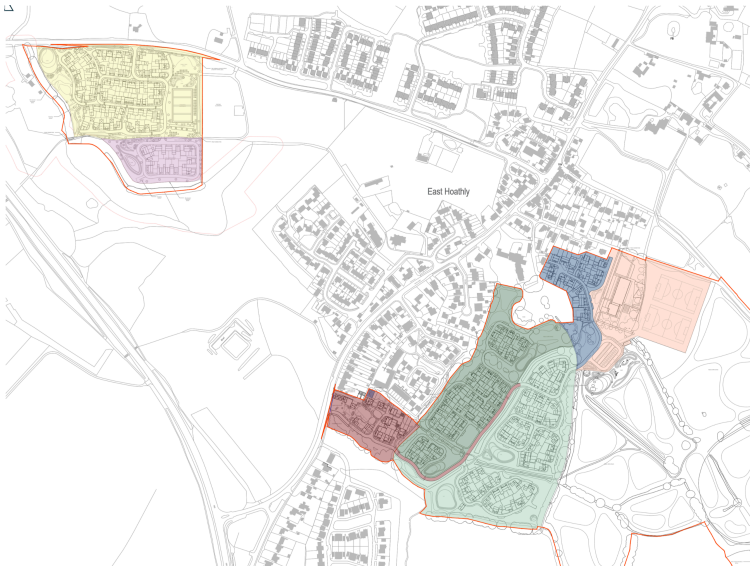
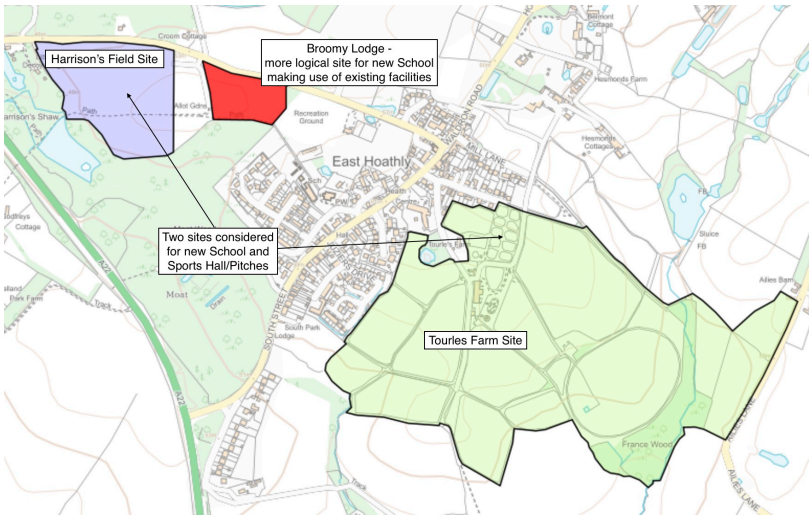
Hesmond's Stud 2025 Application WD/2025/0376/MAJ

This application is to build 275 new homes and a new school for 400 children. The consultation period has closed but you can still comment by email to planning@wealden.gov.uk. State that you object to the application and say why. A more detailed Village Concerns objection can be viewed on our website.

I object to planning application WD/2025/0376/MAJ. This community has already had an unacceptable level of development approved. The idea of building a 400 child school at the end of a giant cul-de-sac makes no sense. It provides no jobs, no improved infrastructure or facilities just more cars, pollution and congestion. This application should be rejected until the Local Plan process has been concluded.



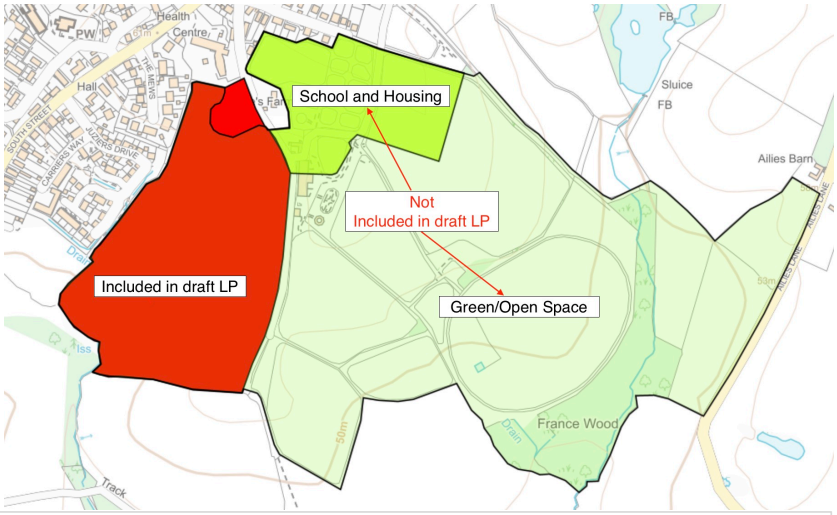
- The proposal - 275 new homes - new school (400 children) -700 more cars.
- A few additional jobs at new school and more school places but no other sustainability improvements. No shops, no real employment, just 700 more cars and congestion.
- Claims to be East Hoathly masterplan but its strategic logic is deeply flawed:
    - Examines 2 sites for new school but ignores preferable site of Broomy Lodge - better connected to village, better access, adjacent bus stop and adjacent to the Sports Ground. Proximity to Sports Ground would enable a shared use of facilities. Proposed new school sports hall/pitches would be in competition with existing facilities making both less financially viable.



    - Additional allotments alongside existing allotments - an ill conceived idea. Existing allotments are somewhat detached from village - to expand here makes no sense. New allotments should be sited on Tourles Farm site.
- No funding for a 400 child school, no local demand, no certainty it will be built. Not enough school parking. Section 8.1 states that Tourles Farm is preferred choice of Parish Council.

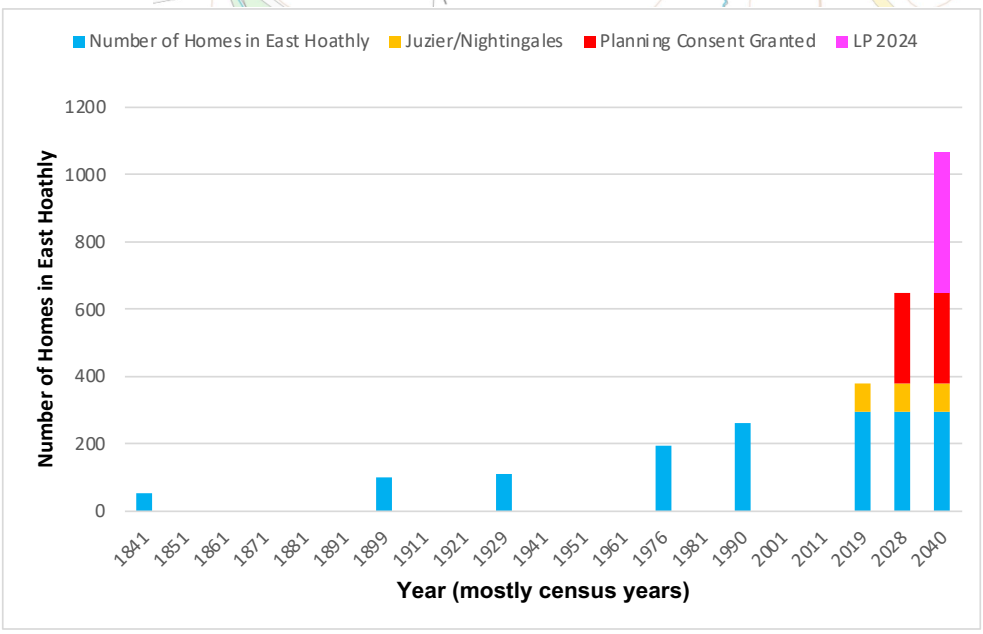
How did PC decide this and when did they inform the community. Draft Local Plan includes details implying that WDC have already made up their minds on this matter.

- Tourles Farm - a giant cul-de-sac - chaos at school drop-off time and bin days.



- Large expanse of green-space - no ownership details, no maintenance estimate, no protection from further development, no plans for use of private pasture.

- Vision and Aspirations (Section 1.3) indicates they will provide new infrastructure to allow sustainable transport for all of East Hoathly - nothing actually proposed.



- Significant part of site ("Village Trail" and School) is outside draft Local Plan (LP) area and therefore not assessed as suitable for development.

- Planning Statement Paragraph 9.2.1 "Increased patronage of local services should be particularly welcome given historically low levels of housing delivery in the village and the closure of some facilities". Is the author of this a moron ?

- Planning Statement does précis the main Neighbourhood Plan (NP) policies but omits important elements and fails to show that they have satisfied the NP policies in their submission. Examples of some of their omissions:

    - NP Policy 1 - Omits - delivery of a higher proportion of homes of one, two or three bedrooms and a greater balance of smaller homes for retirement and downsizing.

    - NP Policy 5 - Omits - Provide opportunities for gardening, wildlife and food production within existing and new residential areas, including the utilization of underused roadside verges for wildlife habitat, where it is safe to do so;

    - NP Policies 7, 8 and 9 are excluded completely. This includes the desire to provide employment opportunities and not loose existing businesses.

- Planning Statement omits NP Aspirations. Aspiration 6 - provision of fibre-optic broadband to homes adjacent to the new developments. Aspiration 7 - creation of a safe footpath and

cycleway connecting East Hoathly and Halland. This would better connect Harrison's Field to the villages.

- Sewage - Proposal to pump sewage from Harrison's Field to join existing network at same point as Redrow site. Two new estates potentially pumping into the main sewer at the same time and during a period of heavy rain is a recipe for disaster.

- Ancient Woodland buffer - should be 25 metres (to satisfy Draft LP Policy NE4).

- Consultation Report - no mention of Parker Dann cash inducement to the PC - is it still on the table ?

- Frequent reference to providing views within the development or for the properties on its periphery. This completely disregards the views of existing properties which are being obliterated.

- Cycle access via Buttsfield Lane proposed - this is a footpath - cycling not permitted.

- This is a Hybrid application and many people are concerned that it is not appropriate to link two very different sites and that the approval of one site should not influence the decision to build on the other. Harrisons Field is too remote to be sustainable and Tourles Farm is a 400 child school at the end of a 196 home cul-de-sac. Both are unsuitable and should be rejected causing the rejection of the whole hybrid application.

- The application fails to consider the Park Heath Corner SSSI and the impact on this protected site.