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After many delays, Wealden District Council now appear committed to presenting the Draft Wealden Local Plan to its sub-committee on 5th July and to Full Council on 18th July 2018. A moratorium on large developments (imposed by Wealden because of the damage being caused by pollution to the Ashdown Forest) is still in place. The moratorium forced Wealden to create the current Draft Wealden Local Plan that was tabled in March 2017 and proposed a zero housing allocation for East Hoathly and 30 houses for Halland.

Wealden have commissioned studies into the Ashdown Forest pollution and are still in discussion with Natural England over the findings. We understand that the issue is not just about the current levels of pollution but also about the methodology of how these figures are used to model damage/recovery into the future and how this would be impacted by future developments of houses and the corresponding increases in traffic. Wealden is under pressure from developers to lift the moratorium and from Central Government to comply with house building policy. Wealden have indicated that a decision on the Ashdown Forest is imminent but we have no indication what this means - it could be:

1. That the moratorium stays in place.
2. The moratorium could be lifted. Wealden have told us that this would lead to a new Draft Local Plan with increased housing figures being put forward and that this process would take 12 to 18 months.
3. The moratorium could be lifted but with a system of pollution mitigation measures put in place but there is no suggestion of what these would be.
4. The moratorium stays in place and that the Developers challenge it in the courts.

Option 1 would be perfect for the protection of our Parish but all the other Options would prevent the Council adopting a Local Plan in July and it is likely that the planning system would revert to that prevailing when the Hesmonds application was submitted - where Developers would be able to submit applications without a Local Plan or a 5 Year Land Supply and the Planning Department would be likely to approve them as windfall developments.

We are therefore approaching a very critical point in the future of the Parish. The Hesmonds application is ready to go to the Wealden Planning Committee and other developers are priming themselves and preparing their applications. We understand that new applications in the Parish are being prepared for submission prior to July. 2018

And on another note:

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