

Appendix 3 – Review of Plans, Programmes, Policies, Strategies, Guidance and Initiatives (PPPSGI) that have influenced the development of the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy.

Introduction

As required by Article 5(1) Annex 1 (a) and (e) of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive this appendix sets out the plans, policies, programmes, strategies, guidance and initiatives, which have informed the content of the Local Development Framework - Core Strategy.

The Appendix is set out in six tables, one detailing plans, policies, programmes, strategies, guidance and initiatives that cover General Sustainable Development principles, and then one table for each of the five guiding sustainable development principles:

- Ensuring a Strong, Healthy and Just Society
- Living Within Environmental Limits
- Achieving a Sustainable Economy
- Promoting Good Governance
- Using Sound Science Responsibly

There are a number of PPPSGI's that cover one or more of the five headings; these have been placed in the general category where it is clear that they can impact on all of the five areas. For those that could impact on one or two areas a decision has been made to include them in only one category.

Any conflicts, constraints and challenges, which may arise through the interpretation of the different policy documents, have been identified at the bottom of each table with an indication of how the Core Strategy will take them into account.

General Sustainable Development

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
International		
The Johannesburg Declaration on Sustainable Development	Commitment to sustainability principles and the sustainable development agenda agreed at Rio de Janeiro Earth Summit in 1992.	Interpreted into national sustainable development strategies, which will inform the Core Strategy.
European Spatial Development Perspective	Sustainable development of the European Union, balancing competitiveness with economic and social cohesion, conservation and management of natural resources and the cultural heritage.	Interpreted into national guidance, which will inform the Core Strategy.
National		
"A Better Quality of Life" – A Strategy for Sustainable Development for the UK (1999)	<p>Sets out the Government's commitment and four key objectives to achieving sustainable development:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone ▪ Effective protection of the environment ▪ Prudent use of natural resources ▪ Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth. <p>This Strategy has been updated and superseded by Securing the Future: the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy 2005. However, these key objectives have influenced many planning policy documents adopted since 1999.</p>	Interpreted into regional guidance and objectives and used to inform the sustainable objectives of the Core Strategy.
Sustainability Appraisal of Regional Spatial Strategies and Local Development Documents (November 2005)	Sets out guidance on how to prepare sustainability appraisals, incorporating the SEA Directive requirements, at a national level to accompany the development of Local Development Documents.	The Sustainability Appraisal must be fully integrated with the Core Strategy and the emerging document must demonstrate that the findings of the sustainability work have been taken into account at each stage.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National (continued)		
A Practical Guide to the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive	Provides information and guidance on how to comply with the European Directive 2001/42/EC “on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.”	The Sustainability Appraisal must fully integrate the SEA requirements.
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	Clause 38 places a duty on Local Authorities to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development.	Mid Sussex District Council is required to produce a Sustainability Appraisal to accompany certain planning documents including the Core Strategy.
Town and Country Planning Act 1990	Set out the procedures for the preparation, approval and adoption of Development Plans and for the control of development.	Certain parts of the Act need to be adhered to in preparing the Core Strategy.
Planning Policy Statement 1(PPS1) – Delivering Sustainable Development	Sets out the Government’s vision for creating sustainable communities through planning. The document highlights key policies and principles that should underpin the planning system to achieve sustainable development.	The Core Strategy must integrate the five key sustainable development objectives. This Statement also requires planning authorities to have an open inclusive planning process, with clear community engagement and a positive approach to proactively managing development.
Planning Policy Statement 12 (PPS12) – Local Spatial Planning	Reiterates the four key sustainable objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Social progress which recognises the needs of everyone ▪ Effective protection of the environment ▪ Prudent use of natural resources ▪ Maintenance of high and stable levels of economic growth. 	The Core Strategy must have an integrated approach to the key objectives of sustainable development and positive planning to proactively manage development, clear visions for communities and an open inclusive planning process

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National (continued)		
Securing the Future: the UK Government Sustainable Development Strategy 2005	<p>The Strategy highlights the renewed international push for sustainable development from the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002 and details the Government's new approach towards sustainable development, in particular to the issue of climate change. In order to ensure the separate aims of sustainable development are integrated the following guiding principles have been created:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living Within Environmental Limits • Ensuring a Strong, Healthy and Just Society • Achieving a Sustainable Economy • Promoting Good Governance • Using Sound Science Responsibly 	The Strategy will impact upon all Government guidance (e.g. PPS's) that will be produced over the coming years, which will inform the Local Development Framework.
Regional/County		
Sustainable Communities for the South East: Building for the future	Sets out a programme of action on how the Government intends to achieve sustainable communities for all. It lists housing supply, affordability of housing and transport as the key strategic challenges for the southeast.	The issues raised and actions proposed will inform the Core Strategy
Regional Spatial Strategy – South East Plan	Set outs the planning framework and strategy for the region until 2026.	The Core Strategy will need to be in conformity with this plan, although it should not replicate its policies.

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Regional/County (continued)		
West Sussex Structure Plan 2001-2016	<p>Sets out the strategic land use policy for West Sussex to 2016. The key aims are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • to meet the diverse needs of the communities and businesses • to protect distinctive character of West Sussex • to protect the environment and use of the natural resources and assets. 	The Structure Plan has key considerations for the Core Strategy including policies on employment provision, transport and character. This has been superseded by the South East Plan.
Local		
A Community Strategy for Mid Sussex	<p>Main aim is to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Mid Sussex District and to improve the quality of life for everyone. There are six key objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To maintain an attractive and healthy environment • To reduce crime and the fear of crime • To provide opportunity an access for all individuals to services • To meet social needs • To create a healthy environment and meet the health and social care needs of the community • To maintain a healthy and vibrant economy 	The issues raised by this Strategy will inform the emerging objectives and Core Policies of the Local Development Framework.
The emerging Sustainable Community Strategy	This document will replace the existing community strategy prior to the submission stage of the Core Strategy. The document is likely to set out key objectives for the district.	The issues and objectives that emerge from this strategy will need to be addressed in the Core Strategy as far as possible.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local (continued)		
Mid Sussex District Corporate Plan	<p>The main purpose of the Corporate Plan is to work in partnership for the well being of all in the community, with the areas of improvement under three themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Environment • Better Lives • Better Services 	The Core Strategy will reflect the issues highlighted by the Corporate Plan, and also contribute to achieving improvement within the three themes.

Constraints, conflicts & challenges

Sustainable Development has been placed at the centre of the new planning system. Legislation and guidance for planning and many other elements of sustainable development has been emerging for many years. It is essential that this is reflected in all Local Development Documents. The challenge is to ensure that it is easily understandable and that it is clear that economic, environmental and social considerations have been taken into account.

From the plans, policies, programmes, strategies, guidance and initiatives identified in the above table it is obvious that there is a significant amount of documentation advocating general sustainable development principles. The documents that should be given priority and the ones that are a material consideration in producing the Local Development Framework - Core Strategy, as well as being the most recently published, for example the emerging South East Plan.

Ensuring a Strong, Healthy and Just Society

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National		
Planning Policy Statement 3 (PPS3) – Housing	This document sets out the Government’s broad policy objectives for planning for housing in England, and the policies that it considers will help deliver these objectives. The Government’s key objective is to ensure that everyone has the opportunity of living in a decent home, which they can afford, in a community where they want to live.	The Core Strategy will ensure that the proposals accord with the advice in PPS3.
Planning Policy Guidance Note 17 (PPG17) – Sport, Open Space and Recreation	Aims to ensure and promote quality of life in both urban and rural areas through access to high quality leisure and community services including open space networks, playing fields and larger leisure developments. Seeks to protect and maintain existing facilities.	The Core Strategy should ensure that well utilised leisure and community facilities are not lost to new developments. Deficiencies in sport, open space and recreational facilities will need to be addressed by the Core Strategy.
Regional/County		
The South East Plan	The LDF should be in conformity with this document.	The Core Strategy needs to be in conformity with The South East Plan
Local		
Healthy Mid Sussex – Local Health and Social Care Delivery Plan 2004 - 2007	<p>The key aim of this plan is to improve the health of the population of the District by;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • developing primary and community health services • responding to local needs • improving access to all services in line with national service framework. 	Policies in the Core Strategy can assist in meeting the aims of this document.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local		
Mid Sussex Housing Strategy	The key aim is to set out how a supply of good quality homes will be provided across the District. This provision also includes affordable housing.	The Core Strategy will need to assist in meeting the aims of the strategy by providing affordable and open market housing.
Mid Sussex Rural Affordable Housing Strategy	The document sets out the Council's strategy for ensuring we are able to meet the housing needs of local residents in rural areas, in particular those who cannot afford to rent or buy a property on the open market.	The Core Strategy can play a key role in helping to meet the aims and objectives of this strategy.
Community Safety Strategy	To protect and improve the quality of the local environment and to achieve long-term reductions in crime, disorder and the fear of crime.	The Core Strategy should include reference to guidance produced by others e.g. 'Safer Places' and 'By Design'.
Mid Sussex District Council Development and Infrastructure SPD	Sets out various infrastructure requirements that development will be expected to contribute towards. Including a contributions calculator for different sizes of new private and affordable dwellings.	The Core Strategy should contain a broad policy on the infrastructure requirements of the new developments.
Town Health Checks and Parish Action Plans (only applicable to those towns and parishes who have produced a plan).	These documents generally set out the aspirations for each town/parish by setting out several aims for the town/parish and it is proposed to achieve those aims.	Some of the Action Plans identify action areas that can be delivered by the planning system, including the need for affordable housing and where it should be located – the Core Strategy needs to have regard to these aspirations.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local (continued)		
A Cultural Strategy for Mid Sussex 2002-2007	The Strategy aims to guide all those involved in cultural provision as to how they can best work together to maximise the opportunities that can result from cultural development in Mid Sussex.	The Core Strategy will need to take account of this guidance.
Burgess Hill - Visioning the future	This document describes a possible future for Burgess Hill that could happen over the next thirty years or so. It was produced following an extensive stakeholder involvement exercise.	This document has provided a key piece of evidence in the assessment of options for broad locations for new development in the district
Feasibility Studies for Development Options at Crawley, Haywards Heath and Burgess Hill (known as the Atkins studies)	These documents looked at the potential for additional strategic development on land around the 3 towns that were examined.	The findings from these 3 studies form an important part of the evidence base for the assessment of options for broad locations for new development as well as other policy areas.

Constraints, conflicts & challenges

There is a general consensus in these documents that housing development has to occur within Mid Sussex and that new housing can enable some social problems to be alleviated. The challenge is to ensure that the Core Strategy balances the requirement for new development in the emerging South East Plan with its impact on the environment. It is also essential that the provision of new housing is linked with the provision of community facilities and services both within the new development and the existing town and village centres. Failure to do this would be likely to result in social exclusion.

Much of the policy and guidance that is laid out in the nationally produced documents has been translated into regional and district level policy and guidance, therefore resulting in few conflicts between the range of documents that cover social issues.

Living Within Environmental Limits

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
International		
Kyoto Protocol, 1997	The protocol commits 38 industrialised countries to cut their emissions of greenhouse gases between 2008 and 2012 to levels that are 5.2% below 1990 levels.	Interpreted into national guidance
European Union Sixth Environmental Action Plan	High level of protection of the environment and human health and a general improvement in the environment and quality of life.	Interpreted into national guidance
European Directive 2001/42/EC (SEA Directive) on the assessment of the effects of certain plans and programmes on the environment.	Sets out detailed requirements of environmental assessment required for plans such as Development Plan Documents.	The sustainability appraisal accompanying the Core Strategy must comply with the requirements of this legislation.
European Directive 92/43/EEC (and amended by 97/62/EC) on the conservation of natural habitats and of wild flora and fauna (Known as the Habitats Directive)	To conserve natural habitats and threatened species. To protect natural heritage.	The sustainability appraisal accompanying the Core Strategy must comply with the requirements of this legislation.
European Directive 79/409/EEC	Preservation, maintenance or restoration of sufficient diversity and area of habitats in order to conserve all species of birds.	This Directive has been interpreted into national guidance
National		
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)	Serves to protect the most important examples of habitats and species in Britain.	This Act has been interpreted into national guidance.
Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (the CROW Act)	Tightens the provisions of the above mentioned Act by making it an offence to recklessly damage protected habitats and fauna.	This Act has been interpreted into national guidance. Regard needs to be given to this guidance in the Core Strategy.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National (continued)		
The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004	National Interpretation of the requirements of the SEA Directive and Habitats Directive as listed above.	The sustainability appraisal accompanying the Core Strategy will need to comply with the requirements of these regulations.
Planning Policy Statement 23 (PPS23) – Planning and Pollution Control	To encourage close consultation and prevent unnecessary duplication and conflict of interest between planning and pollution control authorities in order to protect the environment from the potential harm caused by development and operations.	The Core Strategy needs to consider the guidelines in this document.
Planning Policy Statement 22 (PPS22) – Renewable Energy	The document promotes the increased development of renewable energy resources to facilitate the Government's targets for renewable energy generation	The Core Strategy can assist in promoting/ requiring the use of renewable energy techniques promoted in PPS22.
Planning Policy Guidance Note 24 – Planning and Noise	Outlines the considerations for determining planning applications for noise sensitive development and those activities which generate noise – recommends noise exposure levels for certain forms of development and mitigation measures.	The Core Strategy needs to consider the guidelines in this document when planning for development.
Draft Planning Policy Statement – Planning and Climate Change	The draft document highlights the need for climate change policy to be integrated with policy on all other planning issues as well as stating the need to adapt to the effects of climate change as well as mitigating its causes. In terms of planning for development, it should be accessible by non-car means of transport and sites that perform poorly in terms of climate should not be considered for development.	The Core Strategy needs to consider these draft guidelines.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National (continued)		
Planning Policy Statement 25 (PPS25) - Development and Flood Risk	This document sets out the latest government policies relating to development and flood risk. PPS25 seeks to reduce flood risk to and from development through location, layout and design including the use of sustainable drainage measures. Flood plains should be protected from inappropriate development via the use of a sequential test that steers development to areas with the lowest probability of flooding.	The Core Strategy needs to consider these guidelines as well as the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment that will be produced in response to the content of this document.
Planning Policy Statement 9 – Biodiversity and Geological Conservation	Stresses the importance of habitat protection to nature conservation. Recognises that protection policies should not be confined to statutorily designated sites and that other areas can be important locally. Also promotes importance of enhancement of wildlife resources through management and habitat creation.	The Core Strategy should identify, maintain and enhance the biodiversity and geological resources wherever possible. The Core Strategy should take a strategic approach to the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity and geology and also seek to promote, and add to, biodiversity and geological features through new development.
Planning Policy Guidance Note 15 (PPG15) – Planning and the Historic Environment	Reconcile the need for economic growth with the need to protect the natural and historic environment.	The Core Strategy will need to refer to PPG15 as a source of detailed guidance and care needs to be taken to respect the setting of listed buildings.
Planning Policy Guidance Note 16 (PPG16) – Archaeology and Planning	The document identifies the need to reconcile the need for development with any archaeological interests in the area.	The Core Strategy will need to refer to PPG16 as a source of detailed guidance.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National (continued)		
Planning Policy Statement 7 (PPS7) – Sustainable Development in Rural Areas	The broad aims of this document are to raise the quality of life and the environment in rural areas, promote more sustainable patterns of development, promote regional employment opportunities and to promote sustainable, diverse and adaptable agricultural sectors.	The advice in PPS7 must be considered in the context of a significant need for new housing within the District.
Planning Policy Statement 10 (PPS10) – Planning for Sustainable Waste Management	Promotes the principles of the waste hierarchy of reduction, re-use, recycling and composting, energy recovery and disposal.	This is of relevance to the Core Strategy if the document is to promote the reduction of demolition and construction waste, building design to include deconstruction and community gardening to include composting.
UK Waste Strategy (DEFRA, 2000)	The strategy describes the Government's vision for managing waste and resources better. This includes, seeking to increase the percentages of waste that is either recycled or composted over a given period of time.	The Core Strategy should reflect the vision of this document.
Catchment Abstraction Management Strategies	These strategies set out the Environment Agency policies for the licensing of water abstraction.	The Management Strategies that are applicable to Mid Sussex District will need to be taken into consideration when deciding how new housing development will be served with water.
The Future of Transport – White Paper 2004	The document looks at the factors that will shape travel and transport over the next thirty years and sets out how the Government will respond to the increasing demand for travel, maximising the benefits of transport while minimising the negative impact on people and the environment.	The Core Strategy should have regard to the governments transport plans for the coming years as put forward in this document.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National (continued)		
Planning Policy Guidance Note 13 (PPG13) – Transport	The guidance seeks to promote more sustainable transport choices and improve access to jobs and community services and facilities whilst reducing the need to travel by car.	The Core Strategy will need to consider the guidance in this document, in particular in promoting more sustainable transport patterns and improving access to jobs, community services and facilities through the appropriate location for new housing.
BREEAM / Code for Sustainable Homes	These two programs set standards for development schemes to attain, so minimising their environmental impact, in particular through the implementation of energy and water efficiency techniques.	Standards can be applied to the design stage or at the construction stage. The two programmes could be incorporated into policy.
Energy White Paper: Our Energy Future: Creating a Low Carbon Economy (DTI, 2003)	This strategy defines a long-term strategic vision for energy policy combining the governments environmental, security of supply, competitiveness and social goals.	To assist in implementing the governments goals for the energy policy (i.e. cut carbon dioxide emissions and maintain the reliability of energy supplies).
Building a Greener Future: Towards Zero Carbon Development (consultation)	This draft strategy brings together the Code for Sustainable Homes, the draft PPS on climate change and the proposed progressive tightening of Building Regulations. The over-arching aim of the strategy is for all new housing to achieve 'zero-carbon' status by 2016.	If this strategy is implemented it will become effective during the plan period for the Core Strategy. Therefore, the Core Strategy will need to ensure that the appropriate policy framework is in place to enable its implementation.
The Water Framework Directive and the production of River Basin Management Plans.	The Directive seeks to promote the sustainable use of water, protecting and restoring aquatic ecosystems and to contribute towards the mitigation of the effects of flood and droughts.	The Core Strategy should promote sustainable water management and improvements in water quality of 'water bodies'.
Regional/County		
Biodiversity Action Plan for Sussex – July 1998 (sections periodically updated)	Purpose to focus resources to conserve and enhance biodiversity in Sussex by means of local partnerships, taking account of national and local priorities.	The Core Strategy will need to take account of nature conservation and biodiversity issues.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core
Regional/County (continued)		
West Sussex Local Transport Plan 2000	Broad aims of the plan include widening transport choice, improving road safety, reducing the growth in unsustainable transport and the associated environmental implications and promoting access to services and facilities for all.	Proposed schemes and measures are put forward in the Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath Urban Transport Plan.
Regional Transport Strategy (Chapter 9 of Regional Planning Guidance for the South East, RPG9) July 2004	The plan aims to promote investment into the existing transport system, promote more sustainable modes of transport and providing a transport system that will assist in urban renaissance	The Core Strategy will need to be in conformity with this plan.
West Sussex Waste Local Plan Revised Deposit Draft 2001 - 2016	Relevant areas of the document include enabling waste to be managed as a resource through recycling, composting and energy recovery, enable new technologies for waste management to come forward and to manage waste close to its point of production.	The Core Strategy will need to seek the provision of appropriate recycling and waste facilities within the new developments.
West Sussex - Preferred Option drafts of the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy and the Strategic Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Documents	Once adopted, these documents will replace the Revised Deposit Draft of the Waste Local Plan and will set the framework for waste and minerals planning throughout West Sussex.	The Core Strategy will need to take account of these emerging documents and ensure that the proposed policies/allocations are not compromised.
The High Weald AONB Management Plan 2004 – a 20 year strategy	The document identifies the important features of the AONB and sets out guidance and objectives on the ways in which these features can be protected, restored and enhanced. It does not contain land use policies but deals with good management practice of the area.	Although regard is had to this document it has not been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The land and countryside management issues in the document should be considered in the Core Strategy.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Regional/County (continued)		
A Strategy for the West Sussex Landscape, West Sussex County Council 2003	The document identifies the important features of the character of the West Sussex Landscape, including Area M1 High Weald Ridges and Valleys and sets out a number of key management issues and guidelines. It does not contain land use policies but deals with good management practice of the area in relation to landscape character.	The land and countryside management issues in the document will need to be considered for the Core Strategy.
High Weald Natural Area profile, published by English Nature	The Natural Area profile contains a thorough analysis of the local wildlife resource and provides a context within which the Biodiversity Action Plan for Sussex (see below) can operate. It sets strategic objectives for conservation of those features characteristic of the Natural Area	The Core Strategy will need to take account of nature conservation and biodiversity issues. The Core Strategy should draw on strategic objectives described in the Natural Area profile.
Seeing the Wood for the Trees: A Forestry and Woodlands Framework for South East England 2004	Sets out a framework for the future development of woodlands and forestry in the southeast with the vision of wanting woods to make an increasing contribution to the sustainable development of the South East region in both rural and urban areas.	The Core Strategy will need to take into account areas of woodland.
Countryside Character Volume 7: South East and London, CA 13, 1999	The document identifies the important features of the character of England, including the High Weald Character Area 122 and sets out a number of key management issues and guidelines. It does not contain land use policies but deals with good management practice of the area in relation to landscape character.	Although regard is had to this document it has not been adopted as Supplementary Planning Guidance. The land and countryside management issues in the document should be considered in relation to the proposed development options.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local		
Mid Sussex Landscape Character Assessment	This document looks in more detail at the character of the District and contains detailed management guidelines.	The management guidelines in particular have been taken into consideration when looking at the locations for new development.
Mid Sussex Historic Landscape Characterisation	This work is looking in more detail at the history of the landscape of the District.	The management guidelines in particular have been taken into consideration when looking at the locations for new development.
Mid Sussex Ancient Woodland Survey 2006	The survey sought to identify the areas of ancient woodland within Mid Sussex.	Ancient Woodland is a key biodiversity asset for the district and needs to be recognised in the production of the Core Strategy.
Mid Sussex Extensive Urban Surveys	These surveys are a joint venture between West and East Sussex County Councils, Brighton & Hove City Council and English Heritage and cover 41 historic towns/villages, 5 of which are within Mid Sussex. The output of the surveys is a Historic Character Assessment Report, which aid in the understanding of the historic qualities of the towns and villages in Mid Sussex.	The reports aid in the assessment of the options for the strategic locations of housing as well as identifying key historical features of value that have been considered in the formulation of many of the policy areas within the Core Strategy.
Mid Sussex Strategic Flood Risk Assessment	Produced in accordance with PPS25, this work identifies all areas of flood risk within the district as well as what the level of risk is. Guidelines for new development, with regards to avoiding areas of flood risk, requirements of a flood risk assessment and advice on the use of SuDS, have subsequently been prepared.	The Core Strategy needs to ensure that new development avoids areas identified at risk of flooding and that the existing level of flood risk within and outside Mid Sussex is not exacerbated and, where possible, reduced. The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment is a key tool for achieving these requirements.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local (continued)		
Mid Sussex Landscape Sensitivity Study 2007	The study identifies the capacity of the Mid Sussex landscape to accommodate strategic development.	This study has been a key piece of evidence in the identification and appraisal of options for the strategic locations of housing as well as the formulation of policies that concern the district's landscape.
Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Guidelines	The Appraisal and Management Guidelines are produced in order to clearly identify what qualities make the specific conservation areas special and how these qualities can be preserved and enhanced.	These documents provide further information on the areas of townscape that are important to Mid Sussex, which the Core Strategy could use in setting the policy approach for such areas.
Catchment Flood Management Plans for the Adur, Ouse, Medway and Thames – all 4 CFMP's are at differing stages of production	These documents are strategic planning tools through which the Environment Agency will seek to work with other key decision-makers within a river catchment to identify and agree policies for sustainable flood risk management.	The Core Strategy will need to complement these CFMP's and ensure that the it does not compromise the ability of the CFMP to deliver it's policies.
Mid Sussex District Council Landscape and Biodiversity Supplementary Planning Guidance, November 2003.	The guidance is intended to build on 'Our Green Heritage' (A Landscape & Biodiversity Strategy for Mid Sussex) & provide detailed planning guidance for all those involved in the planning process.	The SPG will be part of the LDF for the District and guidance contained within it has been considered in producing the Core Strategy.
Our Green Heritage: A Landscape and Biodiversity Strategy for Mid Sussex, 2001	The document recognises the value of biodiversity and landscape within the District and sets out how these assets can be protected and enhanced.	The Landscape and Biodiversity SPG sets planning policy guidance that builds on the content within this strategy.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local (continued)		
Mid Sussex District Council Sustainable Construction SPD	Seeks to promote sustainable building methods based on national advice and good practice on sustainable construction. Acknowledges that each site should be considered on its individual merits in terms of which sustainable construction techniques are appropriate.	The Core Strategy should take into account sustainable construction techniques.

Constraints, conflicts and challenges

Concerning conflicts between the environmental plans and policies, there does not seem to be any obvious cases. This is generally due to International and European environmental legislation being incorporated into national and regional planning guidance.

There is a general consensus that the built and natural environment is an important resource that should be safeguarded. However, the need for significant new housing in West Sussex, that cannot be accommodated on brownfield sites, mean that some loss is inevitable. The draft South East Plan reflects this, meaning the Core Strategy has had to have regard to this.

A balance needs to be struck between the acknowledged need for new development and the importance attached to natural areas. Therefore, the Core Strategy will need to incorporate measures to minimise and mitigate the impact of the proposed development on the environment.

Achieving a Sustainable Economy

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National		
Planning Policy Guidance Note 4 (PPG 4) – Industrial, Commercial Development and Small Firms.	Guidance on the industrial, commercial development and small firms.	Development needs to balance economic and environmental issues. There needs to be choice, flexibility and competition in locating employment land and being realistic of the needs of businesses.
Planning Policy Statement 6 (PPS6) – Planning for Town Centres.	This document sets out government policies on town centres and retail developments.	Sets out a sequential approach to site identification. Development should take place in town centres in the first instance.
Planning Policy Guidance Note 21 (PPG 21) – Tourism	The documents aim is to facilitate and encourage development and improvement in tourist provision, while tackling any adverse effects of existing tourist attractions and activities.	PPG21 will need to be referred to as a source of detailed guidance in the preparation of the Core Strategy.
Regional/County		
Regional Economic Strategy for South East England 2006 - 2016	A ten-year framework with the aim that by 2016 the South East will be a world class region achieving sustainable prosperity.	The three objectives are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global Competitiveness • Smart Growth • Sustainable Prosperity
Local		
Mid Sussex District Council – Master Plans for East Grinstead, Burgess Hill and Haywards Heath town centres (all three documents have been adopted as SPD's)	Seeks to guide the revitalisation and redevelopment of the three town centres over the next 20 years. Several objectives are set out for each town centre, which are intended to deliver a vision.	The Core Strategy and master plans need to be considered together so that they complement one another.

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
Local (continued)		
Mid Sussex Economic Development Strategy & Action Plan	The document lists 6 key aims for economic development in the District and states how the Council will assist in meeting these aims. The document highlights how the Council will assist in achieving the aims of the plan, including through the planning system.	The document highlights how the Council will assist in achieving the aims of the plan, including through the planning system.
Mid Sussex Employment Land Review	This document provides an up to date assessment of the supply of and demand for employment land and floorspace in Mid Sussex.	This is an important part of the evidence base for the setting of the vision, objectives and policy on economic development.
Mid Sussex Retail Study (the District Council hope to extend this study so that it covers the period up until 2026).	<p>The key objectives of this study are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish the vitality and viability of the retail centres in the District; and • To provide a robust assessment of current and projected retail needs for the period to 2016. 	This is an important part of the evidence base for the setting of the vision, objectives and policy on retail development.

Constraints, conflicts and challenges

There are no obvious constraints or conflicts between the economic and employment related plans or policies. However, at a national level there is a strong desire to utilise previously developed land first for new employment facilities. This is also the case for new housing development and therefore there could be a conflict between developing previously developed sites for housing or employment, especially given that there is only a limited amount of previously developed land within the District.

Similar to the need for new housing, the need the new employment facilities will have to balance the need to protect the environment of the District.

Promoting Good Governance

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
National		
Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004	Requires all local planning authorities to prepare a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This sets out how the local community and stakeholders can get involved in the planning process with particular attention given to community involvement in the preparation of Local Development Documents (LDD).	Local Planning Authority is required to produce a Statement of Community Involvement to accompany certain planning documents.
Local		
Mid Sussex District Council – Statement of Community Involvement	Sets out how the Council will engage with the public in the preparation and adoption of Development Plan Documents. To reflect the varying nature of the Development Plan Documents different techniques are being used for each document to ensure that the appropriate engagement occurs.	The production of the Core Strategy has and will need to have regard to the community engagement methods for Development Plan Documents contained within this document.

Constraints, conflicts and challenges

There are no constraints or conflicts between the good governance plans or policies

Using Sound Science Responsibly

Name of document	Broad aims / relevant policies	Requirements of the document in relation to the Local Development Framework – Core Strategy
International		
Rio Declaration on Environment and Development - Principle 15: Precautionary Principle (1992)	In order to protect the environment, the precautionary approach shall be widely applied by States according to their capabilities. Where there are threats of serious or irreversible damage, lack of full scientific certainty shall not be used as a reason for postponing cost-effective measures to prevent environmental degradation.	The Core Strategy will have regard to the precautionary principle to ensure irreversible environmental damage is avoided in the district and surrounding area.

Constraints, conflicts and challenges

There are no constraints or conflicts between the using sound science responsibly plans or policies.