



## **Mid Sussex District Council Local Planning Authority**

### **Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2031**

#### **The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012**

#### **Regulation 20: Neighbourhood Plan Adoption Statement**

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15<sup>th</sup> December 2016

#### **1.0 Introduction**

1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders and to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority's responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Area for Haywards Heath covers the built up area of Haywards Heath, and parts of Ansty and Staplefield Parish.
- 2.2 The Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031 was examined by Peter Biggers, who on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2016 passed the plan and recommended Mid Sussex District Council should, subject to the modifications in the examination report, proceed to referendum. Following this, the Examiner's modifications were agreed by Haywards Heath Town Council and subsequently agreed by Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Mid Sussex District Council website.
- 2.3 On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016, the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031 successfully passed referendum with 3117 of the votes cast agreeing that the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan be used by Mid Sussex District Council for the determination of planning applications.
- 2.4 On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 Mid Sussex District Council resolved that the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031, Submission Plan (incorporating Examiners modifications and all modifications as per the MSDC Decision Statement) should be 'made' and become part of the Development Plan for Mid Sussex District Council for Haywards Heath.

**3.0 Conclusion**

- 3.1 I confirm, that the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031, Submission Plan (incorporating Examiners modifications and all modifications as per the MSDC Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of the Council resolution of 14<sup>th</sup> December 2016 has been 'made' with effect 15<sup>th</sup> December 2016.
- 3.2 I confirm that the Haywards Heath Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031 is part of the Development Plan of the Mid Sussex District Council Local Planning Authority Area as defined at Area Designation by Mid Sussex District Council on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2012.
- 3.3 I am taking the above mentioned decision as I concur with the advice contained in the above report under the 1990 Act in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- 3.4 I declare that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.



Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Interim Head of Economic Promotion and Planning**

**Date: 15/12/2016**

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