



**Tunbridge Wells  
Borough Local Plan (2020 – 2038)**

**New Evidence Base Documents  
Consultation Representation Form**

**Please use a separate sheet for each representation**

Ref:
(For official use only)

<b>Box 1:</b>	
<b>Name of the Local Plan Evidence Base Document to which this representation relates:</b>	PS_097a

Completed forms must be received at our offices by **midnight on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024.**

We encourage you to respond online using the consultation portal. Please note you do not have to sign in to respond via the portal: <https://consult.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/kse/>

Alternatively, you may email or scan forms to: [LocalPlan@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk](mailto:LocalPlan@TunbridgeWells.gov.uk) or send them by post to: Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, PLANNING POLICY, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS

**PART A – CONTACT DETAILS**

Please note that representations must be attributable to named individuals or organisations. They will be available for public inspection and cannot be treated as confidential. Please also note that all comments received will be available for the public to view and cannot be treated as confidential. Data will be processed and held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulations 2018.

	<b>1. Personal Details</b>	<b>2. Agent Details (if applicable)</b>
<b>Title</b>		
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<b>Email address (where relevant)</b>		

**PART B – YOUR REPRESENTATION**  
**(Please use a separate sheet for each representation)**

<b>Name or Organisation</b>	Hawkhurst Parish Council
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<b>3.</b>	<b>To which part of the document listed in Box 1 above does this representation relate to?</b>	
<b>Chapter and (if applicable) sub heading</b>		
<b>Paragraph number or appendix</b>		

<b>4.</b>	<b>Do you consider the Evidence Base document on which you are commenting, makes the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) (please tick or cross as appropriate):</b>				
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Legally Compliant</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Sound</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Please give details of why you consider the Borough Local Plan Submission Version (2020 – 2038) is not legally compliant or unsound. Please be as precise as possible.</b></p> <p><b>If you wish to support the legal compliance or soundness of the Local Plan, please also use this box to set out your comments.</b></p> <p><b>The text box will automatically expand if necessary.</b></p>
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HPC is concerned that the only option under consideration for increasing the number of non-selective secondary education places appears to be the expansion of Mascalls Academy.

This Statement of Common Ground only considers the need arising from the proposed development around Paddock Wood. However, it should also be recognised that the Local Plan allocates a significant amount of residential development in the east of the Borough, particularly around Hawkhurst and Cranbrook. This housing development will also result in an increased demand for secondary school places, which does not appear to have been taken into account.

In Hawkhurst, around 100 houses are currently undergoing construction, with outline permission agreed for another 100 or so homes.

With the closure of High Weald Academy in Cranbrook, children from Hawkhurst lost their local non-selective secondary school. The bus journey from Hawkhurst to Mascalls is an hour, with the school bus leaving the centre of Hawkhurst at 7am. The return bus leaves Mascalls just after the end of the school day, meaning that children cannot access afterschool clubs.

As part of the Local Plan process, surely this is an opportunity to review the approach to secondary education in the east of the Borough. The CEO of Leigh Academy Trust has confirmed that there is space for a new school on the High Weald site in Cranbrook and that Leigh Academy Trust would be prepared to run it as a satellite of Mascalls. HPC strongly supports this approach.

A new school at Cranbrook would not only reduce the need for Hawkhurst children to have to travel so far to school but would also reduce the pressure on the other non-selective secondary schools freeing up spaces for pupils local to them.

HPC recognises that the possibility of a satellite of Mascalls at Cranbrook was not an option when this planning was undertaken. However, now that it is, it should be given detailed consideration.

	<p>Please set out what modification(s) you consider necessary to make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound, having regard to the Matter you have identified at Section 5 (above) where this relates to legal compliance or soundness.</p>
6.	<p>You will need to say why this modification will make the Local Plan legally compliant or sound. It will be helpful if you are able to put forward your suggested revised wording of any policy or text. Please be as precise as possible.</p> <p>The text box will automatically expand if necessary.</p>

7.	<p>Please use this box for any other comments you wish to make.</p> <p>The text box will automatically expand if necessary.</p>

8.	<p>If your representation is seeking a modification, do you consider it necessary to participate at the examination hearing session when it takes place? (please tick or cross as appropriate)</p>
<p>No, I do not wish to participate at the examination hearing session</p>	
X	

Yes, I wish to participate at the examination hearing session	
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**If you wish to participate at the examination hearing when it takes place, please outline why you consider this to be necessary:**

*Please note the Inspector will determine the most appropriate procedure to adopt to hear those who have indicated that they wish to participate at the examination hearing session.*

**Please note** your representation should cover succinctly all the information, evidence and supporting information necessary to support/justify the representation and the suggested modification, as there will not normally be a subsequent opportunity to make further representations based on the original representation at later stages.

**After this stage, further submissions will be only at the request of the Inspector, based on the matters and issues he identifies for examination.**

<b>Signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	14.10.2024
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