

Rother District Council
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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. 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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Agents Details or Other Details (if making a representation on behalf of the above consultee)

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Part B - Please write your comments in the below comment boxes. Please indicate in the left-hand column which question, paragraph number, policy or section of the document you are commenting on. Please also indicate which document your comments relate to. You may answer more than one comment in each of the boxes. This will help ensure that your response is considered correctly. Please continue on a separate page or sheet of paper if necessary.

Document name:	ROTHER LOCAL PLAN
Question number, paragraph number, policy, or section	Comments
question number 123	
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Document name:	ROTHER LOCAL PLAN
Question number, paragraph number, policy, or section question number 142 policy HOU13 paragraph vi	Comments Rural settlements and villages have multiple edges along lanes in different directions and multiple gaps. Could have major impact on rural settlement character and reads like an afterthought tagged onto end of HOU13. If continued to next stage would need its own policy with full explanation and planned criteria. Historic village boundaries may be important, especially in High Weald National Landscape AONB and its setting and historic edges and gaps probably continue to exist for a good reason. Edges and gaps often impact on an important view or the setting of a heritage asset. There would be inevitable loss of hedgerows. Erosion of edge character at village entrances. Any policy should be well defined and strict. Why "usually" if this policy is strictly for 1 house or 1 pair of houses? Is a "pair" definitely semi-detached? How will all these dwellings be kept small? Why is overall residential plot size not restricted to minimize impact on rural setting and keep affordable? Public transport has no relevance to 1 dwelling or a pair of dwellings as not required by all home owners and will not distribute the impact of new policy across the countryside. Policy should not apply to add more development to villages with planned extensions to their settlement development boundary through allocations.