

<b>CHAPTER 10 - DESIGN</b>	
<b>POLICY DE1</b>	<b>Achieving well designed and high-quality places</b>
Q69 a) Do you agree?	Yes.
b) Have they missed anything?	-
c) Should we change anything?	<p>Good and bad design is very much a matter of personal taste.</p> <p>The policies are generally good practice and should be in place and already being implemented.</p> <p>We would support encouraging small and medium sized house builders to deliver more specific housing type/mixes, and self-build or custom build designs (para. 10.9 – pg. 301). Design should reflect the local environment and the existing style and setting of the surroundings.</p> <p>Para. 10.12 (pg. 301) discusses styles to suit the locality and refers to the use of flint in the low Weald. As a point of correction, flint is in chalk and very common where I grew up in Wiltshire with chalk soil. The low Weald is predominantly clay so this paragraph needs correcting accordingly.</p>
<b>POLICY DE2</b>	<b>Masterplans and design codes</b>
Q70 a) Do you agree?	Yes.
b) Do you agree with the size of development on which we are requiring the use of Design Codes and Masterplans	<p>These should already be in place and their continuance and extension be part of the planning policy.</p> <p>We would suggest that the number of homes at which a design code is required, be reconsidered. A number of the planning applications being put forward for the periphery of Uckfield are in the region of 200-350. Developments such as Horsted Pond Farm of 340, White House Farm allocated for 240, should have to provide design codes. Particularly as they are located in close proximity to heritage and non-heritage assets and Grade II listed properties. A Neighbourhood Plan, can further determine the characteristics required in design in each specific area of the parish or town, but it would be good if as the local planning authority, Wealden DC set stricter parameters from the outset.</p> <p>We would therefore recommend introducing a requirement for a design code for developments of 200 or more dwellings.</p>
c) Have they missed anything?	-
d) Should we change anything?	<p>Consideration should be given to the use of maintenance free design to ensure the long-term good appearance of the property, the use of small/medium developments to encourage variety of style and design rather than large mass repetition houses/buildings and developments in small/medium blocks rather than large uniform productions to improve variety and choice and individuality.</p>
<b>POLICY DE3</b>	<b>Spaces for people, nature and the public realm</b>
Q71 a) Do you agree?	Yes, in general.
b) Have they missed anything?	No.
c) Should we change anything?	-
<b>POLICY DE4</b>	<b>Shop fronts and advertisements</b>
Q72 a) Do you agree?	Yes
b) Have they missed anything?	<p>For shopfronts: the policy for the conservation area should be the preferred option for areas adjoining the conservation area. For example in Uckfield – parts of the High Street are not currently in the conservation area, but are likely to be in the future.</p>

c) Should we change anything?

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