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Since our last update we are now in a very different world. We hope you are all keeping safe and well and coping with the situation.

Planning matters may not be at the top of your agenda at the moment but applications are still moving forward.

We found out a few days ago, that Wealden Planning Committee South intend to hold remote Planning Meetings using a video conferencing platform under the Covid 19 Emergency Legislation. The first meeting in this format will be on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2020. The agenda for this meeting was published on Wednesday, the 15<sup>th</sup> and there are no applications in East Hoathly or Halland on the agenda.

These meetings will be live streamed. Members of the public will not be able to participate in the live meeting. Any member of the public wishing to speak has to register once the agenda is published and then submit the speech 3 working days before the Planning Committee Meeting by written email or media file.

See link below for further details

<https://council.wealden.gov.uk/mgCommitteeDetails.aspx?ID=660>

We will be observing the meeting on April 23<sup>rd</sup> to find out more about how the remote meetings operate. We will also be looking into the legality of these meetings' procedures.

It is likely that applications in the Parish will be coming forward fairly soon. Dates of the meetings may vary from the original monthly schedule. Village Concerns will be preparing speeches.

### Halland Forge

The Appeal was dismissed, see attached for Appeal decision. This Appeal decision could be used to support new objections to Bramblebank.

### Hesmonds

Historic England have submitted a strong objection to the Hesmonds Application indicating that it would cause "a high level of harm to East Hoathly Conservation area and some harm to several listed buildings". This has been supported by an objection from Wealden Conservation Officer. This excellent news should make it difficult for Wealden to approve the Application. However both objections indicate there is potential for a smaller scheme to be put forward which would not raise an objection.

### South St WD/2019/1674/MAO

This scheme has been reduced to 55 houses. WDC Biodiversity and Arboricultural Officer has now said there is no ecological objection subject to specific Planning Conditions to protect wildlife.

We believe there will still be a considerable loss of biodiversity.

Please could you reaffirm if your objection still stands. This is important otherwise the Applicant will say the new scheme is acceptable.

Email: [planning@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@wealden.gov.uk)

WD/2019/1674/MAO

Despite the amendments my objection still stands.

Give your name and address.

Many thanks.

If the attached document is sideways, or upside down, many attempts were made at righting it, but it did not work. You will have to rotate it yourselves. Apologies.

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