

In most of its detailed responses Wisborough Green Parish Council (WGPC) keeps returning to the same train of argument.

In summary:

- The area of the District that needs housing is in the south and Chichester adjacent
- Housing allocation in the north east area is driven by the inability to provide it in the south
- A significant factor in this inability is the failure to upgrade the A27; no consideration appears to have been given to using 'Grampian Conditions' that would provide for housing in the south once the A27 issues have been resolved
- The housing numbers in the north east area are not derived from identified need but on what cannot be accommodated in the south
- There has been a general lack and a lack of rigour in assessing the housing allocation for Wisborough Green (WG)
- This is evidenced by Chichester District Council's (CDC) use of and reference to flawed HELAA data and an apparent breakdown in internal communication
- CDC has failed to consult or partner with WGPC's highly experienced Neighbourhood Plan (NP) Review team
- Housing allocations in the north east area generally and WG specifically fail CDC's own sustainability criteria
- There is an acute infrastructure shortfall within the north east area and no plans to address this
- Available evidence points to CDC having made cavalier last minute decisions on WG's housing allocation
- Demonstrated by the total lack of reasoning, rationale and evidence and a reliance on unsupported statements
- Further, CDC have applied inadequate (if any) weight to their own historic and landscape restraints with regard to housing allocation
- For these reasons WGPC considers CDC's draft Local Plan (LP) to be unsound with regard to the housing allocation in WG.
- WGPC asks the Planning Inspector to:
 - Set a lower figure for housing in WG or
 - Request CDC to revisit the WG housing allocation, apply rigorous assessment against all relevant criteria and produce fully evidenced justification for their (revised) proposal.