

Hurst Green Parish Council
The Parish Office, Hurst Green Village Hall
Station Road, Hurst Green
East Sussex, TN19 7PL



6th September 2018

Dear Cllr. Kentfield,

Hurst Green Neighbourhood Plan - Site Allocations

On behalf of the Parish Council and Neighbourhood Planning Steering Group we have been asked to write to you and Cllr. Barnes to request your kind consideration of a meeting between us and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of RDC Planning Committee.

We wish to bring to your attention a matter of concern and to seek your advice with regards to the development of Rother's Development and Site Allocations (DaSA) Local Plan document as it relates to Hurst Green Parish.

For reference RDC describe the DaSA's purpose as being: *"The DaSA will form Part 2 of the Council's new Local Plan and develops the spatial strategies and core policies set out in the Core Strategy, which represents Part 1 of the Local Plan. It reviews existing site allocations and development boundaries and, at this stage, puts forward options and preferred options for allocating specific areas of land for particular uses in line with the development provisions of the Core Strategy... **Potential development allocations are not included within the DaSA Local Plan consultation where areas are designated as Neighbourhood Plan Areas.**"*

As you may be aware, Hurst Green parish is actively developing our neighbourhood plan and is currently undertaking site assessments. However, despite being a designated neighbourhood plan area since June 2017 and being contrary to the above RDC statement, Hurst Green continues to feature in the draft DaSA document and RDC planning officers appear unwilling to remove Hurst Green from the document, and regrettably have not, as of yet responded to our letters or requests to meet.

Given our active Neighbourhood Plan process, the Parish Council is concerned at RDC's officers lack of regard for Hurst Green's designation as a neighbourhood plan area, particularly as our neighbourhood plan call for sites has brought forward new, and an arguably richer set of sites that have not been included in RDC's assessment. Furthermore, a number of major landowners have contacted the Parish Council expressing their regret that they were not contacted by RDC, or afforded the opportunity to put forward sites previously until now.

Yours sincerely

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Chairman, Hurst Green Parish Council
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