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# **Rother Local Plan 2020 – 2040**

## **Draft (Regulation 18) Version**

### **April 2024**

## **Consultation Form**

**Consultation - 12 weeks from 30 April – 23 July 2024 at 5pm**

We are preparing the new **Rother Local Plan**. It will guide development and land use in our area. We want to work with our communities to shape Rother's future.

We are consulting on the draft (Regulation 18) version of the new Local Plan. The consultation will last for 12 weeks. Comments cannot be accepted beyond 5pm on 23 July 2024.

The Draft Local Plan and all of its supporting evidence base documents can be found on the Council's website at <https://www.rother.gov.uk/draftlocalplan>

The easiest way to respond to the consultation on the Draft Local Plan is via our Consultation website at <https://rother.oc2.uk/login>. You can comment on any part of the plan. Alternatively, comments can be made by submitting this consultation form.

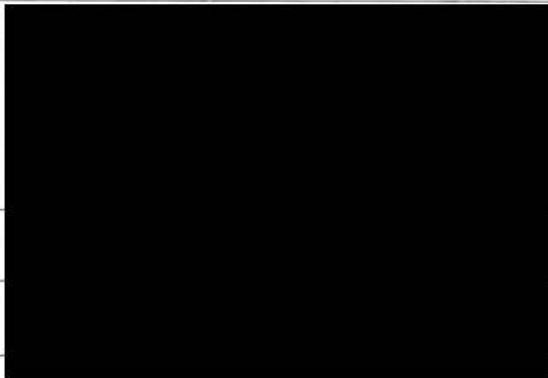
If submitting comments by email, please send to [draftlocalplan@rother.gov.uk](mailto:draftlocalplan@rother.gov.uk). If submitting comments by post, please address correspondence to The Planning Policy Team, Rother District Council, Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea, TN39 3JX. Please note that submissions made via post will not receive confirmation that they have been received.

Please use the below comment boxes in Part B of this form to make comments on the Plan. Please also use Part B to record comments on the Plan's supporting evidence base.

Part C of this form includes an equalities monitoring survey.



**Part A Personal Details – You must provide these details for us to accept your consultation response**

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Hastings Fringes. Development Strategies and Principles Hastings fringes And radical settlements. Having read the report the thing that strikes me is thinking about the whole infrastructure for the building that you want to go ahead with in all the Hastings fringe areas is not something that you really take into consideration.

You have an NPPF documentation and this is all about improving the area. Reducing overall need to local people goes to travel and reducing the need to travel particularly by car. The points are made in this document all makes sense until you see some of the places that you want to build houses at. There seem to be several sites around the Guestling green and on the Pett boundary between Guestling and the Pett Road. That go against everything in the NPPF document.

An example. Chapel lane you mentioned you want to build 14 houses and where you want to build is right next to a brownfield area. Not sure why the 14 houses are not being built on the brownfield site, rather than on the field next door to it.

Another example. On the Pett road we have a potential rural exception site Fairview which is being run by a CLT who have just been given 30,000 by Rother district council to spend on surveys and consultancy fees. The CLT want to build 14 affordable houses. The residents who live in front of the field are very unhappy with this project. Giving this CLT 30k when nothing has been given the go ahead. This is a field that has not been touched for over 25 years. The residents love the wildlife that they can enjoy in their gardens and of course the peace and quiet that the field offers. Maybe Rother could have spent that 30 k and turned it into Allotments and a small play area. As Pett has recently lost their allotments.

Pett/ Guestling

When you read what you NPPF document says, using this field goes against everything you have written in the report.

Travel. We have a bus from 8 until 4pm every hour and then later on every 2 hours

The field is a natural habitat of much wildlife

This year rosemary lane, Peter James lane an chapel were closed down for a few days because of floods

Pett level is constantly flooding

Pett Road near the Fairview site has no footpaths

We have just lost allotments as stated above

We have the second highest rate for sewage leaks for this area. In Guestling woods when walking your dog you do have to be careful where you let your dog run, because of the raw sewage leaks.

We have just lost the post office

In Hastings there were 30 doctors we now only have 5 doctors surgeries

The nearest school to the Fairview site is Guestling and to walk to the school would be very dangerous as again no footpaths.

Generally when you read and see all the builds going on in the Hastings fringes, it not particularly encouraging. The ridge is a nightmare and with all the building going on and around that area is very scary. I have seen ambulances not being able to get into the hospital. It is disgraceful. Why was a hospital built that does not have a separate entrance for an ambulance to go in and out of? It is ridiculous and embarrassing that no one thought to do that. Again why was Hastings shopping centre built on a cricket field that everyone knew flooded. Hastings shopping centre has lost all the good shops and how can you encourage great shops to come to Hastings when it floods badly several times a year.

It is obvious that infrastructure is not well thought of and it just seems to come down to government targets. You have documents that say the right things but they are repeatedly ignored or it is just acceptable to break the rules. It is a great shame that infrastructure has less of a concentration than targets.



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