

## **Railfuture London & South East regional branch's response to Lewes District Council's consultation for Lewes Local Plan 2040: "Defining our policies and early site allocation proposals"**

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# Lewes Local Plan: Defining our policies and early site allocation proposals

Please respond to the consultation by completing the questions below. Return by email to [LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk) or by post to Lewes District Council, 6 High Street, Lewes, BN7 2AD.

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What type of stakeholder are you / who are you representing: (place 'x' in against box)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the public (Resident of Lewes District) | <input type="checkbox"/> Residents Association                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member of the public (Resident elsewhere)         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National group / organisation |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Other – please describe:                          |   |

## Vision for Lewes District's Plan Area

1. *Do you support the vision that is set out in this Local Plan?*  
Yes

## Theme: Spatial Strategy and Settlements

2. *What are your views on the Theme: Spatial Strategy and Settlements policies?*

Strategic Policy SDS1 - The emerging Spatial Strategy Developing a Spatial Strategy

Strategic Policy SDS2: Achieving Sustainable Development

Strategic Policy SDS3: Settlement Hierarchy

Policy SDS4: Settlement Boundaries

SDS1 - Welcome this statement: "The aim will be to meet development needs in a manner that builds on the existing infrastructure and environmental capacity but acknowledges opportunities to deliver new infrastructure [supported by new development]." Transport modelling for Ringmer and Broyle Side must at some point include explicit and transparent options without / with rail links via Ringmer A) to Uckfield and to Lewes and B) to Uckfield and to Lewes and Eastbourne.

SDS2 - If 13 "deliver the necessary new, physical, social and environmental infrastructure" and 15 "support a choice of modes of active travel, with minimal reliance on the private car" (public transport involves active travel ie walking / cycling to and from bus stops and rail stations) are to be made real then consideration of new rail links to serve the new growth must be included if it is to be sustainable growth in transport terms.

SDS3 - Welcome recognition that Ringmer is already a sustainable location, meriting the description Service Centre. The other Service Centre at Peacehaven & Telscombe faces extremely limited prospects to accommodate further growth, being hemmed-in by both the National Park and the sea, and zero prospect of any such growth being rail-connected to improve its sustainability in transport terms.

SDS4 - Welcome statements here: "It is necessary to ensure that proposals for new development are directed to the most sustainable locations in accordance with the settlement hierarchy and that the countryside is protected from gradual encroachment." and " In allocating sites for development, the existing settlement boundaries will need to be amended to meet housing needs, ..."

3. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy SDS1 - The emerging Spatial Strategy Developing a Spatial Strategy is appropriate?*  
Yes

4. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy SDS1 - The emerging Spatial Strategy Developing a Spatial Strategy?*  
Not applicable

5. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy SDS1 - The emerging spatial Strategy Developing a Spatial Strategy?*  
Not applicable

6. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy SDS2: Achieving Sustainable Development is appropriate?*  
Yes
7. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy SDS2: Achieving Sustainable Development?*  
Not applicable
8. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy SDS2: Achieving Sustainable Development?*  
Not applicable
9. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy SDS3: Settlement Hierarchy is appropriate?*  
Yes
10. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy SDS3: Settlement Hierarchy?*  
Not applicable
11. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy SDS3: Settlement Hierarchy?*  
Not applicable
12. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy SDS4: Settlement Boundaries is appropriate?*  
Yes
13. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy SDS4: Settlement Boundaries?*  
Not applicable
14. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy SDS4: Settlement Boundaries?*  
Not applicable

**Theme: Climate Change**

15. *What are your views on the Theme: Climate Change policies?*

Strategic Policy CC1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change

Policy CC2: A Design Response to a Changing Climate

Policy CC3: Improving Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings

Policy CC4: Solar PV, Storage and Demand Management

Policy CC5: Renewable Energy Generation

Policy CC6: Sustainable Construction

Policy CC7: Coastal Change Management Areas

Policy CC8: Coastal Vulnerability Areas

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16. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy CC1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change is appropriate?*

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17. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy CC1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change?*  
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18. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy CC1: Mitigating and Adapting to Climate Change?*  
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19. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC2: A Design Response to a Changing Climate is appropriate?*  
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20. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy CC2: A Design Response to a Changing Climate?*  
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21. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC2: A Design Response to a Changing Climate?*
22. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC3: Improving Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings is appropriate?*  
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23. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy CC3: Improving Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings?*  
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24. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC3: Improving Energy Efficiency in Existing Buildings?*  
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25. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC4: Solar PV, Storage and Demand Management is appropriate?*  
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27. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC4: Solar PV, Storage and Demand Management?*  
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28. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC5: Renewable Energy Generation is appropriate?*  
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29. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy CC5: Renewable Energy Generation?*  
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30. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC5: Renewable Energy Generation?*  
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31. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC6: Sustainable Construction is appropriate?*  
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32. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy CC6: Sustainable Construction?*  
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33. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC6: Sustainable Construction?*  
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34. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC7: Coastal Change Management Areas is appropriate?*  
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35. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy CC7: Coastal Change Management Areas?*  
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36. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC7: Coastal Change Management Areas?*  
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37. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy CC8: Coastal Vulnerability Areas is appropriate?*  
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39. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy CC8: Coastal Vulnerability Areas?*  
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**Theme: Natural Environment**

40. *What are your views on the Theme: Natural Environment policies?*

Strategic Policy NE1: Protecting the Natural Environment  
Policy NE2: Green and Blue Infrastructure  
Policy NE3: Biodiversity and Nature Recovery

Policy NE4: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows

Policy NE5: Green Gaps

NE5: Green Gaps - Railfuture must be open about the desirability of preserving the gap between Ringmer and Broyle Side as likely to be the preferred route for a new rail link and station to best serve both communities with connections into the national rail network north via Uckfield towards London and south via Glynde towards Lewes and Brighton or south via Glynde towards Lewes and Brighton and also via Berwick towards Eastbourne.

41. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy NE1: Protecting the Natural Environment is appropriate?*

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42. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy NE1: Protecting the Natural Environment?*

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43. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy NE1: Protecting the Natural Environment?*

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44. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy NE2: Green and Blue Infrastructure is appropriate?*

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45. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy NE2: Green and Blue Infrastructure?*

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46. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy NE2: Green and Blue Infrastructure?*

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47. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy NE3: Biodiversity and Nature Recovery is appropriate?*

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48. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy NE3: Biodiversity and Nature Recovery?*

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49. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy NE3: Biodiversity and Nature Recovery?*

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50. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy NE4: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows is appropriate?*

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51. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy NE4: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows?*

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52. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy NE4: Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows?*

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53. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy NE5: Green Gaps is appropriate?*  
Yes

54. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy NE5: Green Gaps?*  
Wording of para. 5

55. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy NE5: Green Gaps?*

Is it really meant to be "Exceptions to this policy will only be considered where no suitable alternative locations can be demonstrated and are in accordance with other Development Plan Documents."?



## Theme: Water

56. *What are your views on the Theme: Water policies?*

Policy W1: Flood Risk and Flood Management

Policy W2: Protection of water resources and water quality

Policy W3: Water Efficiency in New Development, Extensions and Renovations

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57. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy W1: Flood Risk and Flood Management is appropriate?*

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58. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy W1: Flood Risk and Flood Management?*

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59. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy W1: Flood Risk and Flood Management?*

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60. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy W2: Protection of water resources and water quality is appropriate?*

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61. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy W2: Protection of water resources and water quality?*

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62. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy W2: Protection of water resources and water quality?*

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63. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy W3: Water Efficiency in New Development, Extensions and Renovations is appropriate?*

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64. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy W3: Water Efficiency in New Development, Extensions and Renovations?*

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65. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy W3: Water Efficiency in New Development, Extensions and Renovations?*

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## Theme: Health

66. *What are your views on the Theme: Health policies?*

Strategic Policy HW1: Health and Wellbeing

Policy HW2: Minimising Pollution Impacts

Policy HW3: Healthy Vibrant Places

Policy HW4: Designing for Health and Wellbeing

Policy HW5: Outdoor Playing Space

Policy HW6: Healthy Local Food

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67. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy HW1: Health and Wellbeing is appropriate?*

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68. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy HW1: Health and Wellbeing?*

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69. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy HW1: Health and Wellbeing?*

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70. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy HW2: Minimising Pollution Impacts is appropriate?*

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71. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy HW2: Minimising Pollution Impacts?*

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72. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy HW2: Minimising Pollution Impacts?*

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73. *Do you think that the local plan should introduce a requirement for intensive agriculture proposals to be accompanied by a statement of compliance with regard to biodiversity, pollution and climate change requirements? Such an approach would require further evidence base work to help us to identify the scale/intensity of agricultural development below the Environment Agency permit requirements to which such a requirement should apply?*

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74. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy HW3: Healthy Vibrant Places is appropriate?*

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76. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy HW3: Healthy Vibrant Places?*  
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77. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy HW4: Designing for Health and Wellbeing is appropriate?*  
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85. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy HW6: Healthy Local Food?*  
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## **Theme: Homes for All**

86. *What are your views on the Theme: Homes for All policies?*

Strategic Policy H1: Meeting Housing Needs

Policy H2: Suitable Homes for All

Policy H3: Affordable Housing

Policy H4: Specialist Accommodation for Vulnerable People

Policy H5: New Residential Development in the Countryside

Policy H6: Making Best Use of Existing Rural Buildings

Policy H7: Making Best Use of the Existing Housing Stock

Policy H8: Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

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87. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy H1: Meeting Housing Needs is appropriate?*

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88. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy H1: Meeting Housing Needs?*

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89. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy H1: Meeting Housing Needs?*

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90. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H2: Suitable Homes for All is appropriate?*

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92. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy H2: Suitable Homes for All?*

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93. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H3: Affordable Housing is appropriate?*

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95. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy H3: Affordable Housing?*

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96. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H4: Specialist Accommodation for Vulnerable People is appropriate?*

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97. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy H4: Specialist Accommodation for Vulnerable People?*

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98. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy H4: Specialist Accommodation for Vulnerable People?*

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99. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H5: New Residential Development in the Countryside is appropriate?*  
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102. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H6: Making Best Use of Existing Rural Buildings is appropriate?*  
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105. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H7: Making Best Use of the Existing Housing Stock is appropriate?*  
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108. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy H8: Accommodation for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople is appropriate?*  
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## Theme: Economy and Regeneration

111. *What are your views on the Theme: Economy and Regeneration policies?*

Strategic Policy E1: Meeting Economic Needs

Strategic Policy E2: Newhaven Town

Policy E3: Newhaven Port

Policy E4: Rural Economy

Policy E5: Town Centres

Policy E6: Town Centre Uses

Policy E7: Visitor Economy

Policy E8: Equestrian Development

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112. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy E1: Meeting Economic Needs is appropriate?*

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113. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy E1: Meeting Economic Needs?*

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114. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy E1: Meeting Economic Needs?*

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115. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy E2: Newhaven Town is appropriate?*

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116. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy E2: Newhaven Town?*

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117. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy E2: Newhaven Town?*

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118. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy E3: Newhaven Port is appropriate?*

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120. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy E3: Newhaven Port?*

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121. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy E4: Rural Economy is appropriate?*

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122. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy E4: Rural Economy?*  
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123. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy E4: Rural Economy?*  
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124. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy E5: Town Centres is appropriate?*  
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135. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy E8: Equestrian Development?*  
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## Theme: Design, Landscape and the Built Environment

136. *What are your views on the Theme: Design, Landscape and the Built Environment policies?*

Strategic Policy D1: Development Principles  
Policy D2: Achieving High-Quality Design in Development  
Policy D3: Landscape Character  
Policy D4: Conservation and Enhancement of Heritage Assets

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137. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy D1: Development Principles is appropriate?*

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138. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy D1: Development Principles?*

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139. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy D1: Development Principles?*

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140. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy D2: Achieving High-Quality Design in Development is appropriate?*

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141. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy D2: Achieving High-Quality Design in Development?*

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142. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy D2: Achieving High-Quality Design in Development?*

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143. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy D3: Landscape Character is appropriate?*

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144. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy D3: Landscape Character?*

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145. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy D3: Landscape Character?*

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146. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy D4: Conservation and Enhancement of Heritage Assets is appropriate?*

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147. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy D4: Conservation and Enhancement of Heritage Assets?*  
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148. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy D4: Conservation and Enhancement of Heritage Assets?*  
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### **Theme: Infrastructure & Community Facilities**

149. *What are your views on the Theme: Infrastructure & Community Facilities policies?*
- Strategic Policy IC1: Infrastructure Provision  
Policy IC2: Water Supply and Wastewater Management  
Policy IC3: Digital Infrastructure and Communications  
Policy IC4: Non-commercial Community Facilities  
Policy IC5: Commercial Community Uses  
Policy IC6: Sustainable Transport and Movement  
Policy IC7: Parking Standards  
Policy IC8: Former Lewes to Uckfield Railway Line
- Policy IC8 must recognise that there are options for a Lewes to Uckfield Railway Line, not just the former line - see further comments at 171-173 below.
150. *Do you think the wording of draft Strategic Policy IC1: Infrastructure Provision is appropriate?*  
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151. *If not, what should be changed about draft Strategic Policy IC1: Infrastructure Provision?*  
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152. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Strategic Policy IC1: Infrastructure Provision?*  
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153. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC2: Water Supply and Wastewater Management is appropriate?*  
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154. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC2: Water Supply and Wastewater Management?*  
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155. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC2: Water Supply and Wastewater Management?*  
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156. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC3: Digital Infrastructure and Communications is appropriate?*  
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158. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC3: Digital Infrastructure and Communications?*  
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159. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC4: Non-commercial Community Facilities is appropriate?*  
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160. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC4: Non-commercial Community Facilities?*  
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161. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC4: Non-commercial Community Facilities?*  
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162. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC5: Commercial Community Uses is appropriate?*  
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163. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC5: Commercial Community Uses?*  
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164. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC5: Commercial Community Uses?*  
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165. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC6: Sustainable Transport and Movement is appropriate?*  
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166. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC6: Sustainable Transport and Movement?*  
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167. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC6: Sustainable Transport and Movement?*  
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168. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC7: Parking Standards is appropriate?*  
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169. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC7: Parking Standards?*  
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170. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC7: Parking Standards?*  
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171. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC8: Former Lewes to Uckfield Railway Line is appropriate?*  
No
172. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC8: Former Lewes to Uckfield Railway Line?*  
The referenced DfT London & South Coast Rail Corridor Study 2016, published 2017, indicated in its Section 6, para. 6.1 and Figure 23, three variants for reinstating a (including the former) rail link between Lewes and Uckfield. The Policy must properly, therefore, reflect all three of those options, and reflect 'A new approach to Lewes-Uckfield' in para. 6.6.
173. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC8: Former Lewes to Uckfield Railway Line?*  
The DfT's London & South Coast Rail Corridor Study 2016 published 2017 Section 6, para. 6.1 and Figure 23, and the 'ACES' report referred to at Footnote 17 on page 41 of that study ("Access and Connections: East Sussex - Opportunities to align railway investment to the economic growth requirements of East Sussex" - see 'Wealden Line Corridor' pages 57-70.)
174. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC9: Public Rights of Way is appropriate?*  
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175. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC9: Public Rights of Way?*  
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176. *What evidence do you have to support the change you have suggested to draft Policy IC9: Public Rights of Way?*  
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177. *Do you think the wording of draft Policy IC10: Development Viability?*  
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178. *If not, what should be changed about draft Policy IC10: Development Viability?*  
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