

**PUBLIC EXAMINATION REVISED SUBMISSION HASTINGS
DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PLAN 2014 (LOCAL PLAN)**

**REP. ID. 2163 - Martin Newbold - Friends of Speckled Wood
Management Trust & Charity, Registration HMRC EW02193.
ALL HEARINGS.**

Statement 7 of 7 Dated 14th November 2014.

**I have provided Appendix A-C containing the conversations in
relation to the correspondence in regard this matter.**

- 1) 99% of Respondents for Focus Area 12 Speckled Wood requested this site be removed from the Local Development plan as a development site.**
- 2) On behalf of Friends of Speckled Wood I prepared a lengthy, comprehensive supplementary report, outlining in detail the reasons for this request.**
- 3) This document has been subject to numerous queries by the council relating to the necessary redaction of emails/addresses/hyperlinks and other issues which I am informed contravene the Data Protection Act.**
- 4) At the Preliminary Hearing the Inspector Mr. Hollox outlined the procedures for submitting the supplementary reports and the issue of redaction of certain items was not raised.**
- 5) The Development Local Plan volumes 1 - 4 contains hyperlinks/signatures and other items which have not been redacted and all are available on the HBC website and available in the public domain. This indicates that there is one set of rules for the council and another for others. It is my contention that this renders the Local Plan unsound.**
- 6) Due to the difficulties encountered with the redaction issues, it is now doubtful if the supplementary statements issued on behalf of Friends of Speckled Wood will be made available to the Inspector. On behalf of the Friends of Speckled Wood I have endeavoured to resolve this situation but without success.**
- 7) We appear to have lost our opportunity to submit the supplementary statements and present our case to the Inspector. Local Plans are a forum where local residents can present their views on the future of their town. The above situation indicates that we have been denied this due process and this does not represent the ethos of these consultations. It is my contention that the Local Plan is unsound and flawed. We have been denied our legal right to make comment on this Local Plan.**

Appendix A
Letters to Mrs Lynette Duncan Program Officer.



Friends of Speckled Wood Management Trust.

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27th October 2014
Our Reference HSOPLSPPH2

Mrs Lynette Duncan, Program Officer
(by email and by registered letter)

For the Attention Mrs Lynette Duncan
Dear Madam

I write to you following the PHM with the Inspector for the Examination of the Revised Submission Development Management Plan. Several organisations including our own stated to the Inspector that this Plan was unsound. I wrote to you by email several times following this, expressing the need for an EM which is procedurally the correct way in this situation. To date this has not been arranged. I have also emailed you concerning the venue for the hearing and informed you that as you had chosen a venue non central to my residence I would expect you to make remuneration for the additional traveling costs made by these decisions.

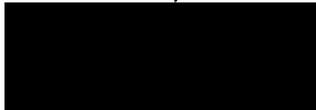
At this meeting we were told that we could submit a statement.

We therefore serve statements to you in this box with the following enclosures:

- **2 x Spiral Bound Statements**
- **1 x Loose sheet Statement in Green Envelope**
- **1 x DVD Data in Green Envelope**

I would be grateful if you would confirm in writing receipt of the above at your earliest convenience. Please notify me on your decision regarding the date of a newly scheduled EM Meeting.

Yours Sincerely



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Chairman

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05th November 2014
Our Reference HSOPLSPPH3

Mrs Lynette Duncan, Program Officer
(by email and by registered letter)

For the Attention Mrs Lynette Duncan
Dear Madam

I write to you following the successful delivery of our Opening Statement the Examination of the Revised Submission Development Management Plan (Local Pan). I wrote to you 27th October 2014. I do not seem to have a reply in writing. In addition I am making a formal complaint in regard your handling of my email of my latest submission to you. I point you to paragraph 7 of the Guidance Notes ID1. You told me the reasons you cannot accept my electronic statement was it could not be in the public domain.

I should point out that this statement regarding the creation of these statements and another matter of redaction of these statements your raised does not exist here in Guidance Notes ID1. I should have thought if this was pre requirement that this should be detailed in here. I would therefore ask you to kindly write and explain your actions as it would appear these actions are to restrict our ability to present a statement to you by your own deadline. It is clear your Guidelines do not mention the need for this at all or that you will be using our statement online without permission or asking if we would allow this. I find this all very irregular and have questioned your agenda.

We therefore serve statements to you by recorded delivery with the following enclosures:

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05th November 2014
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Mrs Lynette Duncan, Program Officer
(by email and by registered letter)

For the Attention Mrs Lynette Duncan
Dear Madam

I write following receipt of your letter electronically dated 5th November 2014. Thank you for supplying this letter. I have already told you on countless occasions I was not aware that these statements were for anyone other than the parties involved. I was also not aware they were marked confidential either. I have pointed out none of this is clearly documented in your ID1 Procedures. I certainly have no problem with this document being in the Public Domain I just feel it would be nice if we were asked properly first instead of being told it is not Compliant with DP. You told me by Telephone call on the 3rd November 2014 that these problems could be solved with a black pen and we would need to attend to this. I told you that we were not sure what exactly needed redacting and would need some guidance, nothing further was said.

We have written to you twice by letter and this is the first reply we have received. You are correct we are all very passionate about our site and have as you are aware been extremely vocal about this matter but feel that most of it falls on deaf ears. This is very sad as we represent the numerous children of our Community that play in this Woodland and have no voice in this debate. We have worked tirelessly with all Council departments and continue to try to convince people this is the wrong decision. There has to be a place for children and animals in our community the public understand this. Why is it none of the legal officials do. We have been fighting this for two years. We are aware that in2Play another of our parties are actively working on a portfolio to present to the Council an alternative vision other than the Councils Plan for housing on CV04 The Council have been aware of our communities plans from the original pilot plan with Homes and Communities Agency. Numerous emails have been sent advising of the community wishes, all falling on deaf ears. I hope you can understand this is very frustrating and ridiculous when all we want is to be left alone with our woodland in peace so that our own community can use it as they wish. It is clear this wish does not include houses.

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We have been working with you; in fact we have spent a ridiculous amount of our charity funds in trying to find a solution to this situation. We have already told you that this comes out of public charity money and is not being sourced from Council Funds. I hope this helps you understand that we will go to great lengths to protect this important Community Asset.

I look forward to hearing from you without delay as to the way forward to get this redaction issue resolved.

We have sent this email to our MP, the Council Legal Department and the Inspectorate.

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07th November 2014
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Mrs Lynette Duncan, Program Officer
(by email and by registered letter)

For the Attention Mrs Lynette Duncan
Dear Madam

Am I to understand that my submissions may not now be ready for the commencement of the Hearings due to the redaction issues. I have always been puzzled why 'official' email addresses etc which are in the public domain need to be redacted. These are not private or personal contact numbers. I do appreciate that signatures and personal addresses/ personal emails/phone numbers/etc would require redaction but I am unaware that official contact details meet the same requirement.

My understanding is from what I have learned is that there is need for 'openness and transparency'.

Could you inform me which section of the Data Protection Act suggests that these redactions apply in this instance?

I have written to you twice now in regard same additional matter. Please notify me on your decision regarding the date of a newly scheduled EM Meeting?

We have sent this email to our MP, the Council Legal Department and the Inspectorate.

Yours Sincerely

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10th November 2014
Our Reference HSOPLSPPH3

Mrs Lynette Duncan, Program Officer
(by email and by registered letter)

For the Attention Mrs Lynette Duncan

Participant Reference Number **REPID2163**

Dear Ms. Duncan:

HASTINGS LOCAL PLAN 2014 EXAMINATION.:

On 7th October 2014 I attended the Preliminary Hearing as an introduction and guidance for the forthcoming Hearings. Participants were informed that there was a further opportunity to submit statements. Various timescales were quoted to fit in with the pattern of the Hearings which would be held over approx. nine days. There was no instruction or directive at this Preliminary Hearing or in the Guidance Notes ID1 of any requirement to redact any email addresses or other personal data relevant to the supplementary statements.

On behalf of The Friends of Speckled Wood I immediately began to prepare the statement/s.

I submitted my first statement on 31st October 2014 and on 3rd November 2014 you emailed me to say ***“your further submission is going to give the Council problems because of the data protection issues and the personal information, emails, addresses etc. that you have included in the appendices. Is there any way that you can redact or remove the addresses and resubmit this to me?”***

I made these points again in a telephone call to you 3rd November 2014 at 14:54 for 15mins, where I outlined my concerns that there was no instruction or directive that existed in relation to these stated concerns.

I explained that it would be very difficult to alter any of the statements as they were now in the Programme Officer's possession having delivered them to Aquila House on 31st October 2014 as required. After considerable discussion I was under the impression that the Programme Officer would endeavour to redact the 'paper copies' and she would request HBC to do the necessary with their online version.

Subsequently the Council officers informed Ms. Duncan that they were working hard to complete their own paperwork for the Inspector and did not have the time or resources to carry out any redactions. Furthermore, they informed the Programme Officer that my statements contained hyperlinks which they said also contained 'personal information' AND they were concerned that these links could contain viruses. We appeared to have reached a stalemate and it was becoming very clear that my statements were in an indeterminate state of limbo.

I was becoming increasingly concerned with the situation because it was very clear that there was information on the Council's own websites which contained information available to the public which had not been subjected to redaction.

On 4th November 2014 you emailed me to say ***“he (the inspector) cannot accept anything that is not in the public domain.....You went on to say - “I urge you to re –consider your decision as to the redaction of items that are contrary to the Data Protection Act as discussed over the telephone this morning so that they can be posted on the website and be in the public domain otherwise the Inspector will have no option but to delete your submission from the further sub missions that he has received. I shall also have to advise the Council that this action has been taken and that they must also reject any items given to them.”***

Without taking up too much time to go over this convoluted issue, I am now in a situation whereby it appears my statements will not be submitted. The Council will not redact the electronic disk copies and I am not fully aware of the situation regarding the hard/loose copies. I remain confused by the draconian protocols in place which have been ignored, when I look on the Council’s own Revised Submission Development Management Plan and observe emails which have not been redacted, hyperlinks which have not been redacted and other personal details. It does appear to all intents and purposes there is one rule operating for the Council and another for the others.

The deadlines for these additional statements are very slim, and my statements are complex, taking a lot of time and financial outlay in order to complete. It does seem somewhat unfair and unreasonable that because nobody was informed in the beginning these restrictions would be applied to these statements, I do not know if my statements will be taken into account. I am of the opinion that the regulations regarding the Data Protection Act have not been applied correctly in this instance and I shall be seeking legal guidance on this matter. I have asked what specific section of the Data Protection Act pertains to this recent instruction but there has been no reply to this question. From what I can ascertain, it is highly probable that I have lost my opportunity to submit further statements on behalf of our Charity and this is contrary to the Local Plan principles. These Local Plans are to enable residents to speak up and put their point of view forward for the towns where they live. I feel the Friends of Speckled Wood have been denied this opportunity and this denial is based on very a questionable basis.

I have written to you three times now in regard to the same additional matter. Please notify me on your decision regarding the date of a newly scheduled EM Meeting.

We have sent this email to our MP, the Council Legal Department and the Inspectorate.

Yours Sincerely



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Appendix B

Communications with Program Manager Mrs Lynette Duncan

Communication log with Mrs Lynette Duncan, PO Up until 08-11-2014

You first told me by email on the: 3rd November 2014: **“Your further submission is going to give the Council problems because of the Data Protection issues and the personal information, emails addresses etc that you have included in the appendices. Is there any way that you can redact or remove the addresses and resubmit this to me?”**

I telephoned you 3rd November 2014 14:54 for 14 mins in relation to this.

4 Nov 2014 02:07:52: I wrote by email to you **“Dear Madam I will be serving my next statement as Praecepte.”**

4 Nov 2014 02:56:09 you replied by email **“I have referred your email to the Inspector. I am not sure who you are suggesting is the Defendant at this Public Examination and what you wish the Sheriff to order the Defendant to do? Could you perhaps explain please?”**

I telephoned you 4th November 2014 for 9mins. In relation to the fact that the Guidance Noted ID1 did not contain this information regarding redaction of material from statements.

You wrote to me by email: 4th November 2014 4:53:55 that: **“The Inspector has asked that I advise you that he cannot accept anything that is not in the public domain.”** You went on to say

“I urge you to re-consider your decision as to the redaction of items that are contrary to the Data Protection Act as discussed over the telephone this morning so that they can be posted on the website and be in the public domain otherwise the Inspector will have no option but to delete your submission from the further submissions that he has received. I shall also have to advise the Council that this action has been taken and that they must also reject any items given to them.”

I also informed you email 4th November 2014 7:56: **“Following our conversations regarding Sensitive data. We have a large selection of PDF in relation to CV01 and CV04.”**

I wrote reply email dated 4th November 2014 5:54:12: stating **“your position is not tangible”, “Without Challenge”,**

” You cannot legally therefore move forward with this Revised Development Plan (Local Plan) Examination.”

I wrote to you by email 4th November 2014 13:11:46 **“Would you be so kind to please tell me in the Guidance Notes ID-1, were it states under paragraph 7 that statements should be sent in to you redacted?”**

I wrote to the Planning Inspector by email including para 7 of the Guidance Notes ID1 and your letter dated 5th November 2014 4 Nov 2014 14:01:19 stating **“I write with some concern over the handling of a recent issue over supply of our statement to the Public Examination within the deadline this Friday 5:00pm .**

...this process would seem to be unfair. I would be grateful you communicate directly with Mr R Hollox and ask him on my behalf why this has been done to stop him having best information to base his decision. I have received this email from Program Officer below.”

I wrote further to the Planning Inspector by email 5 Nov 2014 07:04:14: **“I would like to stress I was told on the 3rd November there was a data protection issue but this was not identified to me in either email or subsequent call.**

I would also state the maps from the GMP1930 are from a book in my possession which I have and was prepared to bring in to a meeting. I am told nothing can be handed for view at a Public Hearing by Program Officer. This GMP is currently out of print and there is very few copies. The photographs are my own other information we have been given freely by our partners to help without campaign to save this woodland who have all told us we can use the data as we see fit. I am very upset this has all come to this."

On the 5 November 2014 06:35:15 you wrote and emailed me letter stating **"He notes that your bound Statement recently submitted is marked "confidential". As I have already explained to you on numerous occasions"**

I wrote by Recorded Letter to you 5 Nov 2014 07:57:57: **"I have already told you on countless occasions that I was not aware that these statements were for anyone other than the parties involved... I pointed out none of this is clearly documented in your ID1 Procedures... You told me by Telephone call on 3rd November 2014 that these problems could be solved by a black pen' ... I look forward to hearing from you without delay as to the way forward to get this redaction issue resolved"**

On the 6th November 01:15:37 you wrote: **"The Inspector's position is clear, if you do not agree to redact your statement so that no personal information (ie email addresses, signatures etc) is shown and remove the words 'confidential' from the first 13 pages of your submission then he cannot accept it as a further submission on behalf of your Trust. In those circumstances you will rely on your original submissions."**

On 6 Nov 2014 09:59:30 I emailed you **"I write again attaching the first opening statement 23rd October 2014 by electronic email with term 'Confidential' removed ... I have just searched through my entire email from you to see if you told me what you put in this letter dated today. I cannot find one trace that you stated 'confidential' was in my documents I sent you, in any of this email."**

On the 6 Nov 2014 02:53:07 you wrote by email **"You have included an email address on page 4. this will have to be removed before I can accept it. "**

On the 06 Nov 2014 03:02:59 You wrote **" however please leave things as they are now to avoid any unnecessary delay."**

On the 6 Nov 2014 03:03:06 I wrote email back **"The email for Mr P Sansum which you are referring doesn't work and is not a correct email that the whole point. It is bounced back with a delivery failure. See attached email."**

On the 6 Nov 2014 03:08:28 you wrote **"Please remove the email address, whether it works or not if you wish me to accept this statement. If the Inspector needs proof that this email address did not work, and I cannot imagine that he would then this can be produced for him."**

On the Nov 2014 03:14:33 I wrote to you by email **"With the greatest respect it is not an email address as it is not attached to an individual I don't understand this at all. Surely this is of Public interest of anyone trying to contact Mr Sansum as this is all over his reports. Do you still want it removed? Even though I have sent you email showing this text does not work?"** and then at 6 Nov 2014 03:24:49

I wrote by email sending you an updated statement as you requested stating **“For the sake of expediency the statement has been altered”**.

On the 6 Nov 2014 03:58:21

I wrote by to you email **“... and am not in a position to redact documents that are in pdf original format. I do not have the copies you have them now. I have already written to you in relation to this and spoke to you by phone. You told me that these could be redacted by pen. I have no problem with you doing this to remove DP issues. I will even agree to meet with you if you need these redaction signed. We do not have resources to re-print as we have already gone beyond our budget to produce these. If they need re printing I would suggest as the Council is running this show that you ask them to print for you.”**

On 6 Nov 2014 04:15:38 I wrote to you by email: **“Thank you for your email can you please confirm that all statements are now in order and can be forwarded to the necessary destinations. However if you require with me to meet with you when you visit Hastings tomorrow please let me know.”**

On 6 Nov 2014 04:23:10 You wrote to me by email **“I appreciate that you may not be able to amend a PDF document and I can ask the Council to do this on your behalf.”**

On the 6 Nov 2014 04:31:46 I wrote by email to you **“I remain confused. I was under the impression you were going to use your black pen to redact whatever needed redacting in relation to DP compliance. Please be aware our budgets have had to include two large consultations and have been prudently used to this end. Are you saying my statements are now acceptable?”**

On the 6 Nov 2014 04:41:03 you wrote by email **“have asked the Hastings Council if they can redact your pdf exhibits that I have on the disc you provided and I await a reply on that request. If they can then I shall take the disc with me tomorrow to allow this to be done.”**

On the 6 Nov 2014 10:38:36 you wrote to me by email: **I have been informed by the Council that they do not have the resources to redact your pdf exhibits unfortunately. They are a reduced team now and are working flat out to respond to the Inspector's MIQs and the preparation for the Examination. I shall work my way through the hard copy that I have but this will take time and unfortunately I cannot give it priority either with so many other representations to be processed. I have sent your redacted statements to the Council so they will go on the website in due course and also to the Inspector.**

I telephoned you 7th November 2014 at 13:32 for 1min 46s in relation to the links in my statements and my role.

On the 7 Nov 2014 13:41:32 I wrote by email to you **“In reference to our recent abrupt phone call today. You stated to me that you would check with the Council which links my statement has refereed to, which point to personal information. Can you please explain to me how this information can be personal if it is a Public open-space in the Public Domain on the Internet Please?”**

On the 7 Nov 2014 04:31:54 you informed me by email at 12:31pm that you have been informed by the Council: **“We notice that in what he has submitted so far the links are embedded to external websites which may cause virus issues and .I am awaiting some advice from our IT/Communications people who are generally reluctant to link to external sources without being 100% confident they are virus free. I can however confirm that we have opened a couple of these links only to realise they were still full of personal information.”**

On the 7 Nov 2014 13:16:19 I wrote to you by email: **“I would have to say as being involved in my role as IT Consultant and Programmer to Industry and to this Council for over ten years. That if this is then case then we cannot be 100% totally assured of any of the Council links on their Public Domain systems either. This includes your Document Library for this Plan and the submissions you intend to place therein. Which would all be at risk from this thought process.”**

I telephoned you 7th November 2014 at 16:44 for 00:57 mins no answer.

On 7 Nov 2014 05:41:07 you wrote by email **“If this is your background why have your statements had to be redacted?”**

On the 7 Nov 2014 05:59:13 I wrote: **“I believe I have already explained that point in my last email. Your comments to me in regard to the redaction of my statements refer to information available freely in the public-space on the Internet. You have declared the Internet as open public space as you have told me in your communications that my own statement needs to be placed here as part of your Public Process. If these email addresses of officers and or links are available on this Internet you refer to as ' Public Domain' then why would they therefore need redacting? I have asked you to point out which parts of the DP my statement falls foul to, This has not been forthcoming. I would suggest this is councils attempt to block my statement from appearing on your Public Internet web-space to save them embarrassment. I am growing concerned my calls for an EM have not been answered. If the Local Authority is so worried about my statement perhaps there needs to be a EM to discuss these concerning points. I am not here to embarrass the Council but to protect my site.”**

On 7 Nov 2014 15:49:45 I wrote to you by email: **“I am trying to find you some information from the 2012 -2014 plan which is available in the public domain you will see from this link that all Councillors emails are not redacted. If they are to be redacted on my statement . Should they also not be redacted from all the records on here [REDACTED] [1](#) and through out this jdi-consult website with council submissions on it”**

On Nov 2014 15:59:52 I wrote to you by email **“In addition to my previous email I should also point out there is non redacted information here which is sensitive [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Would you like me to continue as I am sure i can find links to personal information if you would like me to already on Councils submitted Revised Development Management Plan (Local Plan) which you have been asked to Inspect. Shall I continue? I am sure I can find links to sites which are not 100% Virus free. These arguments from the Council would appear week!”**

Appendix C

Reply from Program Officer on behalf of Inspector

Hasting Borough Council – Examination of the Development Management Plan

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5 November 2014

Dear Mr Newbold

Hastings Borough Council – Development Management Plan Examination

Please find below the comments of the Inspector in relation to your further statement submitted on 31 October 2014. The Inspector has asked me to write to you as follows:-

He notes that your bound Statement recently submitted is marked "confidential". As I have already explained to you on numerous occasions, and as the Inspector made clear at the PHM, all Statements for the Examination must be open to public inspection by, for example, inclusion in the Examination Library and on the Examination website. The Inspector will not read or accept any written material which is not available to the public. It is part of the fundamental principle of openness which applies to these proceedings. Would you therefore let me know as a matter of urgency whether your Statement is to be treated as a public document. If the answer is No, it will be returned to you, unread. If the answer is Yes, you must make sure that it complies with the Data Protection Act, as I have already explained to you. Otherwise, you would be expected to rely solely on your original representations.

Both the Inspector and I have already spent a very considerable amount of time dealing with what appears to be an endless stream of queries, objections and complaints on your part. We have dealt with them prior to the PHM, during it and since then. Indeed, at the PHM, you raised a considerable number of concerns. The Inspector now considers that your demands upon my time, and his, have become excessive to the point of being unreasonable. The purpose of the PHM was to deal with any outstanding administrative and procedural matters and, in the Inspector's 25 years' experience of examining development plans, he advises that the PHM or similar has suitably resolved all, or virtually all, such outstanding matters.

As you know, there are many other people and parties involved in this Examination. I have no doubt that they are as passionate as you are in their aspirations for Hastings and St Leonards. Neither the Inspector nor I am prepared to continue to spend yet more time dealing with your concerns to the potential disadvantage of others. Their Statements, all rightly and already in the public domain, must be read and studied, often with resort to the publicly available Examination Library documents. We are rapidly coming to the conclusion that we can help you no further. I understand that you are considering legal action because of what you consider to be the unfairness of these current proceedings. That is entirely a matter for you, but the Inspector's well-intentioned advice is that you should think very carefully before doing so.

I have sent copies of this letter to the Council and to the Planning Inspectorate.

Yours sincerely



Programme Officer

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Date 14th November 2014

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