

Cllr Lunn WDC report for April 2024 HDPC meeting

Dear Councillors,

Not a huge amount to report on this month as its Easter we are in between various Council meetings.

Planning

The application for Little Broadreed Farm, Dog Kennel Lane, Hadlow Down (WD/2023/2127/F) has been called to Planning Committee North following the Parish Councils objection.

Enforcement issues – various

You may recall Craig Moon as lead officer for enforcement. He has left Wealden District to live in Australia and hence there is a restructuring of services for enforcement. Details of how services will be restructured are not yet known to Councillors and hence there is a slight shortfall in responses at this current moment.

Local Plan

Local Plan Consultation has formally opened for public comment. The Wealden Local Plan looks ahead to 2040; it will provide a vision for the district, a long-term spatial strategy for growth, including the locations where development will take place. It will provide a range of both strategic and non-strategic policies that will guide development across the district contributing to social, environmental and economic (sustainability) goals. 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, as well as to inform investment and the provision of infrastructure. The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires that “for the purpose of making any determination under the planning Acts, the determination must be made in accordance with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise”.

This current stage of the local plan (known as Regulation 18) sets out the Council’s draft policies and growth strategy and is an important stage in the plan-making process. It provides an early opportunity for our communities, businesses, landowners, developers, partners and stakeholders to ‘have a say’ and comment on the draft Local Plan before it is considered further and then finalised for the next (Regulation 19) consultation / representation stage.

I would encourage everyone to review the specific policies as this will have the most significant impact on Hadlow Down up to 2040.

This link takes to you to a short video on the introduction to the Draft Wealden Local Plan https://youtu.be/QR1XB94Mp_c

Waste and Recycling Collections

Why are the rubbish and recycling collections changing?

Following a review of the rubbish and recycling collections in Wealden, changes to some collection rounds need to be made to further improve the performance and efficiency of the service.

What does this mean?

This means that from **Monday 15th April** the current collection schedule for rubbish and recycling will be changing for some properties.

Please note: not all rubbish and recycling collections will be changing.

Please continue to put your bin out by **7am** on your collection day as the time bins are emptied is likely to change, even if the collection day remains the same.

What happens next?

Letters (including a collection calendar) have been sent out to those properties affected by the change.

A bin day search facility will be available on our website from Friday 5th April which will inform you of any changes to your collections.