Working in Partnership

WEALDEN DISTRICT (INCORPORATING PART OF THE SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK)
Core Strategy Local Plan
Adoption Statement – 19th February 2013

This Adoption Statement has been prepared in accordance with Regulations 26 and 35 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 and gives notice that the Wealden District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority have resolved to adopt formally the Wealden District (incorporating part of the South Downs National Park) Core Strategy Local Plan on the 19th February 2013.

The Core Strategy forms part of the Local Plan (formerly the Local Development Framework) for the whole of Wealden District and will replace, the adopted Wealden Local Plan (1998) although some policies from this earlier plan are still "saved" where they remain of relevance and until they are superseded by further development plan documents. The Core Strategy is the principal and overarching document of the Local Plan for Wealden District setting out the vision, spatial strategy and strategic policies for development in the District for the period to 2027. The Strategy was submitted jointly for its examination in public by the Wealden District Council and by the South Downs National Park Authority which is the Local Planning Authority for part of south Wealden.

Mr Michael Moore BA (Hons) MRTPI CMILT MCIHT, an independent Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government examined the document in a series of Hearings between the 17th January and 2nd February 2012 and by way of a further day's hearing on 6th September 2012. The Inspector's Report, with its recommendations, was published on 30th October 2012 and concluded that the joint Core Strategy Local Plan was "sound" subject to a number of required changes. The adopted Core Strategy and proposals map incorporate the recommendations of the Inspector. The final report of the Inspector, together with his schedule of proposed main modifications is available on the Council's website www.wealden.gov.uk).

Any person aggrieved by the adoption of Core Strategy may make an application to the High Court under Section 113 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (2004). Any challenge must be made on the grounds that either the document has not been prepared within the powers conferred by Part 2 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, or that a procedural requirement of the Act or associated Regulations has not been complied with. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event no later the **12th April 2013.**

The adopted Core Strategy, this Adoption Statement and the Sustainability Appraisal Report (prepared in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 and the Habitats Regulations Assessment) are available for public inspection on the Council's website, www.wealden.gov.uk, and at the Council's Offices. The documents will also be made available for a six week period from **Monday 4th March until Friday 12th April 2013** at the following venues across the district.

Council Offices		
Wealden District Council – Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX Tel. 01892 653311 Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri 8.30am - 5pm; Wed 9am - 5pm	**South Downs National Park Authority** – Rosemary's Parlour, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9SB Tel. 01730 811759 Mon – Fri 8.30am – 5pm	**East Sussex County Council** - County Hall, St Annes Crescent, Lewes, BN7 1UE Tel. 01273 481000 Mon - Thu 8am -5pm; Fri 8am-4.30pm
Libraries		
Crowborough Library - Pine Grove, Crowborough, TN6 1DH Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon and Wed 9.30am-5.30pm; Tue 10am-5.30pm; Thu and Fri 9.30am-7pm; Sat 9.30am-4pm	**Forest Row Library** - The Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon, Tue, Thu and Fri 2pm-5pm; Wed 10am-1pm	**Hailsham Library** - Western Road, Hailsham, BN27 3DN Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon 2pm-5pm; Tue 10.30am-7pm; Wed, Thu and Sat 9.30am-5pm; Fri 9.30am-6pm
Heathfield Library - 21 High Street, Heathfield, TN21 8LU Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon and Sat 9.30am-1pm; Tue 9.30am-5pm; Wed closed; Thu 9.30am-7pm; Fri 10.30am-5pm	**Polegate Library** - Windsor Way, Polegate, BN26 6QP Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon and Fri 9.30am-1pm, 2pm- 5pm; Tue 9.30am-1pm, 2pm-5.30pm; Thu 9.30am-1pm; Sat 9.30am- 4pm	**Uckfield Library** - High Street, Uckfield, TN22 1AR Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon 9.30am-1pm; Tue and Thu 9.30am-5.30pm; Wed 9.30am-7pm; Fri 10am-7pm; Sat 9.30am-4pm
Wadhurst Library - The Institute, High Street, Wadhurst, TN5 6AP Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon, Thu and Fri 2pm-4.30pm; Tue Closed; Wed and Sat 10am-12.30pm	**Willingdon Library** - Coppice Avenue, Lower Willingdon, Eastbourne, BN20 9PN Tel. 0345 60 80 196 Mon, Wed, Thu and Fri 9.30am-12pm, 2pm-5pm; Tue Closed; Sat 9.30am-12.30pm	
Town and Parish Council Offices		
Crowborough Town Council - Town Hall, The Broadway, Crowborough, TN6 1DA Tel. 01892 652907 Mon-Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4.30pm	**Forest Row Parish Council** - Forest Row Community Centre, Hartfield Road, RH18 5DZ Tel. 01342 822661 Mon-Fri 9am-4pm	**Hailsham Town Council** - Inglenook. Market Square, Hailsham, BN27 2AE Tel. 01323 421702 Mon-Fri 9am–4pm
Heathfield and Waldron Parish Council - 92 High Street, Heathfield, TN21 8JB Tel. 01435 865700 Mon-Fri 9.30am-3pm	**Maresfield Parish Council** - Parish Office, Churchfields, Nutley, TN22 3NA Tel. 01825 714555 Mon-Fri 9am-4.30pm	**Mayfield and Five Ashes Parish Council** – The Clerks Office, Old Manor House, Mayfield, TN20 6AL Tel: 01435 873784 Mon & Fri 9.30am – 12.30pm, Wed 9am – 4pm
Polegate Town Council - 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL Tel. 01323 488114 Mon-Fri 9am-1pm	**Uckfield Town Council** - Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE Tel. 01825 762774 Mon-Thu 9am-5pm; Fri 9am-4pm	**Willingdon and Jevington Parish Council** - 3 Gorringe Valley Road, Willingdon, BN20 9SX Tel. 01323 489603 Mon-Fri 9am-1pm