

Working Group against Over-Development (WGOD)

Purpose

The purpose of WGod is to bring together Town Councils, Parish Councils and Parish Meetings within Wealden to work with each other to act as a collective voice to protect Wealden from unsustainable over-development.

Origins

WGOD was established by Chiddingly Parish Council in 2021. It included Councillors and members of the public. It has expanded to enable Town and Parish Councillors from other councils within Wealden to join together to provide a collective voice against over-development, with CPRE acting as an expert adviser. To better represent all tertiary councils in Wealden, from July 2022 WGod has become a working group of the Wealden District Association of Local Councils (WDALC).

Where are we now

The Group has received the formal support of 40 of the 42 town and parish councils and parish meetings of Wealden. Chalvington with Ripe Parish Council formally agreed to join this initiative against overdevelopment in May 2022. Behind the scenes, members of the working group are meeting with MPs, Wealden District Councillors and others to further the aim of protecting Wealden from unsustainable over-development. Additionally, WGod is developing a support group that can offer help to a council facing an unwelcome and unsustainable planning application.

If you would like to find out more about the work of WGod all letters and papers can be found at:

<https://www.chiddingly.gov.uk/working-group-on-over-development/>

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