

CHAPTER 12 TOWN CENTRES	
POLICY TC1	District, service and local centre hierarchy and town centre first principles
Q81 a) Do you agree?	We would agree.
b) Do you agree with the 'centres' included with the District, Service and Local Centre Hierarchy and their position within the hierarchy?	Yes, we do agree, with the proposed definition of centres in figure 30. The district centres align with both governance (town council hierarchy) as well as the service centres (provision of retail, services and businesses) that these towns are for their residents and wider catchment areas. The district centres have a cluster of shops, hospitality and services able to support on a smaller scale, the local community.
c) Should we change anything?	-
d) Have they missed anything?	-
POLICY TC2	Sequential and local impact test
Q82 a) Do you agree?	Yes we agree.
b) Is the Local Impact Test threshold for retail of 350 sqm correct in the Wealden context?	
c) Should we change anything?	
d) Have they missed anything?	
POLICY TC3	Primary shopping areas
Q83 a) Do you agree?	Yes, we agree.
b) Should we change anything?	
c) Have they missed anything?	We respect this might not be the suitable place in the draft Plan to raise this point, but to retain and preserve primary shopping areas and keep them thriving, it is vital that the correct infrastructure is there to support it's offer to residents and visitors. For example we are seeing on particular days of the week, specifically Thursdays, that Wealden DC owned Luxfords car park is full. We are receiving comments from visitors to the Civic Centre that they have been unable to park, despite, both this free large car park, and various private and supermarket car parks in the town which are also busy. We as a Town Council are also experiencing difficulties at Victoria Pleasure Ground; receiving complaints from dog walkers and users of the grounds that they are unable to park, as all the parking bays are full. With an increase in housebuilding and increased demand on town centres and district centres for supplies and services, we need to ensure we can facilitate shopping in these primary shopping areas, and people don't end up travelling elsewhere due to ease.
POLICY TC4	Garden centres
Q84 a) Do you agree?	We would agree. The comments seem reasonable.
b) Should we change anything?	

c) Have they missed anything?	
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