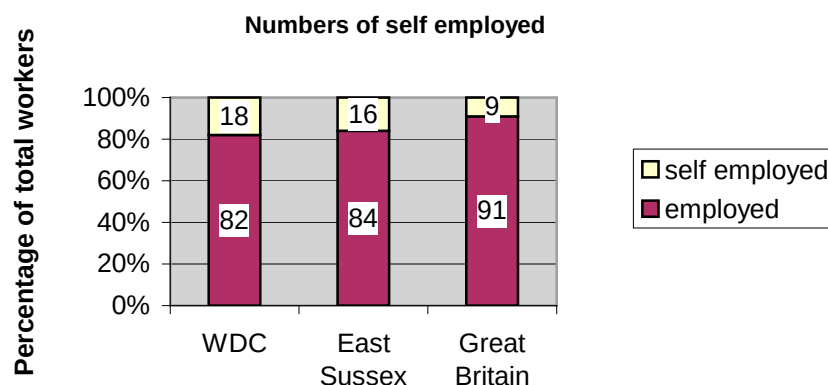
3. ECONOMY

3.1 Part time work

In 2007, 31.5% of all people employed in Wealden were part time (working less than 30 hours a week) and 68.5% were full time (workplace based data). The number of part-time workers in Wealden as a percentage of total workers was marginally higher than for the South East (30.8%) and for the country as a whole (31%). However, the number of female part time workers in Wealden is lower than neighbouring districts (22.7% compared to 26.2% for Rother and 26.3% for Hastings). (Source: *Annual Business Enquiry-ONS*^{xvi}.)

3.2 Self employment

Wealden has a slightly higher percentage of self-employed workers than either East Sussex or Great Britain.



Source: Annual Population Survey/ Labour Force Survey, NOMIS/ONS, April 2007 - March 2008

3.3 Small businesses

Wealden has a predominance of smaller businesses with 79.5% of all business units in the District employing between 1-4 employees (a total of 11,000 employees), 10.5% with 5 to 10 employees (6,200 people in total), 5.7% with 11 to 24 employees (7,500 people in total), 2.5% with 25 to 49 employees (7,100 employees in total) and 1.4% with 50 plus employees (a total of 12,100 employees) in 2007, the latest date for which figures are available (*Source: Annual Business Inquiry (workplace analysis) ONS, Nomis*).

3.4 VAT Registered Businesses

VAT registrations and de-registrations are a good guide to the pattern of business start ups and closures. As around 99% of registered businesses employ less than 50 people it is also a good indication of the health of the small business sector in Wealden. The figures relate to 2007, the latest date for which figures are available (*Source: small business service/Nomis*).

2007	Wealden (count)
Registrations	570
De-registrations	465
Stock (end of year)	7,280

3.5 Unemployment

The number of Jobseekers Allowance Claimants as a percentage of the working age population in Wealden as at February 2009 was 2.0% which was low in comparison to East Sussex (3.5%), the South East (2.8%) and Great Britain (3.8%) (*Source: area profiles/Nomis claimant count*).

3.6 Long term unemployment

The percentage of Job Seeker's allowance claimants who have been out of work for more than a year in Wealden has fallen to 4.3% (May 2009) from a figure of 8% in May 2008. This compares to a national figure of 8.2% and 12.4% for the respective dates (*Source: Office for National Statistics/Nomis*).

3.7 Weekly pay

Average Gross Weekly Pay (median) 2008		
Indicator (2005)	Wealden	National average
Gross weekly pay: all workers living in the area	£417	£391
Gross weekly pay male workers living in the area	£526	£488
Gross weekly pay: female workers living in the area	£284	£300
Gross weekly pay: all workers working in the area	£342	£390
Gross weekly pay: male workers working in the area	£431	£486
Gross weekly pay: female workers working in the area	£204	£300

Source: Audit Commission^{xvii}

The above Table shows that whilst wages for those working within Wealden District are lower than the national average, the average wages of those living within Wealden are higher than the national average which is due to many Wealden residents out-commuting to higher paid jobs in London and elsewhere.

3.8 Household income

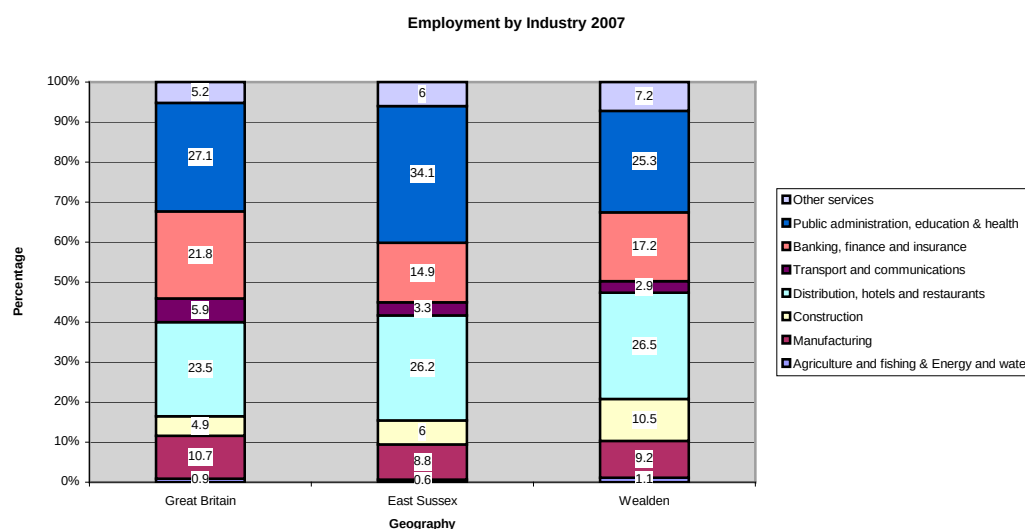
Household income 2008		
	Mean household income (£)	% households earning less than 60% national median income
Wealden	37,425	20
Great Britain	34,417	24

Source: Audit Commission^{xviii}

In the five years from 2002, average household incomes in East Sussex grew by 24% with the highest growth occurring in Eastbourne (+28%) and Hastings (+27%). Wealden had an average household income of £37,425 in 2008 which was 24% higher than Hastings (£30,078) but is below the regional average of £38,637.

3.9 Employment by sector

The majority of employment located in Wealden is in the service sector.



Source: ONS/Nomis^{xix}

3.10 Employment in Growth and High Value Added Sectors

High value sectors include finance and advanced business services; IT; high-tech manufacturing and cultural industries. In terms of percentage of total jobs, 21.5% of Wealden's employment is in the growth and high value sectors. This is greater than any other authority in East Sussex, but slightly lower than for Great Britain at 24.7%. This data relates to 2007, the latest date for which figures are available (Source: Office for National Statistics/Nomis)^{xx}.

3.11 Workforce Projections

East Sussex County Council's own policy-based workforce projections use household representative rates derived from the 2001 Census.

Projected Workforce in Wealden - Policy based					
	All people	15-29	30-44	45-64	65-74
2006	68,721	12,969	22,747	30,654	2,351
2016	69,229	14,426	17,857	33,359	3,587
2026	67,669	14,812	18,216	31,011	3,630

Source: East Sussex County Council^{xxi}

The Table shows a small increase in the projected workforce for Wealden District over the period 2006-2016, and a small decrease over the period 2016-2026. It is interesting to note, however, that the only significant decreases occur within the 30-44 age ranges for the period 2006-16 and within the 45-64 age range for the period 2016-26. The projections are based on the housing allocation figure for Wealden as in the *Draft* South East Plan (400 dwellings per annum) rather than the allocation figure in the Adopted South East Plan (550 per annum). Revised calculations based on the allocation in the Adopted South East Plan should be available shortly and these are likely to show higher projected workforce figures for 2016 and 2026, with the likelihood that they will show an overall increase in the projected workforce for the period up to 2026.

3.12 Commercial Property Stock

The average rateable value for offices, factories and warehouses in Wealden is higher than elsewhere in the county. Offices are rated at an average of £80/m² in Wealden, £45/m² in Rother and £60/m² in East Sussex. There are significant differences between rateable values for warehousing which in Wealden are £44/m² and in Rother are £28/m². Rateable values for factories are also greater in Wealden (£42/m²) compared to Rother (£26/m²). However, Wealden has lower rateable values for retail premises (£96/m²) than Eastbourne (£105/m²). Source: *East Sussex in Figures/ODPM*.

Commercial property stock in Wealden 2001				
	Office	Retail	Factories	Warehouses
No of Units	753	1,170	961	810
Total area (000m ²)	98	157	278	259
Av. Rateable value (£/m ²)	80	96	42	44

Source: ODPM^{xxii}

3.13 Distance Travelled to Work

On average Wealden residents travel further to work, and more work from home than in East Sussex or England as a whole.

Distance travelled to work in 2001-districts					
	Less than 5km	5km-20km	Over 20km	Working at or from home	Other
Wealden	26%	31%	22%	13.8%	7.2%
East Sussex	39.1%	24.8%	17.8%	11.6%	6.7%
England	40.1%	33.5%	12.6%	9.2%	4.7%

Source: Office for National Statistics^{xxiii}

Workers in Wealden generally travel further to work than is the case for the County, and nationally. The number of people travelling less than 5km is significantly lower than the County and National values, and Wealden has almost twice the national average of people travelling over 20km to work. Wealden, however, also has a greater proportion of people working at home than is the case for either East Sussex or nationally.

In East Sussex as a whole, the average length of journey to work increased 60% in the ten years to 2001 (from 10 to 16 kilometres). Over the same period, the number of East Sussex residents working at or from home more than doubled (Source: ONS).

There is a significant net out flow of commuters from Wealden to Eastbourne, Tunbridge Wells, Lewes, Brighton and Hove and East Grinstead (Source: *Wealden Housing Market Assessment*). Should the potential be available to provide new employment opportunities within Wealden, in close proximity to housing areas, this could provide the opportunity for people to reduce the distance which they currently travel to work and this would result in more sustainable travel patterns.

3.14 Mode of Travel to Work

Wealden has a higher percentage of private motor vehicle use, and a lower percentage of public transport usage, when compared to the figures for East Sussex and England.

Travel to work modes - 2001				
	Private motor vehicle	Public transport	On foot or cycle	Other
Wealden	69.2%	8.0%	8.6%	14.2%
East Sussex	65.9%	9.4%	12.6%	12.1%
England	63.1%	14.5%	12.8%	9.6%

Source: Office for National Statistics^{xxiv}

3.15 Using Public Transport to Travel to Work

Modes of public transport		
	Train, underground or light railway	Bus, minibus or coach
Wealden	5.6%	2.3%
East Sussex	5.4%	4.0%
England	7.1%	7.4%

Source: Office for National Statistics 2001^{xxv}

Wealden has a significantly lower percentage of people using buses to travel to work than either East Sussex or England. The dispersed nature of the District's settlement pattern, and the limited provision of rural bus services clearly contribute to this.

National Indicator (NI) 175 measures access to services and facilities by public transport. The percentage of the population within 30 minutes access by public transport to key centres is shown below and demonstrates that Wealden has the lowest proportion of all the districts in East Sussex.

NI 175: Access to services and facilities by public transport	
District	Proportion of the total population within 30 minutes access by public transport (bus) for an arrival at a key centre between 07:00-10:00 and for return from that centre between 16:00-19:00.
Eastbourne	85%
Hastings	97%
Lewes	68%
Rother	50%
Wealden	49%

Source: East Sussex County Council 2009

3.16 Car ownership

Wealden has high car ownership levels in comparison to East Sussex as a whole and nationally.

Car Ownership in 2001				
	Households with no car %	Households with 1 car %	Households with 2 cars %	Households with 3 or more cars
England and Wales	26.8	40.4	23.5	5.9
East Sussex	23.4	44.2	25.3	7.1
Wealden	14.1	40.4	34.3	11.1

Source: Office for National Statistics^{ix}

Within Wealden, pensioners make up a high proportion of households with no car.

Households with no car 2001				
	All households with no car	Pensioner households with no car	Lone parent households with no car	Other households with dependent children and no car
Wealden	8,231 (100%)	6,250 (75.9%)	435 (5.3%)	198 (2.4%)
East Sussex	50,290 (100%)	30,053 (59.8%)	3,988 (7.9%)	2,213 (4.4%)

Source: Office for National Statistics^{ix}

In 1991, 19% of Wealden's households had no car, and the total number of cars was 66,599. In 2001 the percentage of households with no car had dropped to 14%, whilst the total number of cars had increased to 85,619 (source: Census 2001).

Car Ownership in Wealden - Households					
Year	% of all households with no car	% of all households with 1 car	% of all households with 2 cars	% of all households with 3 or more cars	Total cars
1991	19	43	30	8	66,599
2001	14	40	34	11	85,619

Source: Office for National Statistics^{ix}

4. ENVIRONMENT

4.1 Land Use 2005

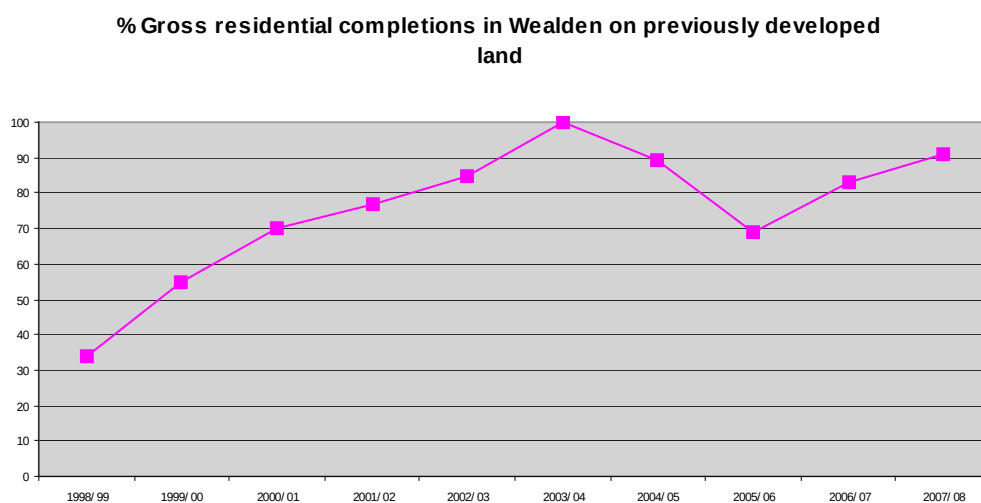
	Wealden		East Sussex %	South East %	England %
	Area	%			
Total area	83,502				
Area of domestic buildings	589	0.7	1.0	1.3	1.1
Area of non-domestic buildings	272	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.7
Area of road	1,078	1.3	1.7	2.4	2.2
Area of path	31	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Area of rail	61	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Area of domestic gardens	3,888	4.7	5.3	6.2	4.3
Area of greenspace	75,788	90.8	88.5	84.8	87.5
Area of water	1,124	1.3	1.9	2.7	2.6

Source: ONS/Communities and Local Government

Wealden has a higher proportion of greenspace than East Sussex as a whole and also than either the South East region, or nationally. It also has a lower proportion of land given over to buildings (either domestic or non-domestic) and roads than these other areas. The figures reflect the rural nature of Wealden and tend to explain to some extent the longer distances travelled within Wealden, for example in relation to the travel to work distances described above.

4.2 New Housebuilding on Previously Developed land

It is Government policy to focus new development on previously developed land (sometimes known as "brownfield"). Over recent years a significant proportion of housebuilding in Wealden has been on previously developed land. This is shown in the graph below.



Source: ESCC Residential Monitoring Database

4.3 Nature Conservation Areas

62% of all the SSSIs in East Sussex are in Wealden

Source: Sussex Biodiversity Record Centre 2008

Wealden has 374 Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). In addition Wealden has nearly 80% of the area within East Sussex which is designated as being of international nature conservation significance (Ramsar, SAC and SPA areas). The District also has 57% of the area within East Sussex which is designated as Ancient Woodland (source: Sussex Biodiversity Records Centre, 2008).

4.4 CO² Emissions

Wealden's CO² emissions from road transport are higher than for the rest of East Sussex and for the South East as a whole. This is due to the rural nature of the area together with high car ownership. Total per capita emissions are, however, lower than for the South East as a whole which is likely to be due to the relative lack of high CO² - producing industrial and other processes within Wealden.

Emissions of CO ² by Type, per capita 2006			
	Road Transport Emissions (Kt CO ²)	Total Per Capita Emissions (tonnes)	Domestic per Capita (tonnes)
Wealden	2.7	6.9	2.7
Rother	2.3	7.4	2.8
Lewes	2.0	6.4	2.5
Hastings	0.7	4.9	2.3
Eastbourne	0.9	5.2	2.3
South East England	2.4	8.0	2.6
Mid Sussex	2.2	8.6	2.5

(Source: DEFRA).

4.5 Gas Consumption

Average Annual Domestic Gas Consumption	
	2007
Wealden	18,591kWh
National average	17,614kWh

The average annual domestic consumption of gas in kWh for Wealden is higher than the national average.

Source: Department for Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR)

4.6 Electricity Consumption

The average annual domestic consumption of electricity in kWh for Wealden is also higher than the national average.

Source: Department for Business Enterprise & Regulatory Reform (BERR)

Average Annual Domestic Electricity Consumption		
	2006	2007
Wealden	5,428kWh	5,409kWh
National average	4,457kWh	4,392kWh

4.7 Domestic water use

In 2004, the daily domestic water use (in litres per capita) in Wealden was 181 litres compared to the national mean of 154.14 litres (source: area profiles^{xxvi}).

4.8 Household waste – Collected

Household waste collected per capita (kg) in Wealden		
	Wealden	National average
2003/04	444.0kg	438.84kg
2004/05	449.1kg	444.87kg
2005/06	447.4kg	438.63kg
2006/07	451 kg	441.46kg
2007/08	434 kg	438.72 kg

In recent years (except 2007/08) household waste collected per capita in Wealden was above the national average.

Source: area profiles^{xxvii}

4.9 Household waste – Recycled

A lower proportion of Wealden's household waste is recycled than for East Sussex as a whole.

Source: East Sussex County Council

% of household waste recycled		
	Wealden	East Sussex
2005/06	12.53%	16.7%
2006/07	13.5%	18.4 %
2007/08	15%	21.2 %

4.10 Household waste – Composted

A higher proportion of household waste is composted in Wealden than in East Sussex as a whole

% of household waste composted		
	Wealden	East Sussex
2005/06	16.34%	10.1%
2006/07	16.8%	10.5%
2007/08	17.7%	11.6%

Source: East Sussex County Council

4.11 Household waste – Recovered

The proportion of household waste used to recover heat, power, and other energy sources rose significantly in 2007/08, although this increase was much more significant for East Sussex as a whole than for Wealden.

% of household waste used to recover heat, power, and other energy sources in Wealden		
	Wealden	East Sussex
2005/06	0.2%	0.1%
2006/07	0.2%	0.1%
2007/08	3.9%	10.2%

Source: East Sussex County Council

4.12 Household waste - Landfill

The proportion of waste sent to landfill fell over the period 2005-08, although this fall was greater for East Sussex as a whole than for Wealden.

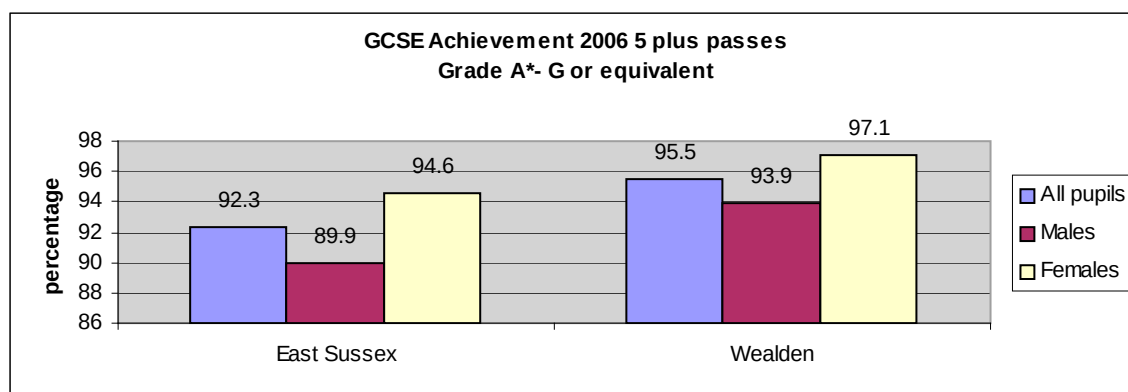
% of household waste landfilled for Wealden		
	Wealden	East Sussex
2005/06	70.8%	73.1%
2006/07	69.6%	71.0%
2007/08	63.3%	56.9%

Source: East Sussex County Council

5 EDUCATION

5.1 Qualifications

Compared to Hastings (31.7%), Rother (28.6%) and Eastbourne (28.4%), the District has a lower percentage of people with no qualifications - with 23.7% of the population aged 16-74 in this category (*source: ONS 2001 Census*). However Wealden has a high percentage of students achieving 5 or more GCSE passes compared with East Sussex as a whole.



Source: East Sussex in Figures^{xxviii}

5.2 School Attendance & Exclusions:

The Wealden secondary and primary school average for authorised and unauthorised absences is lower than the County level^{xxix}. The number and rate of permanent exclusions (per 1,000 pupils on the roll) are lower in Wealden District than neighbouring areas in East Sussex (*source: Wealden Crime Disorder and Misuse Audit 2004*).

5.3 Special Educational Needs

Wealden has a lower percentage of pupils with Special Educational Needs than other District/Boroughs in East Sussex. In January 2007 83.3% of all pupils were recorded as having no special needs, compared to 80.3% in Eastbourne, 80.5% in Lewes and 79.5% in Rother^{xxx}.

5.4 English as a First Language

Wealden has a relatively high percentage of pupils with English as their first language, (97.5% of all pupils). This compares to 96.6% of pupils in Lewes, 92.4% of pupils in Hastings and 91.6% of pupils in Eastbourne (*source: School Census*).

5.5 Secondary School Achievement

Key Data for Secondary Schools in Wealden 2008					
	Total pupils on roll	% with SEN, Statements or on School Action Plans	% pupils achieving 5+ A*-C GCSE inc. English and Maths	Average point score per pupil	% days missed due to unauthorised absence
Beacon Community College	1716	175 - 10.2%	49%	428.4	1.7%
Hailsham Community College	1244	193 - 15.5%	42%	453.5	0.8%
Heathfield Community College	1425	105 - 7.4%	59%	454.6	0.6%
Uckfield Community College	1648	104 - 6.3%	59%	418.4	0.9%
Uplands Community Technology College	1020	62 - 6.2%	60	409.5	1.1

Source: Department for Education and Skills^{xxxii}

6. QUALITY OF LIFE

6.1 Crime

Levels of crime in all six categories below are lower in Wealden than elsewhere in the County, in some cases significantly. Crimes of violence against the person are considerably lower in Wealden (in terms of crime per 1000 population) than neighbouring boroughs/districts or in East Sussex as a whole. Eastbourne has more than three times the level of violence against the person than Wealden.

Recorded crime by key offences 2007/08, per 1000 population						
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Burglary from a dwelling (per 1000 households)	Theft of a motor vehicle	Theft from a vehicle
Wealden	7.9	0.4	0.1	1.6	1.1	4.1
Eastbourne	24.4	1.2	0.7	3.0	1.6	4.6
Rother	10.3	0.8	0.3	2.6	1.6	5.8
East Sussex	24.4	0.9	0.5	2.6	1.7	5.8
South East	17.2	0.9	0.8	4.1	2.6	6.8

Source: East Sussex in Figures^{xxxiii}

The number of reported offences of burglary per 1,000 households is low in comparison to elsewhere in East Sussex. In 2004 the distribution of domestic burglary was centred in the towns, notably Hailsham and Crowborough. The

distribution of anti-social behaviour incidents and offences is centred on the urban areas of Hailsham, Crowborough and Uckfield (source: *Wealden Crime Disorder and Misuse Audit 2004^{xxxiii}*).

6.2 Perception of Crime

According to the Perception of Crime Survey 2004, “*Young people causing a nuisance*” (19%) was the crime/incident type that respondents most worried about. “*Car break ins/ vandalism*”, “*Home burglary*”, and “*Vandalism to property*” were the only other crimes which invoked worry in more than one in ten respondents. Worry was significantly higher in urban wards (47%) than in rural areas (27%). The top three causes of crime in Wealden were thought to be: “*Young people with nothing to do*”, “*Alcohol related reasons*” and “*Not enough police presence*” (source: *Wealden Crime Disorder and Misuse Audit 2004*).

6.3 Fly Tipping & Litter

There were 728 reports of fly tipping in 2003-04. Fly tipping was most concentrated in Hailsham and Pevensey (source: *Wealden Crime Disorder and Misuse Audit 2004*).

There were 2,087 reports of Fly Tipping received by the Council during the period 2001-2004

Source: Perception of Crime Survey 2004

6.4 Quality of Life Indicators

The 2008 National Place Survey provides information on peoples perceptions of their local area and the following statistics also provide a comparison with the figures for England as a whole.

Results from 2008 Place Survey		
	Wealden	England
% very or fairly satisfied with sports and leisure facilities	51%	46%
% very or fairly satisfied with parks and open spaces	68%	69%
% satisfied with their local area as a place to live (NI5)	87%	80%
% who think that anti-social; behaviour is a problem in their local area (NI 17)	12%	20%
% who say that their health is good or very good	79%	76%

Source:: Department for Communities and Local Government
(<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/corporate/statistics/placesurvey2008>)

In all but one of the indicators in the Table above, Wealden fairs better than the national average. The only exception is the level of satisfaction expressed with parks and open spaces and in this case the level of satisfaction is broadly comparable with the national average.

6.5 Limiting Long-term Illness

16.8% of the District's population were recorded as having a limiting long-term illness at the last Census. This is the lowest of all Districts/Boroughs in East Sussex (Rother has the highest at 22%). Wealden also had the highest percentage of people in the county whose health was "good" (70.6%) at the time of the last census^{xxxiv}.

7.INDIVIDUAL TOWN DATA PROFILES

The following Table summarises data for each of the five main towns in Wealden

Information		Towns				
		<i>Uckfield</i>	<i>Crowborough</i>	<i>Hailsham</i>	<i>Heathfield</i>	<i>Polegate</i>
Population - Estimated as at 2008 ¹		14,154	20,553	20,255	11,856	8,173
Population Demographic (age groups % in each group) ¹	0-14	19.1	17.6	18.4	18.3	12.0
	15-64	64.5	63.9	76.5	61.6	53.7
	65-74	7.5	9.6	11.2	9.9	15.0
	75+	9.0	8.8	12.2	10.0	19.4
Number of Households ¹		5825	8281	8643	5023	4118
Average Household Size ¹		2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.0
Economically active rate ¹⁰		72.5%	68.3%	62.2%	68.1%	57.9%
Number of People Employed within Town ⁷		6253	2279	6582	3627	1606
Unemployment rate ⁹		1.1	0.7	1.3	0.65	1.85
Existing Business Space ⁶		71,167 sq m	37,096 sq m	90,123 sq m	12,392 sq m	12,902 sq m
Existing Retail Units in town centre ⁸	Convenience	11	5	10	8	6
	Comparison	63	42	51	42	20
	Service	92	47	76	45	23
	vacant	9	8	13	4	0
	Total	175	102	150	99	49
Colleges ²		1	1	1	1	0
Secondary Schools ²		1	1	1	1	0
Primary Schools ²		6	6	5	3	1
Nurseries ³		7	8	7	6	1
Doctors ⁴		2	3	6	2	2
Dentists ⁴		2	6	4	3	1
Bus Service ⁵		8	7	12	7	10
Railway Station ⁵		√	√	X	X	√
Multipurpose Leisure Centre ⁵		√	√	√	X	X
Cinema ⁵		√	X	√	X	X
Llve Births ¹		151	177	174	83	62
Deaths ¹		114	160	222	97	149
All Households (estimate 2008) ¹		5825	8,281	8,643	5,023	4,118
Av. Household size ¹		2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.0
One person household (count and % of households) ¹		1,439 26.0%	2,023 25.7%	2,289 27.7%	1,284 27.2%	1,509 38.3%
All pensioner households (count and % of households) ^c		1,258 22.6%	2,040 - 25.8%	2,697 - 32.7%	1,311 - 27.9%	1,853 - 47.0%
Married couple households ^c		2,449 44.3%	3,678 46.7%	3,115 37.8%	1,989 42.1%	1,059 26.9%
Cohabiting couple households (count and % of households) ^c		477 8.6%	577 7.3%	623 7.6%	380 8.1%	235 6.0%
Lone parent households (count and % of households ^c)		445 8.0%	485 6.2%	707 8.6%	303 6.4%	247 6.3%
Households with no car (count and % of households) ^c		794 14.4%	972 12.3%	1,644 19.9%	539 11.4%	1,149 29.2%
Households with one car (count and % of households) ^c		2,274 41.1%	2,985 37.8%	3,796 46.0%	1,810 38.3%	1,880 47.8%

Households with two cars (count and % of households) ^c	1,962 35.5%	3,029 38.4%	2,265 27.5%	1,770 37.4%	735 18.7%
Households with three cars (count and % of households) ^c	389 7.0%	692 8.8%	418 5.1%	434 9.2%	129 3.3%
Households with four or more cars (count and % of households) ^c	108 2.0%	215 2.7%	126 1.5%	176 3.7%	43 1.1%
Travel to work by motor vehicle (count and % of employed people 16-75) ^c	5,074 71.5%	7,065 70.3%	6,109 71.8%	3,885 71.2%	2,038 69.8%
Travel to work by public transport (count and % of employed people 16-75) ^c	384 5.4%	943 9.4%	414 4.9%	422 5.4%	3761 2.9%
Travel to work on foot or cycle (count and % of employed people 16-75) ^c	962 13.6%	838 8.3%	1087 12.8%	422 7.7%	255 8.7%
Work at or mainly from home (count and % of employed people 16-75) ^c	650 9.2%	1,177 11.7%	865 10.2%	836 15.6%	251 8.6%
Mean household income (£) ^d	38,308	40,273	30,900	37,667	28,602
Households earning 60% less than the national median income (count and % of households) ^e	1,063 - 18%	1,395 17%	2,348 27%	934 19%	1,217 30%
Jobseekers Claimants (count and % of economically active) ^f	63	64	117	44	42
Unemployed (count and % of economically active) ^c	183 1.9%	227 1.6%	305 2.3%	138 1.7%	96 1.9%
No qualifications (count and % population) ^c	2,033 21.1%	2,812 19.6%	4,285 32.3%	1,742 21.8%	1,862 36.3%
People with limiting long term illness (count and % population) ^c	1,904 13.9%	2,867 14.4%	3,867 19.7%	1,739 15.2%	2,188 27.6%
People providing unpaid care ^c	1,207 8.8%	1,778 8.9%	1,937 9.9%	1,135 10%	907 11.4%
Housing completions 2007/08 ^g	79	58	44	85	35
Household type: detached house or bungalow (count and % households) ^c	1,633 34.3%	4,020 50%	2,673 31.5%	2,469 50.3%	2,054 21.8%
Household type: semi detached (count and % households) ^c	1,633 29.0%	1,965 24.4%	2,939 34.6%	1,328 27.1%	2,054 50.2%
Terraced (count and % households) ^c	1310 23.2%	792 9.8%	1764 20.8%	516 10.5%	485 11.9%
Tenure-owner occupied owns outright (count and % households) ^c	1,601 29.0%	2,857 36.2%	3,078 37.4%	1,779 37.6%	1,986 50.5%
Owner occupied – owns with mortgage or loan ^c	2,843 51.4%	3,271 47.1%	3,432 41.7%	2,175 46%	1,311 33.3%
Rented from Local Authority (count and % of households) ^c	402 7.3%	418 5.3%	670 8.1%	229 4.8%	251 6.4%
Rented from housing assoc./ RSL (count and % of households) ^c	145 2.6%	223 2.8%	438 5.3%	88 1.9%	93 2.4%
Private rented (count and % of all households)	320 5.8%	391 5%	325 3.9%	293 6.2%	193 4.9%

1 Source: East Sussex in Figures: CACI. Uses a number of data sources including the 2001 Census of Population, government Mid-year estimates and the counts of postal addresses from the Postal Address File (PAF). Estimated at 2008

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^a East Sussex in Figures. Office for National Statistics, Table VS1, 1995, by ward.

^b East Sussex in Figures. Office for National Statistics, series VS4, 1995, by ward

^c East Sussex in Figures. Office for National Statistics, Census 2001, by parish.

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^e Earning below 60% of the national median income is a recognised low income threshold. Median value refers to the mid point value in income distribution. CACI, 2008 by parish.

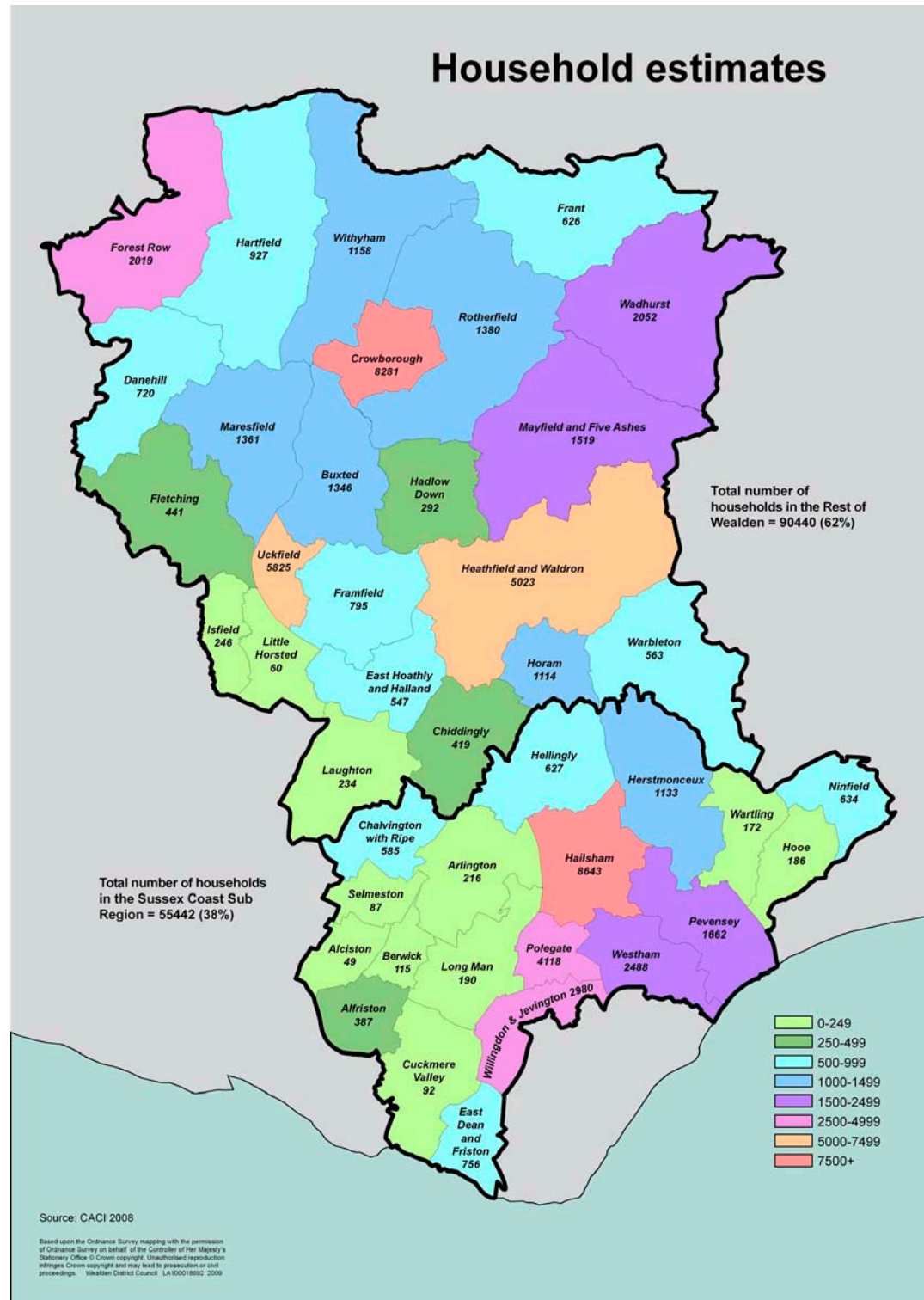
^f East Sussex in Figures, source: NOMIS, November, 2007.

^g East Sussex in Figures, source: Residential monitoring database, ESCC.

8. PARISH PROFILES

The following section provides examples of information for individual Parishes within Wealden.

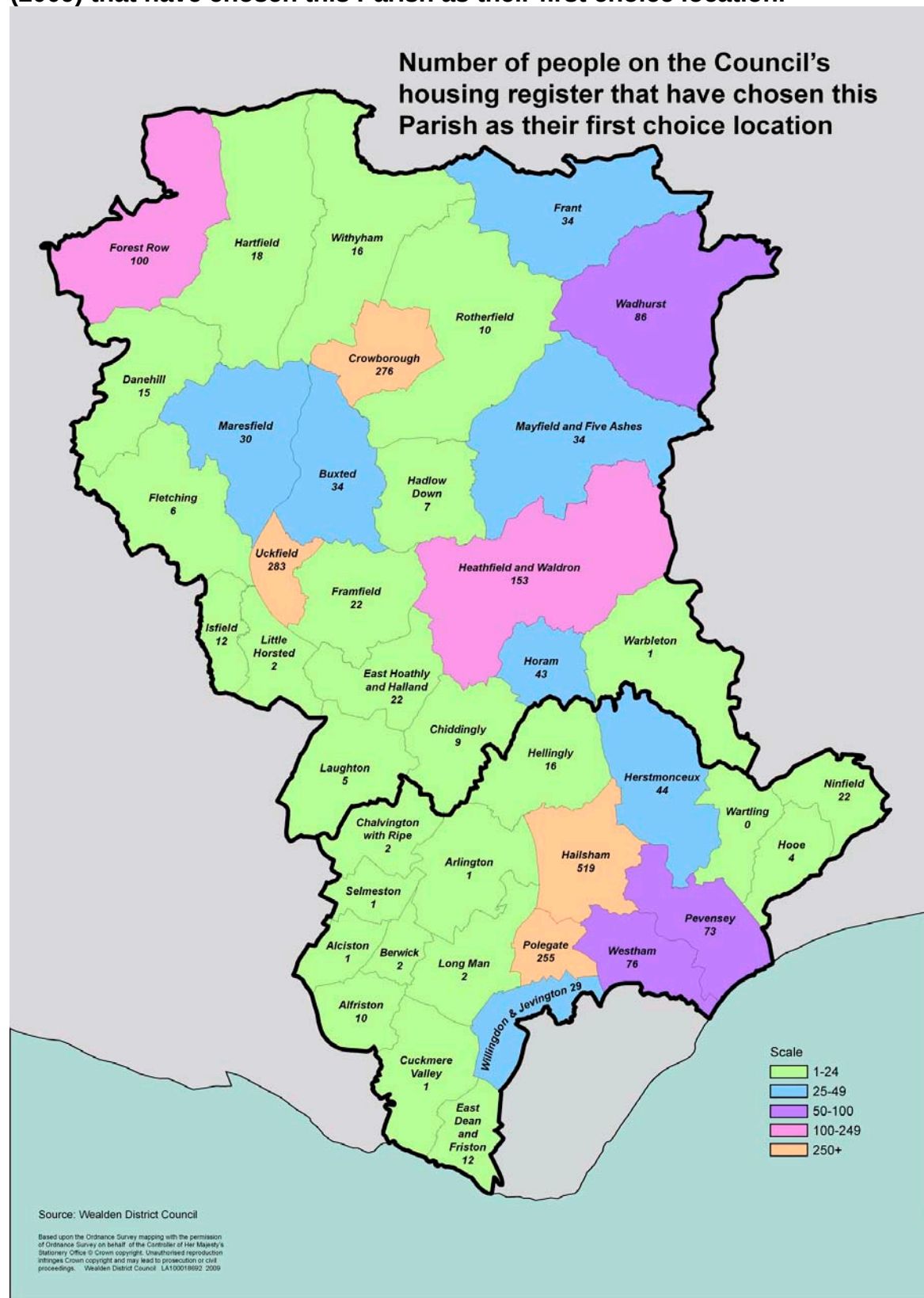
This map shows the number of households estimated in each Parish.



These household figures have been used to generate strategic spatial housing distribution Option 1 (Core Strategy - Spatial Distribution Options July 2009), which is based on a proportionate distribution in relation to the existing size of settlements.

The two Parishes with the highest number of households are Crowborough and Hailsham. The next highest numbers of households are found in Uckfield and Heathfield & Waldron, followed by Polegate.

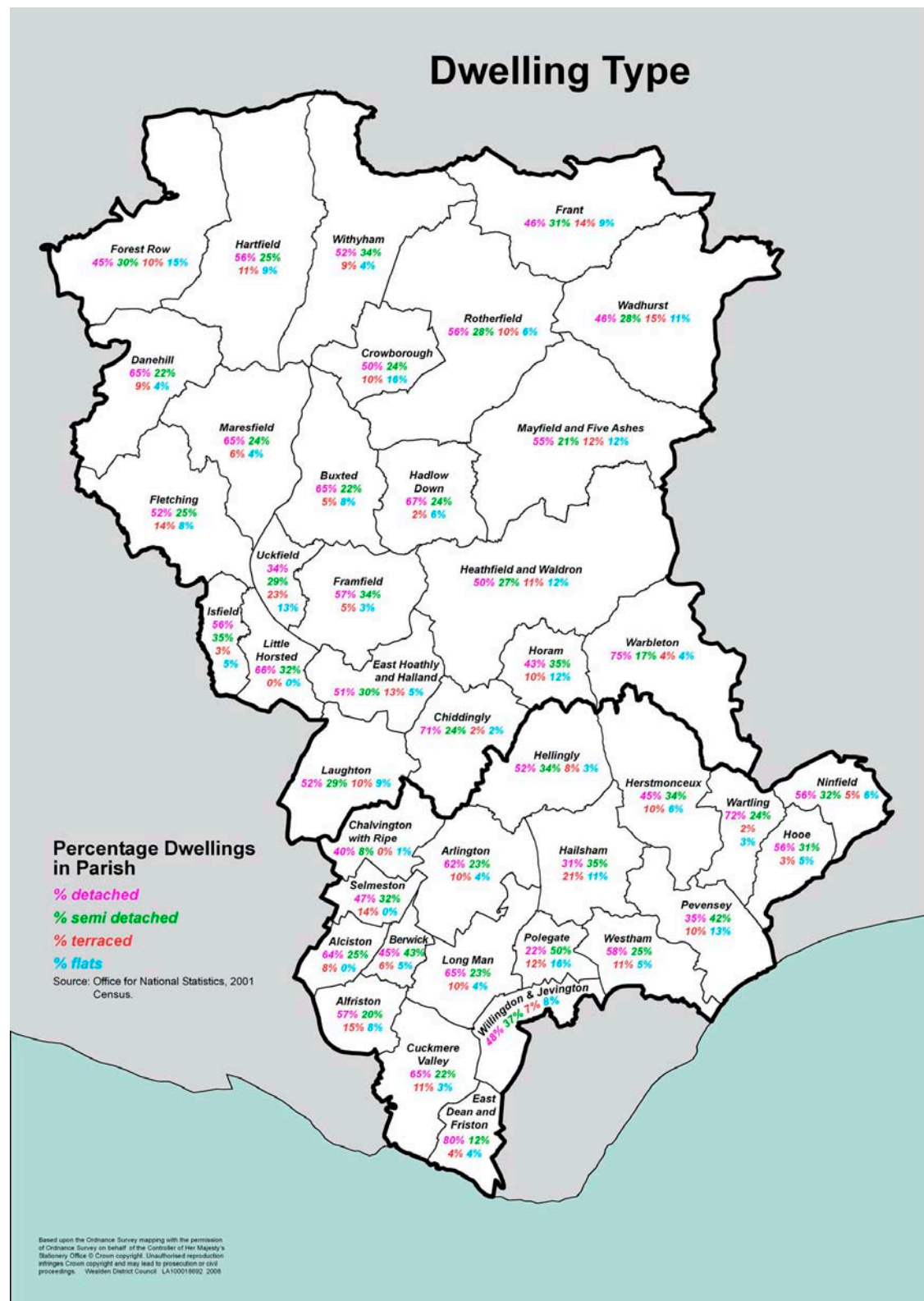
This map shows the number of people on the Council's housing register (2009) that have chosen this Parish as their first choice location.



The figures on this map reflect the affordable housing need in each Parish as at January 2009. The Parish with the highest figures is Hailsham. The next highest need is shown in Polegate, Uckfield and Crowborough. The figures shown on this

map have been used to assist in the calculation of various options in the Core Strategy - Spatial Development Options consultation document (July 2009).

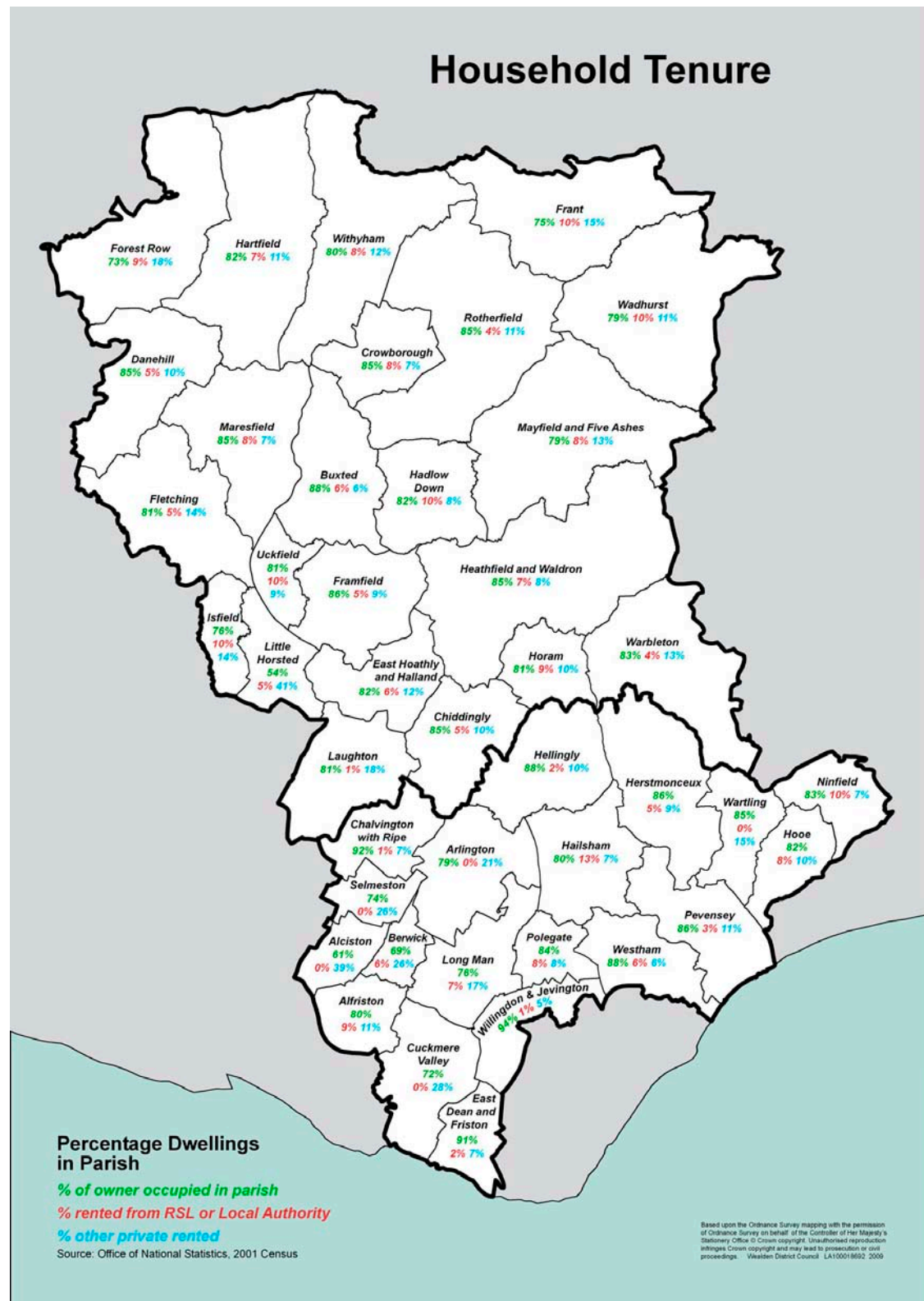
This map shows dwelling types in each of the Parishes in Wealden.



The majority of Parishes in the north of the District have more than 50% of their dwellings detached, with the highest proportions being in Chiddingfold and

Warbleton. The areas with the lowest proportions of detached dwellings are Uckfield, Hailsham, Pevensey and Polegate. The highest proportions of flats are found in Crowborough, Polegate, Forest Row, Uckfield and Pevensey.

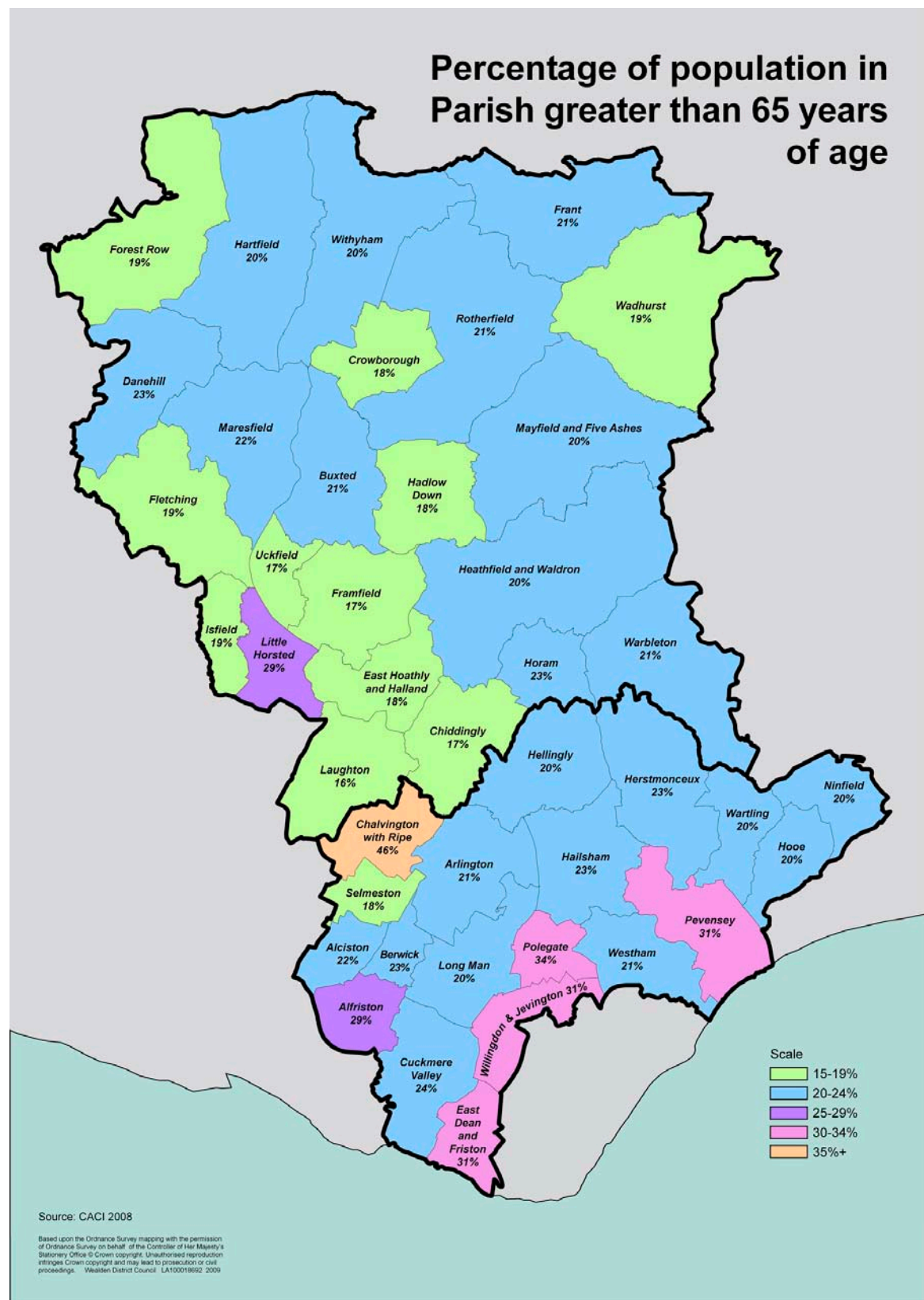
This map shows household tenure by Parish



Household Tenure

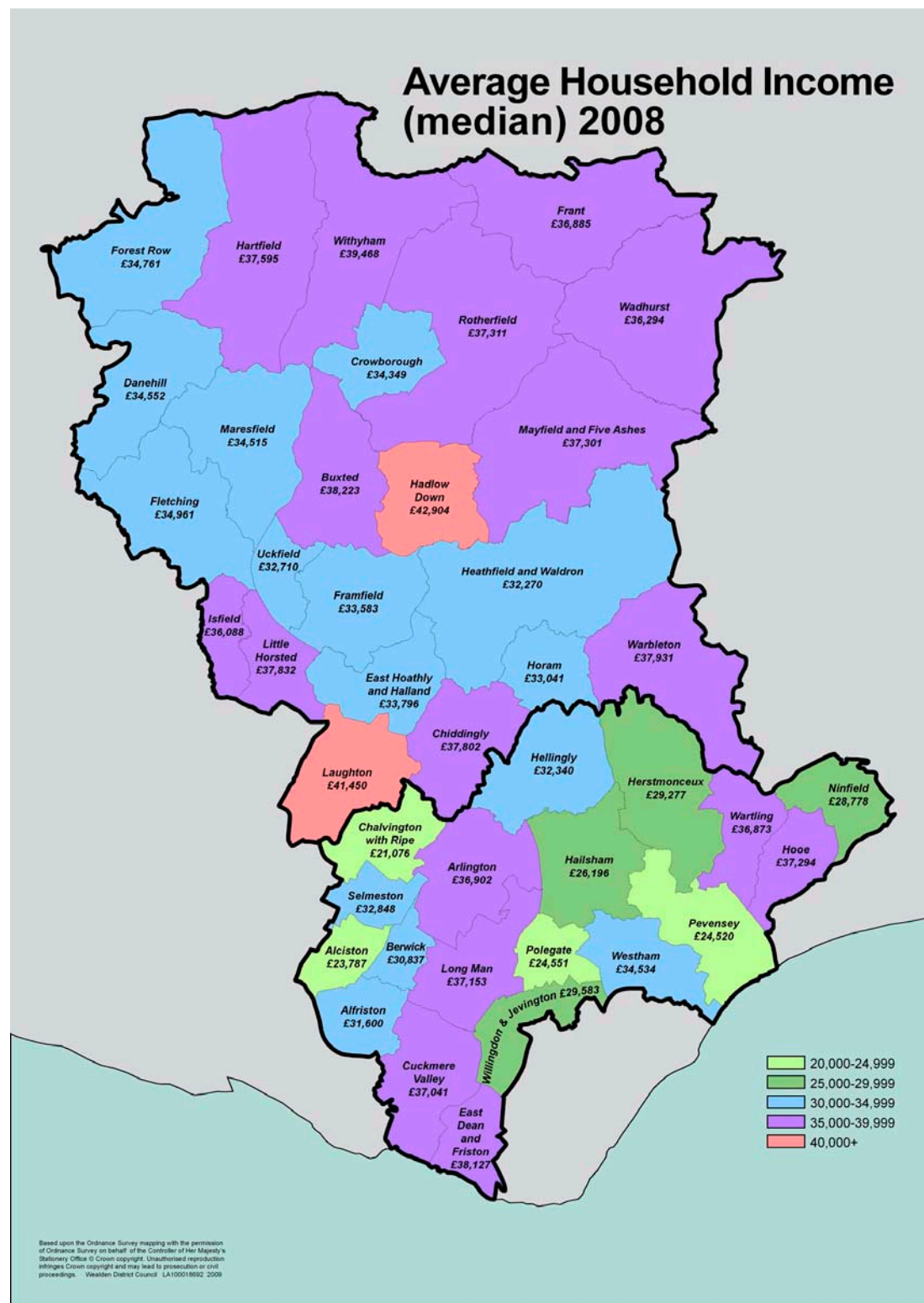
Most Wealden Parishes have home ownership levels above 75%. The only exceptions to this are those Parishes which have a high proportion of private rented property. These Parishes include Little Horsted, Alciston, Berwick and Cuckmere Valley. These are predominately rural Parishes where the level of private rented property exceeds 25%. Hailsham is the only Parish which over 10% proportion of properties which are rented from RSLs or the Local Authority (13% of properties fall into this category).

This map shows the percentage of the population in each Parish over 65.



The areas with the highest proportion of the population over 65 tend to be concentrated in the south of the District, particularly in the areas adjoining Eastbourne Borough.

This map shows the average household income in each Parish. The median measure of income is used as this means that the figures are not skewed by a small number of extreme values.



The two Parishes with the highest average (median) incomes are Hadlow Down and Laughton. The areas with the lowest levels of average (median) incomes tend to be in the south of the District, within the Sussex Coast Sub Region and include Hailsham, Polegate and Willingdon & Jevington.

Footnotes

- ⁱ www.eastsussexinfigures.org.uk
- ⁱⁱ <http://www.areaprofiles.audit-commission.gov.uk> CACI estimates use data from a number of sources, including the 2001 census and counts of postal addresses.
- ⁱⁱⁱ East Sussex in Figures. Source: Office for National Statistics/Department for Work and Pensions.
- ^{iv} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Census 2001
- ^v East Sussex in Figures. Source: Office for National Statistics, Census 2001, Table KS04. Data is at parish level.
- ^{vi} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Communities and Local Government. Data released every two years, last dataset released March 2007.
- ^{vii} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Census 2001. Dataset: Household occupancy in 2001-parishes. Table KS19D.
- ^{viii} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Office for National Statistics, Census 2001, Table KS20d.
- ^{ix} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Census 2001.
- ^x Wealden Housing Market Assessment July 2007, compiled by DTZ consultants.
- ^{xi} Audit Commission, Area Profiles www.areaprofiles.audit-commission.gov.uk, source: CLG, Local Authority Housing Data and Business Plan Data.
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- ^{xiv} Office for National Statistics.
- ^{xv} Indices of Multiple Deprivation. Source: East Sussex in Figures, Department of Communities and Local Government 2007.
- ^{xvi} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Annual Business Inquiry (produced by the Office for National Statistics). Figures relate to employees in employment and exclude self-employment and employment in agriculture. Part time workers are those working for less than 30 hours a week. Figures are rounded to the nearest 100.
- ^{xvii} Audit Commission. Area profiles available at www.areaprofiles.audit-commission.gov.uk Source: Annual Survey of Hours and Earnings (ASHE) available at <http://www.statistics.gov.uk/StatBase/Product.asp?vlnk=13101&Pos=1&ColRank=1&Rank=192>
- ^{xviii} East Sussex in Figures. Source: CACI. Estimates of mean gross household income earning below 60% of the national median income is a recognised low income threshold.
- ^{xix} East Sussex in Figures. Dataset drawn from Annual Business Inquiry (business survey providing estimates of employee jobs by industry). Data rounded to nearest 100. From ONS/Nomis.
- ^{xx} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Annual Business Inquiry 2005, Office for National Statistics/Nomis. High value sectors include finance and advanced business services, IT, high tech manufacturing and cultural industries. Dataset is released annually in December, next update is due in December 2007.
- ^{xxi} East Sussex in Figures. Source: ESCC revised PHRG demographic projections September 2007 (using household representative rates derived from 2001 Census).
- ^{xxii} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Office of the Deputy Prime Minister. Total stock includes both occupied and vacant properties. Excludes retail with accommodation.
- ^{xxiii} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Census 2001 Table CS120. Dataset shows distance travelled to work by residents aged 16-74 who are in employment.
- ^{xxiv} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Census 2001, table KS15. Data is for Parish level.
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- ^{xxvi} Audit Commission. Area profiles available at www.areaprofiles.audit-commission.gov.uk Data provided by OFWAT and The Environment Agency.
- ^{xxvii} Audit Commission. Area profiles, Best Value PI 84.
- ^{xxviii} East Sussex in Figures. Source: Department for Education, 2005.
- ^{xxix} East Sussex in Figures. Source: School Census. Data is for January 2007. School Census is co-ordinated by ESCC and is carried out three times a year.

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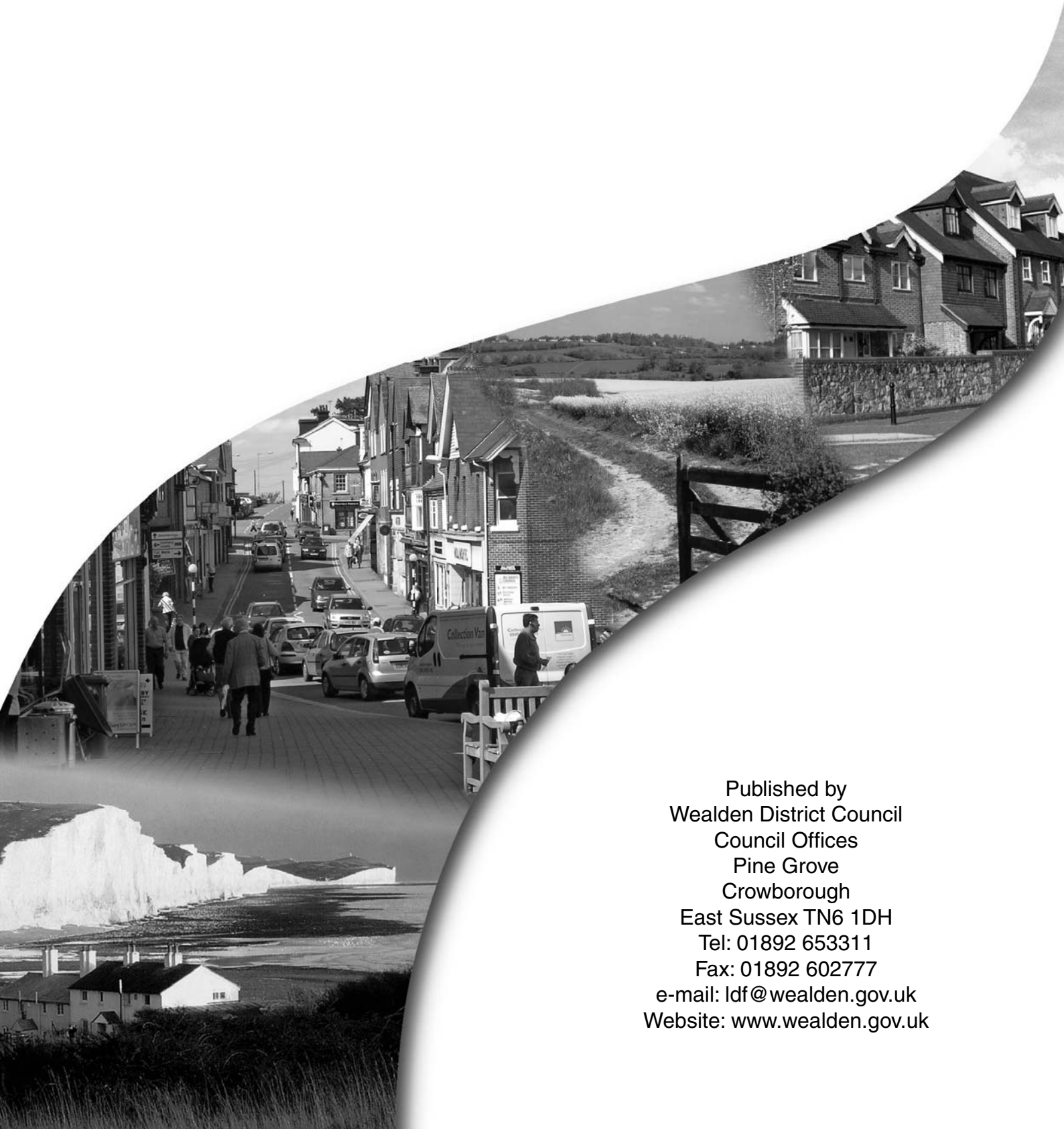
^{xxxi} Department for Education and Skills. Performance tables, available at www.dfes.gov.uk/performance/tables

^{xxxii} East Sussex in Figures. Home Office recorded crime statistics. Crime rates are based on previous year population estimates from Office for National Statistics. Dataset includes 4 of the Audit Commission's Quality of Life indicators (QoL 6a-d). Dataset updated annually, next update due July 2008.

^{xxxiii} Wealden Crime Disorder and Misuse Audit 2004 available at www.wealden.gov.uk/Health_and_Public_Safety/Crime_and_Disorder/Full%20Audit%20.pdf

^{xxxiv} East Sussex in Figures. Census 2001, Table KS08. Refers to health over the 12 months prior to Census day. Data is at Parish level.

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