

# See what the District Council plans for Sellindge & around

Folkestone and Hythe District Council (FHDC) has published its Draft Core Strategy 2019 for consultation. The draft strategy shows where the Council plans to build future housing developments across the district, up to 2037. Read about it at:

<https://www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk/Core-strategy-review-2019>

There are links to view the draft strategy and also how to comment upon it.

The main document is a daunting 182 pages long, but zero in on the following pages for this area:- Policy CSD9 for Sellindge runs from pages 152 to 159 with development east and west of the current development being built by Taylor Wimpey. Policies SS6 and SS7 describe a great deal about the proposed Otterpool development, from Westenhanger and Newingreen across to Barrow Hill. Pages 82 to 101 will tell you everything, and more still about the future of Sellindge.

You can see from the map (overleaf) that there are a number of sites within Sellindge that FHDC considers suitable for major housing developments. There are sites where houses are already under construction, others which may soon be developed and more sites earmarked for future development. These sites total more than **200 acres** and the developments would rob the village of the open green fields that give Sellindge its attractive rural character.

The potential housing developments shown would be in addition to the 10,000 houses proposed at the new 'Garden Town' at Otterpool Park.

We were assured by our District Councillors and planners that the creation of the new town at Otterpool Park would spare Sellindge from other 'piecemeal' developments in or around the village. This draft strategy now shows where FHDC would intend to build extra piecemeal developments in Sellindge.

## Have your say

You need to express any concerns that you might have about FHDC's Draft Core Strategy before **10th March 2019**. This can be done via the above website or email the Council at [planning.policy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk) and ask for a printed form.

You may prefer to send an email saying in your own words what issues you think that the draft strategy has not addressed properly. These might include any of the following:

- Lack of proper consultation prior to major decisions that will affect our communities.
- Insufficient time given to local communities to study the draft strategy and respond.
- Ashford, Canterbury, Thanet and Dover are planning for 34,000 new houses.
- Hospitals and GP practices can barely cope with existing population.
- Unrealistic projections of water supply and consumption (90 litres per person per day).

If the Draft Core Strategy is approved, these extra housing developments in Sellindge would be hard to oppose later and would change our way of life forever. **You need to act now!**

Visit the **Sellindge and District Residents Association** website for further information.

[www.slurry.org.uk](http://www.slurry.org.uk)

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*The map overleaf shows the extent of the proposed housing development areas. Sellindge would lose its rural character and the massive increase in population would put further strains on local services and infrastructure.*