Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan Proposed Submission Representation Form (Regulation 19)

Please read the accompanying **'Guidance Notes for Respondents – Proposed Submission Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan'** before completing this form.

Where possible, the Council would prefer that you submit your response using our online 'Objective' consultation system at http://wealden.objective.co.uk/portal/ or by following the links from the Council's website http://www.wealden.gov.uk/.

The period for representations runs from **9am on Monday 1st December until 5pm on Monday 12th January 2015.** Representations received after **5pm on Monday 12th January 2015** cannot be accepted.

Completed forms can also be returned to ldf@wealden.gov.uk or by post to Planning Policy, Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX.

If you need further information or assistance, please contact the Planning Policy Team by email at ldf@wealden.gov.uk or by telephone on 01892 602007.

Part A - Personal Details

	Personal Details	Agent Details (if applicable)
Title	Mr	
First Name	John	
Last Name	Harmer	
Job Title (where relevant)	East Sussex Countryside Secretary	
Organisation (where relevant)	Ramblers	
Address	[redacted]	
Post Code	[redacted]	
Telephone Number	[redacted]	
Email Address	[redacted]	

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Part B – Representation (Please use a separate sheet for each representation)

When the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan is examined it will be tested for

1. Legal compliance – That it has been produced in accordance with Government Regulations. This includes the Duty to Cooperate.
2. Soundness – That the content is positively prepared, justified, effective and consistent with national policy

- If you wish to comment on the way Wealden District Council has **prepared** the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan, it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **legal compliance**.
- If you wish to make a representation on the actual **content** of the plan, it is likely that your comments or objections will relate to a matter of **soundness**.

Further information on the test of soundness and legal compliance is provided in our accompanying **Guidance Notes for Respondents**.

Q1. To which part of the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan does this representation relate? *Please use a separate form for each separate Chapter, Policy, Paragraph, Figure or Table you wish to make a representation on.*

Chapter: 5	**Paragraph Number:** 5.2
Policy Number:	**Figure/ Table Number:**

Q2(a). Do you consider the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan to be Legally Compliant?

Yes ☑ *Please go to Question 3(a)*

No ☐ *Please go to Question 2(b)*

Q2(b) If you answered No to Question 2a please give details of why you consider the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan is not legally complaint

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Q3(a). Do you consider the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan to be sound?

Yes ☐ *Please go to Question 4*

No ☑ *Please go to Question 3b*

Q3(b). If you answered No to Question 3a. Do you consider the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan to be unsound because it is not. (Please mark all you think apply)

(a) Positively prepared ☑

(b) Justified ☐

(c) Effective ☑

(d) Consistent with National Policy ☐

(e) Other (please specify) _____ ☐

Q4. Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to your previous comments regarding legal compliance and soundness.

You will need to say why you believe this suggested change will make the Affordable Housing Delivery legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text.

Although the phrase "Affordable Housing" is used many times in the documents, no clear definition is given. In the SA Report 5.2, definition refers to the NPPF but using the word "affordable" in an attempt to define it. Eligibility is mentioned without stating any criteria for affordability or by whom. So, it is a meaningless definition going around in circles.

Furthermore, to state minimum numbers or percentages applicable to the whole District does not take account of the diverse nature of the district; nor to actual needs in various parts; so, should be determined according to specific areas (rural or urban; High Weald or Low Weald).

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Please note your representation should cover all of the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested change. After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he/she identifies for examination.

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Q5. If your representation is seeking any change to the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan, do you consider it necessary to participate at the oral part of the examination to help explain the need for the change proposed?

No, I do not wish to participate at the oral examination ☐ *Please go to Question 6*

Yes, I wish to participate at the oral examination ☑ *Please go to Question 5(b)*

Q5(b). If you wish to participate at the oral part of the examination, please outline why you consider this to be necessary.

To make further explanation in relation to any other statements on this matter. To answer any questions which may be raised relating to my statement.

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Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the oral part of the examination.

Q6. Finally, do you wish to be notified of any of the following? Please mark all that apply.
We will contact you using the details you have given at the beginning of *this form.*

a) The Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan has been submitted for independent examination ☑

b) The Inspector's Report is published ☑

c) Wealden District Council adopts the Affordable Housing Delivery Local Plan ☑

Data Protection Act 1998 and Freedom of Information Act 2000
Representations cannot be treated in confidence and copies of all representations will be made publicly available. The Council will also provide names and associated representations on its website but will not publish personal information such as telephone numbers, emails or private addresses. By submitting your views on the document you confirm that you agree to this and accept responsibility for your comments.

Signature	J M Harmer	Date 12/01/2015

Please print name if submitting electronically

If you, or somebody you know, would like the information contained in this document in large print, Braille, audio tape/ CD or in another language please contact Wealden District Council on 01323 43322 or info@wealden.gov.uk.

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