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

Wealden District Council — Working in Partnership — South Downs National Park Authority

| This response relates to the proposed modification | |
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| **MM 14** | **WS** |
| **(Please add numeric reference e.g. MM22 or Wealden District Council/ South Downs National Park Authority modification WS e.g. WS 23)** | |

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| **Declaration:** | I consider the proposed modification will assist the submitted Core Strategy to be found ~~sound~~/unsound (*delete as applicable) for the following reasons: |
| **Reasons Given:** | Evidence has already been put before the Inspector concerning the inadequacy of waiting for a solution to the problems at the Hailsham Treatment works to be resolved as there is currently an alternative solution which is to allow on site treatment at those sites where this is possible.<br><br>The proposed wording will still leave the CS unsound because it fails to address the need to also review the provision of employment space within the District. The current allocation in the CS is already significantly below that which is now required by the NPPF (see previously submitted response following the closure of the EIP). The Wealden CS employment provision is based on housing numbers and, therefore, any review of housing numbers must also lead to a review of the employment provision and allocations. This is now a requirement of NPPF para 182 which requires that plans are prepared positively on a strategy which seeks to meet objectively assessed development requirements.<br><br>Under the Council's strategy for employment provision, which is based on housing provision, if housing provision is reviewed then as a consequence employment provision must also be reviewed. The review is also required in order to meet NPPF para 182 requirements for the CS to be justified and effective as without the necessary employment provision to meet any increase in housing provision this would result in an inappropriate imbalance in employment and housing levels in the community which are not justified and will lead to the CS being ineffective with regard to a number of key objectives.<br><br>Cont. |

Finally, the failure to review the employment provision of the CS along side housing provision would also lead to the CS being inconsistent with national policy as set out above and a failure to comply with bullet point 4 of para. 182 of the NPPF.

As a result of the need to review employment provision there will be a need to make consequential amendments in the CS strategy and the Council will need to revise the CS accordingly.

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| **MM 4** | **WS** |
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| **Declaration:** | I consider the proposed modification will assist the submitted Core Strategy to be found sound/~~unsound~~ (*delete as applicable) for the following reasons: |
| **Reasons Given:** | Evidence has already been presented at the EIP regarding the inadequacy of both housing and emploment provision within the CS.<br><br>Paragraph 3.10 should be further modified to acknowledge that as a consequence of failing to plan for the housing numbers is SEPlan the employment provision is also below that required as the employment provision is based on housing numbers. |

| **If this is a new matter that you have raised please complete the following** |
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| I wish/ ~~do not wish~~ (*delete as applicable) for this matter to be heard in front of the Inspector |

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| **Signed:** | |

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| **Name and Address:** | Mrs J A Owen |
| **E-Mail Address:** | |
| **If on behalf of a company, please state:** | Mr. A. Checkley |
| **Date:** | 13th. June 2012 |

| **Please delete as appropriate** | |
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| 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~~ |

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Please return this form by **5pm on Wednesday 23rd May 2012**:

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