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Wealden Local Plan

The Stage 1 Hearings before the Planning Inspector Louise Nurser were completed at the end of July 2019. These Hearings address the Legality and Soundness of the Plan. Although the Inspector said she would report back to Wealden at the end of August no report has yet been received by Wealden.

The latest update published on Nov 8th 2019 states that the Inspector has submitted her report on Stage1 to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) on October 25th 2019.

MHCLG did not release their findings before the Pre election period starting on November 6th.

The Planning Inspectorate will not now be issuing any letters regarding Local Plans until after the election on December 12th.

Hence Wealden will not be receiving a report on Stage 1 until after December 12th.

Once the report is received by Wealden they will have to consider the way forward.

It is highly likely that the Inspector will have introduced several modifications to the Plan.

If Wealden accept the modifications the Plan will proceed to Stage 2 Hearings when specific sites will be addressed,

If the modifications are not acceptable to Wealden and they will withdraw the Plan. In which case it would be open season for developers.

Another possibility is that the Inspector has found the Plan non compliant in terms of legality and or soundness. In which case Wealden would have to prepare another Plan. WE think this situation is unlikely in view of the length of time the Inspector has spent on the Plan.

http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Residents/Planning_and_Building_Control/Planning_Policy/Wealden_Local_Plan/Wealden_Local_Plan_Examination.aspx

General Election

Village Concerns have written to all the Parliamentary candidates for Wealden asking for their views on the Planning Issues in Wealden and in particular East Hoathly and Halland

The letter can be seen on our website, go to Home, Latest updates

<http://www.villageconcerns.co.uk/Reference%20Library.html>

Planning Applications

All details of Planning Applications can be viewed on our website.

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The most recent application is the Circle of Oaks on South Street,

The deadline for On line objections has closed but you can still object by letter or E mail. Please see attachment for details.

Thank you

Thank you for all your support. It is an on going battle.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year