

Cllr Johnny Denis's ESCC August 2023 Report

Planning

Following from last month's PC Mtg, Cllr O'Brien and myself have sought clarification on the position of LDC with regards local plan making. The next phase will contain another round of options including those mentioned at the meeting for Ringmer. These will be subject technical appraisal in due course but not before the consultation goes out. An organised critique of any sites coming forward in Ringmer will, I'm sure, be very valuable.

With regards grounds for appeal. My understanding now that grounds for appeal is ultimately up to the committee and be based on their objections at original decision making. However, ESCC lack of highways objection undermines LDC's on this ground. LDC is not minded to provide no contest to appeals.

I am hoping to get to the appeal in Falmer tomorrow for part of tomorrow.

Casework

There has been very little, surprisingly.

East Sussex CC – Speed Policy

The full Council rejected the motion to take into account the national govt guidelines on speed setting, which would have helped take impact on residents and environment into account, claiming they don't need to because what they are doing is excellent (I paraphrase). However, in a an unusual twist, the subject of how the council goes about setting speeds was referred to the Scrutiny Committee for review. Even though the committee chair is said that he does not support speed limits, I consider this a minor success.

By-Elections

The Conservatives have lost a seat at Heathfield and Mayfield to the Green Party. The other by-election, for Meads, Eastbourne, is this Thursday.

Next Meeting

I hope to join you next Tuesday evening.