

# RESPONSE TO CHAPTERS WITHIN THE LOCAL PLAN DIRECTION OF TRAVEL CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – 18 JANUARY 2021

Uckfield Town Council

## CHAPTER 11 LANDSCAPE

### **Are there any issues or challenges we have missed?**

Wealden DC needs to define stringent criteria to take control of development of our rural landscape. It is **not sufficient to say that a policy will be 'considered.'** Policies must be defined and implemented.

Streetlighting. Although there are a mix of views from residents with regards to lighting at night and light pollution, we should seek to **turn off more or all streetlights at night.**

### **Do you agree with the proposed policy options?**

Yes, but need to have defined policies.

### **Do you disagree with any of the options?**

No response.

### **Are there any other policy options we should be considering?**

Stringent protection of specific environments and rural features.

### **Do you have any other comments in relation to how we can plan for heritage and cultural assets within the district?**

In relation to para. 11.9 and brownfield sites, we do not feel that currently the planning authority treats brownfield sites as the priority.

Nowhere do you state that you should try and **retain high quality agricultural land**, rather than lower quality. The more we have within the district, the more we can shop locally and reduce travel. Need to pay more attention to retaining better quality agricultural land.

A lot more could be done to **support the charity and voluntary sector** in looking after heritage sites. Our heritage is discussed and the facilities we have but no recognition for supporting those who run and manage these facilities.