REGISTER OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Name of Council:	Hadlow Down	("the Council")
Full Name of Member:	Stephen Patrick Lester	

I give notice to the Monitoring Officer of Wealden District Council of the following disclosable pecuniary interests, as required by Section 30 of the Localism Act 2011, and other interests, as required by the Council's code of conduct.

NOTES

- In relation to Part A (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests), you must disclose your interests and those of your 'partner'. Reference to 'my partner' means anyone who meets the definition in the Localism Act 2011, i.e. a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as a married couple or civil partners, and you are aware that that person has the interest.

- It is a criminal offence to fail to notify the Monitoring Officer of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. It is also a criminal offence to knowingly provide information that is false or misleading or being reckless as to whether the information is true and not misleading.

- The Glossary at the back of the form provides definitions from the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. These Regulations specify what constitutes Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

- If you consider that the disclosure of the details of any of your interest(s) could lead to you, or a person connected with you, being subject to violence or intimidation, and you would like these details withheld from the public register of interests please complete Part 3. If the Monitoring Officer agrees that your interest(s) constitutes a sensitive interest for the purposes of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011, the information will be recorded but the copy of the register made available for public inspection will specify that an interest has been disclosed but is withheld under Section 32 of the Localism Act and with the agreement of the Monitoring Officer.

- Words in italics provide guidance about what is required.

- Please see privacy information at the end of the form.

- Please check your form carefully and remember to sign and date the declaration before submitting.

PART A – DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

1. Employment

Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.

You should detail in respect of you and your partner:

(a) the title or a description of every employment or business; and

(b) the name and address of the employer (if self-employed this will be your usual place of work)
(Note: You do not include your work as a District, Town or Parish Councillor in this section)

Myself		My partner	
Job Title or Description	**Name and address of employer**	**Job Title or Description**	**Name and address of employer**
Company Director ☐ Nothing to declare	Flint Engineering ltd The Paddocks, Five Ashes, Mayfield, East Sussex, TN20 6JL	Retail assistant ☐ No partner ☐ Nothing to declare	M&S Unit 2, Ashdown Business Park, Uckfield TN22 2DU

2. Sponsorship

Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by M in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of M. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.

You should detail the name and address of any person or body who has made a payment to you in respect of your election expenses or in carrying out your duties as a councillor.

(Please see Glossary for definition of 'M')

Myself	My partner
☒ Nothing to declare	☐ No partner ☒ Nothing to declare

3. Contracts

Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority-

(a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
(b) which has not been fully discharged.

Give details of any contract which currently exists for goods, services or works made between the Council and: -

- *you or your partner, or*
- *a firm in which you or your partner are a partner, or*
- *a body corporate of which you or your partner is a director, or*
- *a body specified in question 7 below*

You should detail the nature of the contract and the names of the parties subject to the contract.

(Please see Glossary for definitions of 'body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest', relevant person', 'relevant authority', 'securities' and 'director')

Myself	My partner
☒ Nothing to declare	☐ No partner ☒ Nothing to declare

4. Land

Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.

Give the address, or a brief description, of any land (including buildings or parts of buildings) in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest (i.e. where you or they have some proprietary interest for your/ their own benefit). This will also include your or your partner's home whether the interest is as owner, lessee or tenants, including Council tenancies. Also include details of any property which you or your partner receive rent for, or where you or they are a mortgagee.

(Please see Glossary for definitions of 'land' and 'relevant authority)

Myself	My partner
[redacted] ☐ Nothing to declare	[redacted] ☐ No partner ☐ Nothing to declare

5. Licences

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.

Give the address or a brief description of any land (including buildings or parts of buildings) which you or your partner have any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the Council named above for a month or longer.

(Please see Glossary for definition of 'relevant authority)

Myself	My partner
☒ Nothing to declare	☐ No partner ☒ Nothing to declare

6. Corporate tenancies

Any tenancy where (to M's knowledge) – (a) The landlord is the relevant authority; and (b) The tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.

Give details of any tenancy where (to your knowledge)—

(a) the landlord is the Council named above; and

(b) the tenant is a body in which you or your partner has a beneficial interest.

You should detail the address or provide a description of the property where you, your partner or a body in which you or your partner have a beneficial interest as lessees or tenants of the Council named above.

(Please see Glossary for definitions of 'M', 'relevant person' and 'relevant authority')

Myself	My partner
☒ Nothing to declare	☐ No partner ☒ Nothing to declare

7. Securities

Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where—

a) that body (to M's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and

b) either—

(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

You should detail the name and address of any company or other body in which you or your partner have a shareholding of more than £25,000 (face value) or have a stake of more than 1/100th of the total issued share capital (whichever is the lower) which to your knowledge has a place of business in the area of the Council named above.

(Please see Glossary for definitions of "M", 'relevant authority' and "securities")

Myself	**My partner**
☒ Nothing to declare	☐ No partner ☒ Nothing to declare

PART B – OTHER INTERESTS

1. Membership of Organisations

I am a member of, or I am in a position of general control or management in

(a) the following bodies to which I have been appointed or nominated by the Council:

NA

(b) the following bodies exercising functions of a public nature (e.g school governing body or another council):

NA

(c) the following bodies directed to charitable purposes:

NA

(d) the following bodies one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union):

NA

2. Gifts and hospitality

Any person from whom I have received (in my capacity as a member/co-opted member) a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50

NA

PART C – SENSITIVE INTERESTS

Please only complete this Part C if you consider that any of the information in part A or B should be treated as a sensitive interest (as defined below) and you wish to submit a request to the Monitoring Officer.

***** PLEASE NOTE: The definition of a Sensitive Interest in section 32(1)(b) of the Localism Act 2011 refers to the nature of the member's interest being such that the member and the authority's monitoring officer consider that disclosure of the interest could lead to the member, or a person connected with them, being subjected to violence or intimidation.

Specify the category of Interest: *(insert appropriate heading from Register of Interests form e.g. Employment, Sponsorship, Contracts, Land, Licences, Corporate Tenancies, Securities)*	
Describe the Interest (e.g. property address, employment information):	
Explain fully why you consider that disclosure of the interest could lead to you, or a person connected to you, being subjected to violence or intimidation:	
Signature (Councillor):	
Date:	

Please note the Monitoring Officer will review your request and you will be notified of the outcome.

If approved:

Signature (Monitoring Officer):	
Date:	

Declaration - PLEASE SIGN AND DATE

I understand that:

• I must notify the Monitoring Officer of any declarable interest not contained on the register or the subject of pending notification within 28 days of becoming aware of such interest;
• the information declared on this form will be kept in a Register available for public inspection and published on the Council's website (if it has one) subject to any agreement of the Monitoring Officer in relation to sensitive interests.

Signed..... Date.....17/09/2024

Please retain one copy for your records and send the original to the Monitoring Officer: **Monitoring.Officer@wealden.gov.uk**

Receipt by Democratic Services Team

Signature of Monitoring Officer or Deputy Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services Manager: (please circle as appropriate)

Signed..... Date.....

(Note: If Part C is completed refer to Monitoring Officer)

Privacy Notice

Wealden District Council takes your privacy seriously and provides the following information in compliance with data protection legislation. Wealden District Council is the controller responsible for your personal data. We collect and process your personal data when you provide the information requested submitting this form.

The Council uses personal data provided on this form to maintain a record of your Register of Interests, as required by law. We have legal grounds under UK GDPR to process this information because it is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest and the task or function has a clear basis in law.

This form will be published on the Council's website and will be available for inspection by the public, with any agreed sensitive interests removed. We may also share your information with the police or other regulatory or law enforcement bodies where it is lawful to do so.

The Council will retain the information submitted on this form for the duration of time that you hold the position of a councillor and in accordance with the terms of Wealden District Council's Retention Schedule.

This notice should be read in conjunction with our Privacy Policy which contains more detailed information about our data processing (including about data security, data retention and lawful processing bases).

We have appointed a Data protection officer (DPO). If you have any questions about this privacy notice or our data protection practices, please contact dataprotection@wealden.gov.uk

Glossary

In accordance with the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012

- "the Act" means the Localism Act 2011;
- "body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest" means a firm in which the relevant person is a partner or a body corporate of which the relevant person is a director, or in the securities of which the relevant person has a beneficial interest; "director" includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society;
- "land" excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for the relevant person (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income;
- "M" means a member of a relevant authority;
- "member" includes a co-opted member;
- "relevant authority" means the authority of which M is a member;
- "relevant period" means the period of 12 months ending with the day on which M gives a notification for the purposes of section 30(1) or section 31(7), as the case may be, of the Act;
- "relevant person" means M or any other person referred to in section 30(3)(b) of the Act; "securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.