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## **Village Concerns Update 54**

Two new Planning Applications have now been submitted to Wealden and Village Concerns seeks your support in objecting to both of them. Please object as soon as possible, the deadline for online objections is 19 Oct 2018 or you can write to Wealden District Council, Planning and Building Control, Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX. We will be adding information and updates onto the Village Concerns BLOG in the next few days. <http://villageconcerns2016.co.uk>

The Parish Council is holding a Planning Meeting to discuss the South Street Application is being held at the Village Hall on Thursday 4 October 2018 at 7 pm. It will be an opportunity for you to give them your views and make your voice heard.

Village Concerns is holding its Annual General Meeting at the Village Hall on Thursday 18 October 2018 at 7.30 pm. The Agenda will be published on our BLOG.

### **Halland Forge Application**

Village Concerns would like you to object to the Halland Forge Application to build 21 homes at the rear of their Hotel. Select the following link to get to the [Halland Forge Application](#). Click on the application number WD/2018/0320/MAJ and then click on the “Comment on this application” button. Fill in your details and make sure that in the Comment Box you scroll down and select the “objection” option.

**The key objection is suggested below, just cut and paste**

it into the objections box or include it in your own objection:

I object to this Application because it fails to comply with the emerging Wealden Local Plan. It seeks to change the use of an application for an extension to the Halland Forge Hotel and the proposed building is unsuitable for apartments in a rural settlement.

Some additional things on which you might want to comment are:

Halland is an unsustainable settlement and cannot cope with such an addition to its infrastructure. There are no jobs or school places for these new residents.

The Transport Survey identifies unsafe and unworkable issues with the vehicle access plan.

The allocation of 33 parking spaces for 21 new homes that could include 60 people is inadequate. The spaces are not allocated to specific flats and this would create anarchy. There are no spaces for motorcycles or electric vehicles.

The proposal does not identify the area that would comprise the new apartments gardens and boundary with the Hotel.

The proposal would add significantly to the congestion on the A22 at peak periods and push more pollution onto the Ashdown Forest.

The surface water run off from 21 homes would discharge

polluted waste into the stream feeding the River Uck and damage the watercourse and the Ancient Woodland through which it flows. An adequate Habitat survey has not been carried out.

Use your own words and add anything else that you think of. Finally if you want to read more about the proposal look at the attached pdf file.

### **South Street Application**

Village Concerns would like you to object to the South Street Application to build 74 homes at on Farmland on South Street. Select the following link to get to the [South Street Application](#). Click on the application number WD/2018/1508/MAO and then click on the “Comment on this application” button. Fill in your details and make sure that in the Comment Box you scroll down and select the “objection” option.

The key objection is suggested below, just cut and paste it into the objections box or include it in your own objection:

I object to this Application because it fails to comply with the emerging Wealden Local Plan. It seeks to build 74 homes that are not needed in this barely sustainable village where there are no school places or jobs. It will force more vehicles onto the congested A22 and further damage the Ashdown Forest.

Some additional things on which you might want to comment are:

East Hoathly is a small village with an infrastructure that is

Last Houlton is a small village with an infrastructure that is gradually being eroded (reductions in Bus services, reduced GP Surgery access, loss of pub). It has had recent disproportionately large developments of 75 homes and cannot sustain another. The school is full and has no capacity to expand.

There is no local need for these houses and they exceed the 48 that Wealden have indicated is the maximum safe amount that can be built in the period up to 2028 in our Parish, Laughton and Chiddingly. To build 74 would damage the Ashdown Forest and Lewes Downs with Nitrogen pollution.

The plan proposes to build on top of the main sewer for the whole village with no credible plan or costings. The polluted surface water run-off from the huge site would be discharged into a stream that flows through the local Sewage Works and into Ancient Woodland. The damage to habitats and the risk of flooding the Sewage Works is unacceptable.

The proposal is for a dense cul de sac that would not match the existing housing on South St with spaced housing and large gardens. It disregards the devastating impact the development would have on South Street residents and the green views that form the character of our village.

The application claims to have engaged with the community but failed to record the hostility and negativity that this engagement produced.

The parking allocated is inadequate and would result in much on street parking. This would make access for

MUCH ON STREET PARKING. THIS WOULD MAKE ACCESS FOR emergency and refuse vehicles very difficult and particularly when an increasing number of large delivery vehicles are visiting such cul de sacs. There is no provision for motor cycles or electric vehicles.

The Transport Assessment thinks that 94% of vehicles exiting the development would turn left onto South Street and then right onto the A22. This is ridiculous as it is very difficult/unsafe to turn right from this junction and invalidates all of their findings. Even the few vehicles heading South on the A22 are likely to go through the village to the Shaw Roundabout and add to the A22 congestion. The number of vehicle movements calculated is too low. It does not take account of the lack of any local school places, limited bus service and lack of any local jobs. This hugely increases the level of vehicle dependancy and pressure on the A22 and Ashdown Forest.

Use your own words and add anything else that you think of. Finally if you want to read more about the proposal look at the attached pdf file.



Halland Forge  
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South Street  
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