Matter 3/ Councillor Daniel Shing

14th December 2011

Dear Ms Benton,

MATTERS, ISSUES AND QUESTIONS

In 2007, when the first consultation took place, Wealden District Council failed to provide enough hard copies of the public consultation documents to residents in the Willingdon and Polegate area who had requested hard copies.

Online submissions were difficult for a majority of residents. i.e. Mr Rumsey, a local resident in Polegate had complained to WDC stating that he had difficulty with the online submissions despite being an experience IT user. Wealden District Council first stated that they would accept responses from local residents as long as they specifically referred to the consultation documents, the Council later chose to ignore the submissions from Polegate and Willingdon residents.

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a) Does the overall scale and distribution of housing provision accord with the requirements of the South East Plan (SEP) having regard to policies relating to infrastructure and the environment as well as those for housing?

If LDF is for the whole district, then it should consider that the balance of housing should be spread evenly to the North and the South. SD4 is lacking in infrastructure and therefore unsuitable.

Yours sincerely,

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