

HELLINGLY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

TOPIC PAPER NO. 1

HELLINGLY PARISH PROFILE

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Introduction

1. Hellingly Parish lies immediately to the north of the town of Hailsham and indeed relies on the town for many of its services. Hellingly is an essentially rural parish characterised by mixed open farmland and woodlands. It includes within it 4 distinct settlements of Lower Dicker, Lower Horsebridge, Hellingly village and Roebuck Park – a more recent residential development on the former Hellingly Hospital site.
2. The nearby town of Hailsham is proposed to grow significantly over the period to 2033 through the emerging Wealden Local Plan and an element of this is likely to take place on greenfield land situated within Hellingly Parish.
3. Following widespread consultation, it was decided to produce a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for the parish to help influence and shape how this proposed growth may affect Hellingly.
4. In looking to produce a NDP for the whole of the parish this topic paper is one of a series that has been produced to support the Plan. It seeks to provide a profile of Hellingly Parish to highlight and help understand some of the issues and aspirations contained within the NDP itself. In doing so it is also considered of relevance to compare some of the basic information in matters such as population breakdown, age, gender and home ownership with the remainder of Wealden District in order to help set a context for the NDP.
5. Part 1 of this Parish Profile therefore provides information on the population of Hellingly Parish itself using various sets of published data on matters such as total population and population growth, gender and age. Figures on population growth cover the period 2011-2014 and are taken from “East Sussex in Figures” (ESIF) population estimates 2011-2014 published by East Sussex County Council.
6. Other data has been incorporated in tabular form to help build a more complete profile of the residential population of the parish and covering matters relating to home ownership, household composition, employment and religion. These figures are obtained from published data from the Office of National Statistics (ONS) 2011 Census. Other data relating to health and wellbeing within the parish also comes from ESIF.
7. This information is presented in a series of tables with brief commentary, as appropriate, to highlight particular matters.
8. Part 2 of this topic paper is also presented in a series of tables, again with brief commentary and highlights comparisons between Hellingly Parish and Wealden District overall for any given criteria. These various data sets comparing Hellingly with the rest of Wealden are also extracted from ONS and ESIF published data.
9. The figures used in the compilation of this Parish Profile topic paper are drawn from Hellingly Ward data held by East Sussex County Council (and published in East Sussex in figures). Hellingly ward covers parts of the Parish of Arlington and also Hailsham in addition to the whole of the parish of Hellingly. The figures shown in this Hellingly Parish Profile paper refer solely to the parish of Hellingly.

10. There are currently 1,964 persons on the electoral roll for Hellingly Parish representing 33.8% of the total persons on the electoral roll for Hellingly Ward (5,180 persons).

Part 1: Hellingly Parish

11. Hellingly's population in 2014 was 7,158, a significant percentage increase (20%) from its 2011 figure of 5,959. This significant increase is likely to be attributed to the recent completion of development at Roebuck Park on the site of the former Hellingly Hospital and where permission was granted some years ago for 400 new homes.
12. Over 20% of the population (2014 figures) are aged 65 plus although the total Hellingly population is fairly evenly distributed amongst the various age groups where data is collected (ESIF figures). This is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1. Hellingly population data by age group for the period 2011-2014

Age Group	2011	2012	2013	2014
Total Hellingly Population	5,959	6,396	6,726	7,158
0-15	1,060	1,184	1,284	1,349
16-29	987	1,130	1,126	1,271
30-44	948	990	1,069	1,104
45-64	1,714	1,767	1,821	1,884
65+	1,250	1,325	1,426	1,550

Source: ESIF Population estimates, 2001-2014 – super output area (Hellingly)¹

13. Table 2 shows Hellingly population data by gender for the period 2011-2014. The slightly higher percentage of females (51.6% for 2014) closely mirrors national statistics and the ratio of males and females within the Parish over the period 2011-2014 has remained largely constant with only a slight increase shown in recent years in the percentage of females.

Table 2. Hellingly population data by gender for the period 2011-2014

Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014
Males	2,940	3,144	3,279	3,463
% of total pop.	49.3%	49.2%	48.8%	48.8%
Females	3,019	3,252	3,447	3,695
% of total pop.	50.7%	50.8%	51.2%	51.6%

Source: ESIF Population estimates, 2001-2014 – super output area (Hellingly)

Households

14. Hellingly Parish had 2,308 households in 2011 with 43.8% of those owned outright and 42% owned through either a mortgage or loan. (Source ONS key figures for

¹Super Output Area (SPA's) – are a geography (area) used for the collection and publication of small area statistics. They are used on the Neighbourhood Statistics website and across National Statistics (Office of National Statistics – ONS). Super Output Areas were designed to improve the reporting and thus analysis of small area statistics and are built up from groups of output areas.

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2011 census). Whilst no specific figures are available from ONS the remaining household stock (c15%) would be expected to be either available as privately rented or social (Housing Association or Local Authority) housing.

15. Table 3 shows a breakdown of household composition for Hellingly. This identifies a significant number of properties occupied as one person households (c24%) with 12.5% of overall household composition occupied as a one person household aged 65 or more. Families with children represent the highest sector in terms of household composition at 28.6%.

Table 3. Household composition of Hellingly 2011

Household Composition	Number of residents	Percentage of Total
One person household aged 65+	289	12.5%
One person household other	259	11.2%
Family who are all 65+	267	11.6%
Family with children	660	28.6%
Family without children	500	27.7%
Lone parent household	199	8.6%
Other	134	5.9%
Total	2,308	100%

Source: ONS Household Composition, 2011 Census

Employment

16. Employment within Hellingly is broken down as follows (2011 census). With some 64% of the population shown as employed, part time or self-employed and just 2.2% unemployed this may suggest a reasonably high percentage of retired residents but needs to account also for those who may choose not to work for other reasons such as bringing up family.

Table 4. Employment

Employment within Hellingly is broken down as follows (2011 census);

Employment status	Percentage of the population
Full-time employment	33.7%
Part-time employment	15.0%
Self-employed	15.1%
Unemployed	2.2%

Source: ONS key figures for 2011 census.

Health and Wellbeing

17. There is some limited information available on matters relating to health and wellbeing and this is sourced from East Sussex in Figures (ESIF) General Health in 2011. This shows that over 80% of the population of Hellingly Parish consider themselves to be in either good or very good health with less than 5% indicating bad or very bad health.

Table 5. Health and Wellbeing

General health status of Hellingly residents (2011)

General Health Status	Number of residents	Percentage of the population
Very good health	2,795	47.1%
Good health	2,114	35.6%
Fair health	742	12.5%
Bad health	235	4%
Very bad health	54	0.9%

Source: ESIF General Health in 2011 – Super output area (Hellingly)

18. Some additional data is also available relating to long term illness amongst Hellingly residents. This is shown in Table 6 below and where some 18% of the 2011 population of the parish identified as having a long-term health problem or disability.

Table 6. Long-term illness amongst Hellingly residents (2011)

Category of illness	Number of residents
People with long-term health problem or disability	1,072
Day-to-day activities limited a little	628
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	444
People with no long-term problem or disability	4,868

Source: ESIF Residents with limiting long-term illness in 2011

Religion

19. Table 7 shows a breakdown of the parish population by religion with a significant (62.5%) majority identifying as Christian and 28.6% as being of no religious persuasion. Other faiths shown are represented by very small percentage figures.

Table 7. Hellingly population by religious breakdown

Religion	Number of residents	Percentage of total
Christian	3,714	62.5%
Buddhist	13	0.2%
Hindu	2	0%
Jewish	14	0.2%
Muslim	28	0.5%
Sikh	0	0%
Other religion	29	0.5%
No religion	1,698	28.6%
Religion not stated	442	7.4%

Source: ONS Religion 2011 Census

Part 2

20. Part 2 of this topic paper shows the Parish Profile for Hellingly by means of comparison with the District of Wealden overall. This is illustrated by the inclusion of a series of tables covering many of those matters described in Part 1, namely age

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group, gender, household composition, employment, health and wellbeing, and religion.

21. In most instances and in relation to many of these criteria Hellingly closely mirrors the rest of Wealden District overall. However, there are considered to be a few areas of note and where figures for Hellingly show some differences that are potentially considered significant. Where these have been identified, they are referred to in the text.

Population

Table 8. Age Group for the period 2011-2014

Age Group	Wealden '11	Hellingly '11	Wealden '12	Hellingly '12	Wealden '13	Hellingly '13	Wealden '14	Hellingly '14
0-15	17.8%	17.8%	17.6%	18.5%	17.5%	19.1%	17.3%	18.8%
16-29	13.2%	16.6%	13.0%	17.7%	12.9%	16.7%	13.1%	17.8%
30-44	16.6%	15.9%	16.3%	15.5%	15.9%	15.9%	15.6%	15.4%
45-64	29.4%	28.8%	29.2%	27.6%	29.0%	27.1%	28.5%	26.3%
65+	23.0%	21.0%	23.9%	20.7%	24.6%	21.2%	25.0%	21.7%

Source: ESIF population estimates 2001-2014

22. For the period 2011-2014 Hellingly figures for the 16-29 age group in particular show a markedly higher figure than those for the rest of Wealden. In 2014 this percentage figure was 17.8% of total Hellingly population as compared to a figure of just 13.1% for Wealden overall. This may, for example have implications in respect of provision of certain facilities within or close to Hellingly.

Table 9. By gender for the period 2011-2014

Gender	2011	2012	2013	2014
Wealden Males as a % of total pop.	48.2%	48.2%	48.2%	48.2%
Hellingly Males as a % of total pop.	49.3%	49.2%	48.8%	48.8%
Wealden Females as a % of total pop.	51.8%	51.8%	51.8%	51.8%
Hellingly Females as a % of total pop.	50.7%	50.8%	51.2%	51.6%

Source: ESIF population estimates 2001-2014

Households

23. Hellingly has a significantly lower percentage of one person households aged 65 plus when compared with the rest of Wealden a figure of 12.5% compared to 15.3%. There is also a higher figure (28.6%) shown for families with children when compared to the overall Wealden figure of 26.6%.

Table 10. Household composition of Wealden in comparison to Hellingly (2011)

Household Composition	Wealden percentage of total households	Hellingly percentage of total households
One person household aged 65+	15.3%	12.5%
One person household other	12.3%	11.2%
Family who are all 65+	12.6%	11.6%
Family with children	26.6%	28.6%
Family without children	20.0%	21.7%
Lone parent household	8.0%	8.6%
Other	5.2%	5.9%
Total	100.0%	100.0%

Source: ONS Household Composition, 2011 Census

Employment

Table 11. Employment – Wealden in comparison to Hellingly

Employment status	Percentage of the total Wealden Population	Percentage of the total Hellingly Population
Full-time employment	34.4%	33.7%
Part-time employment	14.8%	15.0%
Self-employed	15.7%	15.1%
Unemployed	2.5%	2.2%
Retired	18%	17.2%

Health and Wellbeing

Table 12. Health and Wellbeing – Wealden in comparison to Hellingly

General health status	Percentage of the total Wealden Population	Percentage of the total Hellingly Population
Very good health	47.6%	47.1%
Good health	34.9%	35.6%
Fair health	13%	12.5%
Bad health	3.5%	4.0%
Very bad health	1.0%	0.9%

Source: ESIF General Health in 2011 Super output area

Religion

Table 13. Religion – Wealden in comparison to Hellingly

Religion	Percentage of the total Wealden Population	Percentage of the total Hellingly Population
Christian	64.0%	62.5%
Buddhist	0.3%	0.2%
Hindu	0.1%	0.0%
Jewish	0.2%	0.2%
Muslim	0.4%	0.5%
Sikh	0.0%	0.0%
Other religion	0.8%	0.5%
No religion	26.3%	28.6%
Religion not stated	7.9%	7.4%

Conclusion

24. For an essentially rural Parish the population of Hellingly has shown considerable growth, in excess of 20%, over the past few years. This has in significant part been due to recent major development at Roebuck Park on the former Hellingly Hospital Site.
25. Since the availability of the most recent census figures a number of further residential permissions have been granted within the parish amounting to over 500 additional homes (Bovis Homes site at xx, the Martlets & Danecroft Nurseries) which will further significantly increase population.
26. Wealden District Councils emerging Local Plan is proposing that the nearby town of Hailsham shall grow by some 90% (c9,000 homes) with the probability that a not insignificant amount of this growth will be in Hellingly Parish.
27. This substantial overall scale growth will bring particular challenges for the provision of community and other infrastructural services within the parish and nearby Hailsham over the forthcoming years. As identified in this supporting paper the parish is, for example, somewhat atypical of the Wealden average in having a percentage figure of 17.8% of its population in the 16-29 age group compared to just 13.1% for Wealden overall. In this regard the provision of community recreational, sporting and recreational facilities to meet such needs, either within the parish or in nearby Hailsham will be critical to the successful assimilation of such scale of growth.
28. Of equal importance, the current stretched nature and inadequacy of existing general infrastructure provision will require urgent attention and delivery from all responsible agencies, (e.g. highways, education, health, water/waste water) for the scale of additional proposed growth in the area to be successfully and sustainably delivered.