



**Wealden**  
Draft Local Plan

## **Draft ‘Focused’ Wealden Regulation 18 Local Plan Consultation Response Form**

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Wealden District Council is preparing a new Local Plan. The new Local Plan will be the key planning document for the district, excluding the area covered by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA). The South Downs National Park has planning powers for its own area. Once adopted, the Local Plan will form part of the Development Plan for the District, replacing all existing local plan policies and will be used to assess and make decisions on planning applications.

In March 2024, Wealden District Council published a draft local plan (known as Regulation 18) that set out the Council’s draft policies and growth strategy for the plan period. In December 2024, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) was updated as well as the calculation on housing need, known as the ‘standard method’ which results in increased housing need within Wealden District compared to that in our March 2024 draft local plan. Subsequently, the Council considers that a further consultation stage is needed to address those national planning changes and to consider whether further changes to the spatial strategy are required.

This ‘Focused’ Draft Local Plan consultation looks ahead to 2042. The Draft Local Plan focuses on a long-term spatial strategy for growth, including proposed locations for development and it provides a range of draft strategic policies for housing, the economy, town centres and Gypsy and Traveller provision. The Draft Local Plan also provides updates to our affordable housing policy, Sustainable Urban Drainage (SuDS) policy and a new policy on Coastal Change Management Areas (CCMAs). It does not present a full Local Plan draft at this stage. We need focus, through this consultation, on areas updated through the recent national policy changes which give rise to the need for further consideration in that wider context.

Overall, this Plan will help meet the district’s needs and priorities, whilst protecting our natural and physical environment. It will ensure that future growth is delivered alongside required infrastructure and improvements, as well as deliver on climate change objectives. It will also help to ensure that our communities are supported with the services and facilities that they need to support daily life.

The Consultation on the 'Focused' Draft Local Plan will run from 5pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026 to 5pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026. Any responses received after this cannot be accepted. This is your opportunity to feed into the process ahead of us developing and testing the Local Plan further and publishing the Proposed Submission Local Plan for Consultation (Regulation 19) later this year.

Please provide your comments on the following pages. You may use the comment boxes to answer the questions you may wish to respond too. You can answer as many or as little as you wish. You may answer more than one question in each of the boxes; however, please ensure that you indicate in the left-hand column which question you are responding too so that we can ensure that your response is considered accurately against that question.

There are pages to cover your comments in respect of the draft Site Allocations and also pages provided for general comments at the end. We have also provided a box at the end if you would like to comment on any of our supporting documents such as the Interim Sustainability Appraisal, Interim Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and Interim Equalities Impact Assessment. Please continue on a separate sheet or form if required.

The easiest way to respond to the consultation on the Draft Local Plan is via our consultation portal using this link <https://consult.wealden.gov.uk/kse/>. You can comment on any part of the plan and your comments will then be submitted directly to us. If you don't have access to the internet then you can submit this form by post to:

Planning Policy, Wealden District Council, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, East Sussex BN27 2AX

Please email [Planningpolicy@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:Planningpolicy@wealden.gov.uk) or telephone the Planning Policy team on 01892 602008, if you would like any further information, help or assistance.

**Part A Personal Details – You must provide these details for us to accept your consultation response**

	Details please
Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Professional Position (if relevant)	
Represented Organisation (if relevant)	
Address	
Post Code	
Email address	

**Agents Details or Other Details (if making a representation on behalf of the above consultee.)**

	Details please
Title	
First Name	
Surname	
Professional Position (if relevant)	
Represented Organisation (if relevant)	
Address	
Post Code	
Email address	

## Data Protection Statement

Wealden District Council is committed to ensuring that your privacy is protected and will only use and store your personal data in line with the General Data Protection Regulation 2016 and the Data Protection Act 2018. We collect and use your personal data in order to provide services you have requested from us or to carry out our legal obligations to you. We will not disclose your personal data to any third parties unless we need to do so to provide a service to you or we are legally required to do so. We may share your personal data with other Council departments in order to provide the service you have requested and to ensure that the information we hold about you is accurate and up to date. Our Privacy Policy sets out how we collect, use, and securely hold your data. If you want more information on how a particular Council service uses your personal data, please view the full policy and Privacy Notices on our website using the following link: <http://Wealden.gov.uk/privacypolicy>

Please be aware that any comments you submit cannot be treated in confidence as the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004, as amended, requires copies of all representations to be made publicly available. The Council will publish names and representations on its website, but will not publish personal information, such as private telephone numbers, emails or addresses. By submitting a representation, you are accordingly confirming that you agree to this and accept responsibility for your comments.

**Please use the following boxes to answer the draft 'Focused' Local Plan Consultation Questions – you may answer more than one question in each of the boxes. Please ensure you indicate which question you are responding to.**

Question Number	Comments

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**Draft Site Allocations - Please provide the site reference and site name that you wish to comment on. You can comment on as many sites as you wish to. If you would like to comment on a SHELAA site or parish, please provide the SHELAA reference and site or parish name?**

Site Reference & Name	Comments

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**Should you require further space to respond to questions please continue on a separate page or sheet of paper as necessary.**

**Please use this box to make any general comments that you may have that are not covered by any other question within the draft 'Focused' Wealden Local Plan?**

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**Please use this box to make any comments on any supporting documents. For example, this may include the Interim Sustainability Appraisal, Interim Infrastructure Delivery Plan, and Interim Equalities and Fairness Impact Assessment?**

Document and paragraph Number	Specific Comments

## Part C Core personal information and equalities monitoring questions

### A bit about you

We want to make sure that everyone who uses our services is treated equally and that our services are provided fairly. The information collected helps us to get a picture of who contacts us, uses, or does not access our services and will help us to improve what we provide and reduce the potential barriers to access.

Please answer the questions below by ticking the boxes that you feel most describes you. Some questions may feel personal, but any information that you give will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be used only to help us to improve our services. It will not be linked to you as an individual. You do not have to fill this in, but it will help us if you do.

Thank you - by completing this form you are helping us to ensure that our services are fair and open to all.

#### Sex

##### At birth were you described as?

- Female
- Male
- Intersex
- Other (please describe)
- Prefer not to say

#### Age

##### What is your age?

- 17 and under
- 18-24
- 25-34
- 35-44
- 45-54
- 55-64
- 65-74
- 75-84
- 85 and over
- Prefer not to say

## Disability

**Do you have an impairment, health condition or learning difference that has a substantial or long-term impact on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities? (tick all that apply)**

Yes       No       Prefer not to say

If you have answered 'yes', please tick the box ('s) that best describe your impairment(s).

This information helps us improve access and remove barriers to our services.

- Blind or visual impairment uncorrected by glasses
- D/deaf or have a hearing impairment
- A long-standing illness or health condition, e.g., cancer, HIV, diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis, chronic asthma, epilepsy, cardiovascular conditions, sickle cell anaemia, motor neurone disease, some forms of dementia
- A mental health difficulty, e.g., schizophrenia, depression, anxiety disorder, some forms of dementia
- A physical impairment or mobility issues, e.g., walking, dexterity, difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches
- A social/ communication impairment, e.g., speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome/other autistic spectrum disorder
- A specific learning difficulty e.g., dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D
- An impairment, health condition or learning difference that is not listed above (specify if you wish)
- Prefer not to say

## Language

**What is your main language spoken at home?**

- English
- Other, please describe (including British Sign Language)
- Prefer not to say

**What is your preferred language for written information?**

- English
- Other, please describe
- Prefer not to say

## Nationality

### To which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong?

Choose one option that best describes the ethnic group or background to which you perceive you belong.

<b>Asian or Asian British</b>	
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	Indian
	Pakistani
	Bangladeshi
	Chinese
	Any other Asian background
<b>Black, Black British, Caribbean or African</b>	
	Caribbean
	African
	Any other Black, Black British, or Caribbean background*
<b>Mixed or multiple ethnic groups</b>	
	White and Black Caribbean
	White and Black African
	White and Asian
	Any other Mixed or multiple background*
<b>White</b>	
	English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British
	Irish
	Gypsy or Irish Traveller
	Roma
	Any other White background*
<b>Other Ethnic Group</b>	
	Arab
	Any other ethnic group*
*If your ethnic group was not specified in the list, please describe your ethnic group.	
<b>Prefer not to say</b>	
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