

Mr Ashcroft


Wealden District Council

17th April 2024

BY EMAIL ONLY

Dear Mr Ashcroft,

Horam Neighbourhood Development Plan - Examiner's Clarification Note

Please find attached our responses to the questions to Horam Parish Council (HPC) that are raised in your Clarification Note dated 25th March 2024.

Our responses form **Document 1** attached. It is set out as a table with your questions in the left column and HPC responses to the right.

I also attach additional documents that elaborate on some of the responses, laid out in a similar manner. These are:

- **Document 2** – A full set of responses to comments made to the Horam Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) made on behalf of Wealden District Council (WDC)
- **Document 3** – Responses to representations from East Sussex County Council; High Weald National Landscape; Igloo for DL and G Blackden; and Strutt and Parker for Welbeck Strategic Land, as requested, as well as those from Mr Field, a landowner of the site being promoted for development by Welbeck Strategic Land, and Gladman, which also have land interests locally.

I hope that these responses satisfactorily address your queries.

Additionally, Horam Parish Council notes WDC's response to your questions, in particular that the timetable for the new Wealden Local Plan does not anticipate its adoption until April-June 2026. Indeed, we suggest that this is the earliest possible date, given the potential for slippage in the considerable outstanding stages, including examination. We see the current and continuing absence of an adopted, up-to-date Local Plan for some time as reinforcing the pressing need for the HNP.

The Steering Group would, of course, be happy to discuss any outstanding issues, particularly about policy wording, which you or, indeed, WDC, may still have.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Lane

Horam Parish Councillor and Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group