

## Cllr Lunn – WDC report for HDPC meeting 06.02.24

### **Draft Local Plan Regulation 18**

The Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 Documents for consideration at the Local Plan Sub-Committee which was held on 29 January are now available on the council's website: [Wealden Draft Local Plan Regulation 18 Document - Wealden District Council - Wealden District Council](#) This is a significant series of documents which covers over 6000 pages.

These will be put to the Full Council on the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024. If passed a public consultation will be held for 8 weeks from the beginning of March.

The draft plan does not have specific chapters on Hadlow Down as the village is not classed as a sustainable place for development but the draft plan does cover a number of new progressive policies which will impact on developments. Hadlow Down is still expected to gain from windfall developments.

Residents are encouraged to withhold any comments until the official consultation starts. Any comments prior to the official consultation will be ignored.

If any residents or Parishioners wish to share any concerns regarding the draft plan please feel free to email me on [cllr.michael.lunn@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.michael.lunn@wealden.gov.uk)

### **Environmental Health (Licensing) - Environmental Framework**

The Council licences numerous activities and has several policies covering the supply of alcohol, entertainment, gambling, and taxis. These policies are drawn up in line with relevant legislation and information.

In addition, Wealden District Council wants to develop supplementary guidance which considers the impact on the environment of licensed premises, activities, and events. We want to encourage good practice and behaviour that protects the environment both in the short and longer term. This means looking at every component of carbon impact of public events. This will impact on a wide range of public activity including fetes, public bbqs, pubs, public shows etc.

We are interested in any views that people have about this subject and welcome views from people who live, work, or visit the Wealden district.

The areas of environmental protection the Council would like to consider are set out in the consultation survey below, please read through and provide your comments as necessary.

**This consultation has been extended and will now close on 11 February 2024**

<https://letstalk.wealden.gov.uk/environmental-health-licensing-environmental-framework>

I would like to add that I am concerned regarding the wider implications of this initiative as it could have unintended consequences on all public events which in my opinion would have a detrimental impact on community life. The consultation is poorly put together, and subjective in its approach and questions. I would encourage all Members of the community to respond to the consultation.