Wealden District ~~Council's~~ (~~-~~Incorporating part of the South Downs National Park)~~submitted~~

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MM 28 & 34	**WS 9**
(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 council's comments in WS9 depend on the availability of the contingency site to the west of the A26 in the event of traffic problems in Western Road not being resolved. But the Inspector's MM28 and MM34 deletes the contingency site. The proposed modifications are therefore contradictory and make the revised plan unsound. The council is clearly, and correctly in my opinion, expecting difficulties in resolving traffic problems in Western Road, while the inspector dismisses them, saying that "… there is evidence of a reasonable prospect that the traffic implications … can be addressed." In the absence of that evidence, which does not appear to be in the public domain, I share the Council's concerns and cannot see a solution to the problems which already exist, and which would be exacerbated by the extra traffic arising from further building in the area.

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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Reasons Given:	While the Inspector says in his letter (para 17) that "The council has clarified its approach to phasing… This should ensure that new housing can be brought forward once infrastructure matters are resolved …" it is the only location that I have seen of any degree of conditionality of provision of infrastructure. Elsewhere in the modifications and in the Core Strategy, provision of infrastructure (and of SANGs, and of traffic/parking measures and of public transport, etc.) is couched in terms such as "… will assist with the provision of ...", "… will seek to ensure that …" and other such non-committal terms. It is my contention that the resulting Core Strategy will remain unsound by virtue of the absence of any compulsion on the Council and its contractors actually to provide the needed additional infrastructure in a timely fashion.

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Signed:	P.R. Ellefsen

Name and Address:	P.R. Ellefsen
E-Mail Address:	
If on behalf of a company, please state:	
Date:	4 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 23rd May 2012**:

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