

# Rother Local Plan Regulation 18 Consultation

## Burwash Parish Council Review

Questions 1 – 24 discussed and agreed during Public Time 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

1. *What are your views on the Council's Vision?*  
**The Vision does not mention the needs and requirements of young people/families or the need for social and affordable housing. Better connectivity is required for homeworking.**
2. *What are your views on the proposed twin overall priorities to be 'Green to the Core' and 'Live Well Locally'?*  
**'Live well locally' not achievable with just affordable housing. 'Green to the core' will require sufficient funding.**
3. *What are your views on the key issues (listed at Para 2.13) that have been identified and is there anything missing.*  
**A Policy for retaining young people in the District is missing and the requirement for low paid workers, particularly in the Care Sector, should be considered. There should be a clear Policy to encourage young people/families to offset the older generation.**
4. *What are your views on the Councils' objectives for the Local Plan.*  
**The objectives are good – however, can Rother control the outcomes?**
5. *Are there any alternatives or additional objectives and/or the ways to achieve the objectives that Council should be considering.*  
**Rother should consider the needs of workers in rural areas and there should be an objective relating to specific groups that have a housing need.**
6. *What are your views on the Councils' proposed policy for Net Zero standards and which parts of the Policy do you support?*  
**We generally support the ideals of the Plan, but unsure of the control method.**
7. *How important is it for Rother to seek to set high standards.*  
**High standards are very important.**
8. *Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering.*  
**More emphasis should be placed on modern construction methods.**

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9. *What are your views on the Councils' proposed Policy for Net Zero refurbishment standards.*

**This is likely to be a very expensive process, unlikely to be achieved.**

10. *Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering.*

**Older and listed properties will be a challenge.**

11. *What are your views on the Councils' proposed policy for construction material and waste.*

**Agree in theory but should include measures for control and enforcement.**

12. *Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering*

**No response.**

13. *What are your views on the proposed Policy for water efficiency.*

**Good.**

14. *Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering*

**For new builds, water storage and utilisation of grey water.**

15. *What are your views on the Councils' proposed Policy for heat networks .*

**N/A**

16. *What would be your preferred approach to carry forward in the Local Plan.*

**N/A**

17. *What are your views on the Councils' proposed Policy for renewable and low carbon energy.*

**There does not seem to be any consideration for small wind turbines that could be incorporated into small clusters of houses.**

18. *What are your views on identifying broad locations for wind development.*

**The High Weald National Landscape should be taken into account.**

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*19. Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering*

**Where there are rivers, consideration should be given to generation using waterpower. Large solar farms should not be visible from a distance in the High Weald National Landscape.**

*20. What are your views on the Councils' proposed Policy for Local Nature Recovery Areas.*

**The map of Local Nature Recovery Areas does not seem to be available.**

*21. Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering*

**The Policy, when available, should include wildlife/wildflower verges.**

*22. What are your views on the Councils' proposed Policy for Biodiversity Net Gain.*

**Good.**

*23. What are your views on the Council going above the National minimum requirement of 10%.*

**Will it survive the appeal process?**

*24. Are there any alternatives or additional points the Council should be considering.*

**Consideration should be given to protecting mature trees in and around developments.**