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Date: Monday, 10 January 2022 at 11:12
To: all parish and town councils in Wealden
Subject: Re: Over-development in Wealden

Dear Parish/Town Clerk,

I am writing further to my email to you of 20th December to let you know of developments since that date.

(1) Having received a reply by an anonymous official of the Ministry on the 17th December to our letter by the seven parish councils, in the evening of the 20th December I responded to the Ministry with the following message:

“Dear Sirs,

Further to your reply of 17th December please allow me to insist that Mr Gove should see himself the letter that I had sent him on 6th December on behalf of seven parish Councils in Wealden. I understand that Mr Gove had a productive meeting with the leaders of Wealden District Council on the 10th December discussing the very subjects contained in our letter and your reply, and we therefore wish to be sure that the reply we received fully reflects Mr Gove’s current thinking.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Nikos Mikelis”

To date we have not had a response from the Minister or from Ministry officials.

(2) In another important development, eleven parish councils in our neighbouring Lewes District joined forces and sent a letter to the Minister opposing the formula and overdevelopment two days ago. I attach a copy of this letter for your information.

(3) So far I have received six emails from Wealden parish councils in response to my email to you of 20th December expressing support to the proposal that we join our voices against overdevelopment and that your representative(s) attend a physical meeting we intend to organise in late February. Furthermore, I have received confirmations from two parish councils who had by now ratified their support at a meeting of their council.

Please do not forget to let me know of your council’s decision, once this has been taken.

(4) Finally, because of the current increase in Covid cases and as the Working Group that is organising the meeting of Wealden parish and town councils believes that it is preferable to have a physical rather than a video meeting, we have consequently agreed to postpone this to the later part of March.

Please note that in due time I shall let you know of the exact date.

Kind regards and looking forward to hearing from you,

Nikos Mikelis