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## East Hoathly

### 1) Circle of Oaks 26 Houses

A reminder that you can object to the amended application until *Friday Sept 4<sup>th</sup> 2020* by emailing:

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

State the Application Number: WD/2018/2741/MAO

And give your name and address.

Suggested wording if you have objected before.

Although the recent additions are an attempt to mitigate the problems that will be encountered on this site I still oppose the principle of development and my objections still stand. However, this amendment completely hides the Circle of Oaks from view and adds another exit onto South Street. In addition, permission has already been granted for 205 houses in this small Village. More houses would put totally unacceptable pressure on the Village and its resources and would create a pincer movement of development at either end of the Village.

## 2) **Buttsfield Lane 2 Houses**

Full Planning Permission.

This application has returned after being dismissed at a previous appeal. The Agent has now resubmitted after the failure of the Wealden Local Plan Submission.

The application can be viewed at

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=150588>

You can submit a response online until *September 18<sup>th</sup> 2020*.

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

Quote application number WD/2020/1472/F

And give your name and address.

Please contact Village Concerns if you need further details on this application.

## 3) **South St 55 Houses**

Appeal pending. No details yet.

## 4) **Hesmonds**

Our Barristers have sent a legal letter to Wealden District Council challenging the legality of their decision.

## **Halland**

Bramblebank

New documents have been added to the application and all previous objectors should have received a letter from WDC.

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The documents added on 17/08/20 can be viewed at:

<https://planning.wealden.gov.uk/plandisp.aspx?recno=135731>

The new documents are:

- a) Block Plan Amended Proposed Layout
- b) Block Plan Amended
- c) Accompanying Docs Misc. Amended Sustainability Study
- d) Design and Access Statement Amended

*We have had a brief preliminary look at these documents.*

Key Points:

The Agent has addressed the issue of sustainability of Halland by the use of Passivhaus techniques for construction for Bramblebank whilst retaining a traditional appearance. This will be highly energy efficient and the Agent argues makes the development sustainable.

Each house will have a dedicated car charging point.

However, sustainability is about the provision of services, jobs, schools, shops in the location to prevent the need to travel elsewhere to be sustained. The Agent has chosen to ignore this and focus on the sustainability of the buildings. Energy efficient housing (despite its benefits) does nothing to satisfy the core issues of site sustainability. All buildings should be sustainable but it is more important to build them in a sustainable location.

The site will incorporate a new Village green space with children's play equipment including a zip wire.

## Design and Access Statement Extract

“This Application was originally submitted back in 2016. In March 2017 it was recommended for Planning Approval, subject to a Committee Hearing that never occurred due to the advent of the Ashdown Forest restrictions.

Following the removal of the Draft Local Plan at the beginning of this year, the application has once again returned to a position for potential support by the Council. Unfortunately, in the interim there have been a pair of Appeal decisions that have questioned the sustainability of Halland as a location.

In response to this, we have revised the application to include sustainable design techniques that will, in the lifetime of the development, far outweigh the sustainability concerns raised by the inspector relating to location.

It is also extremely important to point out that in the interim, the Government has made significant amendments to the Planning Application process in order to free up sensible land for housing development.

### Amendments to the Application

Given that the original scheme was considered suitable for a recommendation to Approve, we did not want to adjust the layout in any great way, nor move away from the traditional appearance of the dwellings.

Instead we have looked in detail, at the fabric of the buildings, and how to create a development that is very sustainable in the long term.

A separate document has been prepared that looks into the detail of how to build a highly sustainable house, using Passivhaus techniques to make the dwellings very low energy in operation and also in terms of the embodied energy that goes into their construction.”

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construction should be a condition of the Outline Planning Permission. In view of sites being sold on to different developers we are not sure this could be secured in the future.

This move towards more sustainable construction is commendable but does it negate your previous objections to building in Halland? If the answer is no:

Email:

[planning@wealden.gov.uk](mailto:planning@wealden.gov.uk) by *September 15<sup>th</sup> 2020*

State Planning Application WD/2016/2343/MAO

Give your name and address.

*Suggested wording:*

**Despite the amendments to this application my previous objections still stand. This level of development is still not sustainable in Halland.**

It is important to state this, otherwise it can be assumed previous objectors are now accepting the development.

We would be interested in feedback on these amendments as it is an innovative way forward.

Thank you for all your support.

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