Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy Development Plan Document

Comments from Hellingly Parish Council

Wealden's Proposals

Page 29 Policy WCS4 We object to the amendment to include reference to specific numbers of new dwellings and associated development. The consultation on the draft submission core strategy failed to make clear the intention to specify the precise nature of the proposed development in each of the Specific Development areas (SDs) 2 and 3. Rather the document gave the impression that the allocations were broad areas for potential development and that more detailed proposals would be set out and separately consulted upon in the Strategic Sites Development Plan document.

A SSDP has subsequently been published and consulted upon and an examination in public is now awaited. Should the Inspector approve the amendments suggested by the Council to include reference to specific housing numbers and associated development he will in effect be pre empting any subsequent examination

We suggest therefore that the original wording that merely refers to the area for development with out specific reference to numbers should remain as should the original Figure 5.

In line with the comments submitted by Hailsham Town Council on the submission Core Strategy Hellingly believes that the area SD2 being more sustainable than area SD3 should be brought forward for development before SD3 and that precise numbers fort the two areas and the mix of development should not be fixed until further investigation of the odour mitigation zone around the Hailsham North Treatment works has been more thoroughly investigated particularly as a fuller investigation of the treatment of waste water in Hailsham and the capacity of the two sewerage works is required before confirmation of further development is given. It is possible that if no acceptable solution to the present constraints is found then an entirely different distribution policy may be necessary to accommodate the proposed housing growth in the South of the District. Equally a proposed solution may free up further land in area SD2 and thereby reduce the requirement on SD3.

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