Wealden District (Incorporating part of the South Downs National Park) Representation on the Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy

Working in Partnership

This response relates to the proposed modification	
MM	**WS 28**
(Please add numeric reference e.g. MM22 or Wealden District Council/ South Downs National Park Authority modification WS e.g. WS 23)	

Declaration:	I consider the proposed modification will assist the submitted Core Strategy to be found sound ☒ /unsound ☐ (*place a cross in the box to show which option you have chosen) for the following reasons:

Reasons Given:	The Woodland Trust would like this section to include reference to Green Infrastructure. We believe the suggested modification should be altered in the following way: "We will work in partnership with all infrastructure providers in order to support their work in determining the most appropriate approach to deal with infrastructure deficiencies and the necessary delivery mechanisms. This includes the infrastructure issues of water supply, sewerage infrastructure, transport, education provision, health care, green infrastructure and other community facilities." Although green infastructure has it's own section and policy, which we applaud, we feel that it is important to make this additional link. We find that all too frequently environmental and green issues are relegated to the "nice to have" principle when in reality they very much provide the essesntials for basic human life.

If this is a new matter that you have raised please complete the following

I wish ☒ / do not wish ☐ (*place a cross in the box to show which option you have chosen) for this matter to be heard in front of the Inspector

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Declaration:	I consider the proposed modification will assist the submitted Core Strategy to be found sound ☒ /unsound ☐ (*place a cross in the box to show which option you have chosen) for the following reasons:

Reasons Given:	The Woodland Trust supports the modification in that natioanlly designated areas of landscae, historical or nature consevation protection. However we believe that this should also be extended to include irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and aged or vetran trees as indicated in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF, March 2012 Department for Communities and Local Government) The percice wording from the NPPF is listed below from paragraph 118, bullet point 5: "planning permission should be refused for development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and the loss of aged or veteran trees found outside ancient woodland, unless the need for, and benefits of, the development in that location clearly outweigh the loss" The Woodland Trust believes that the suggested modification should be amended to the following: "Not compromise the essential features of nationally designated areas of landscape, historical or nature conservation protections, including the South Downs National Park and High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Ashdown Forest Special Area of Conservation and Special Protection area, the Pevensey Levels Ramsar site and irreplaceable habitats, including ancient woodland and aged or vetran trees should be avoided as potential locations;"

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Signed:	Tony Chadwick
Name and Address:	Tony Chadwick
E-Mail Address:	

If on behalf of a company, please state:	The Woodland Trust
Date:	13 June 2012

Please place a cross in the box to show which option you have chosen	
I would wish to be notified of the publication of the recommendations of any person appointed to carry out an independent examination of the Core Strategy	Yes ☒ No ☐
I would wish to be notified of the adoption of the Core Strategy	Yes ☒ No ☐

Note: If completing this in hardcopy form, please use additional sheets if necessary.

Please return this form by **5pm on Wednesday 13th June 2012**:

By post to: Head of Planning and Environmental Policy, Wealden District Council, Freepost SEA 10959, Crowborough, East Sussex, TN6 1BR

By email to: ldf@wealden.gov.uk

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