



**HAILSHAM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Committee**

**REPORT (Minutes)**

of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Committee,  
held at the Fleur de Lys Council Chambers, Market Street, Hailsham  
On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 at 7.00 p.m.

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12 **Present:** Councillors N. Collinson (substituting for Councillor G. Moore) Ms C. Collinson-O'Toole, Mrs S. Cottingham, P. Holbrook, Mrs. M. Laxton, J. Puttick, P. Soane (Chairman) and C. Triandafyllou.
- 13 **Other Members:** Ms V. Browne and S. Cross.
- 14 **Also Present:** Councillor F. Berry.
- 15 **Officers Present:** Mr. J. Harrison (Town Clerk), and Mr. D. Saxby.
- 16 **Apologies For Absence:** Councillor C. Tasane and Mrs. H. Deehan.
- 17 **Declarations of Interest:** Councillor Soane and Ms Brown declared interests as they had both had some engagement with the Stop Wealden Overdevelopment Team.

**Hailsham Town Council's Response to the Wealden Local Plan Consultation**

- 18.1 The Chairman reminded members of the Sub-Committee that at the previous meeting it had been resolved that members would their produce their views on the opening statement for Hailsham Town Council's response to the Wealden Plan.

Councillors Soane, Mrs Laxton, Ms Collinson-O'Toole and N. Collinson, Ms Brown, S. Cross and Mrs. Deehan had tabled papers. Councillor Berry had also submitted a paper.

Members considered and debated them. There was no consensus about the meaning of sustainability and, again, extreme doubt about the ability or willingness to supply the necessary level of infrastructure.

Some members were doubtful about the delivery of the upgrade of the A27. Councillor N. Collinson stated that the leader of Wealden District Council, Councillor Bob Standley had publically stated that if the improvements to the A27 were not met, the whole development scheme could not go ahead.

Councillor Laxton proposed and Councillor Puttick seconded the following paragraph which was drafted by Mr. Cross that should be the opening to Hailsham Town Council's response to the Wealden Local Plan consultation

Hailsham Town Council will work constructively with all the other stakeholders in implementing the Wealden Local Plan; taking the proportional housing which is supported infrastructure and which reflects the priorities of the town.

This was agreed unanimously.

Members then drew up a list of subject areas that needed to be addressed by Wealden District Council.

18.2 **RESOLVED** that the following wording be sent to Wealden District Council as Hailsham Town Council's response to their Local Plan consultation exercise:

Hailsham Town Council will work constructively with all the other stakeholders in implementing the Wealden Local Plan; taking the proportional housing which is supported infrastructure and which reflects the priorities of the town.

And the following areas be addressed:

Medical Services  
Conservation  
Environment  
Transport – Roads and Public  
Education  
Sports and Leisure  
Economic Plan  
--Rural Economy  
--Tourism  
--manufacturing  
--employment  
--retail  
Social Infrastructure  
Wealden Design Guide  
Social Equity  
Utilities and Services  
Infrastructure Financing

Councillor Mrs Laxton and Mrs Deehan were to be the main contributors for Medical Services and Education.

Councillor Holbrook was to be the main contributor for Conservation.

Mr. Cross was to be the main contributor for the Environment.

All members were asked to provide bullet points for as many subjects as they wished to and to send them to the Town Clerk by 4.00pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

19 **Dates and Times of Next Meetings**

The next meeting of the Sub-Committee will take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.35pm.