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Dear Mr Phillips

WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK
PROPOSED MAIN MODIFICATIONS TO THE CORE STRATEGY DPD
NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK PRESUMPTION IN FAVOUR OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (JULY 2012)

I refer to Wealden District Council's latest consultation, namely 'Proposed Modifications to the Core Strategy - National Planning Policy Framework Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development' (July 2012). These representations have been submitted on behalf of Summertree Estates Ltd who has residential land interests in North West Heathfield known as 'Land to the rear of the Police Station, High Street, Heathfield'.

This consultation seeks to add an additional Policy to the submitted Core Strategy, **'Policy WCS14: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development'** and supporting text. This policy has been proposed following the publication of the NPPF (27 March 2012) and the need for Core Strategies to reflect this new National Guidance.

We fully support proposed policy **WCS14** and supportive text as currently worded. We recognise the proposed policy is a 'model policy' that has been recommended by the Planning Inspectorate to ensure Core Strategies appropriately reflect the NPPF in a sound and robust manner.

We support the principle of the 'presumption in favour of sustainable development' and consider both Heathfield, and 'Land to the rear of the Police Station, High Street, Heathfield' accord with this objective.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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