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Mid Sussex District Council Local Development Framework

**Notice of public consultation on Focused Amendments to the Pre-Submission Draft Mid Sussex
District Plan and Statement of Representations Procedure**

Mid Sussex District Council has approved a schedule of Focused Amendments to the Pre-Submission Draft Mid Sussex District Plan for public consultation. The District Plan sets the strategic framework for development in Mid Sussex up to 2031, setting out a vision and objectives with an overall strategy to implement those. The Mid Sussex District Plan is being produced for the Mid Sussex District, excluding the South Downs National Park Authority area.

The Focused Amendments have been prepared to:

- respond to the representations received on the Pre-Submission Draft District Plan in June/July 2015 in order to minimise the areas for debate at the Public Examination;
- take into account the findings of other Local Plan examinations, in particular those of neighbouring local authorities such as Horsham and Crawley; and
- have regard to the drive from Central Government to increase housing supply, including the Prime Minister's commitment to build 1m homes by 2020.

The main changes to the Pre-Submission Draft District Plan that are proposed in the Focused Amendments are:

- an increase in the housing provision figure from 650 to 800 new homes per year, which will enable the Council to make a contribution to meeting the housing needs of neighbouring authorities;
- the identification of a new strategic site for 600 homes at Pease Pottage;
- the inclusion of a housing density policy to maximise the yield from allocated sites and those in the built-up areas, thereby reducing the unnecessary loss of open countryside;
- the reversion to the previous affordable housing and developer contribution policies following the High Court's quashing of the Government's guidance on these matters; and
- updates to reflect new Government policy on self-build homes, energy efficiency, housing and accessibility standards, and Gypsies & Travellers.

Representations are invited on the following documents:

- Schedule of Focused Amendments to the Pre-Submission Draft District Plan, November 2015
- Pre-Submission Report - Mid Sussex District Plan – Sustainability Appraisal, November 2015
- Habitats Regulations Assessment for the Focused Amendments to the Pre-Submission Draft District Plan, October 2015
- Revisions to the Policies Map

If representations were made on the Pre-Submission Draft District Plan during the public consultation in June/July 2015, there is no need for these to be resubmitted during this representation period unless there is a wish to alter or withdraw the representation in the light of the amendments made.

Representations should be received between **Thursday 19th November** and **midnight on Thursday 31st December 2015** and can be made:

- online via <http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan>
- by email to LDFconsultation@midsussex.gov.uk
- by post to Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- submission of the documents to the Secretary of State for independent examination;
- the publication of the Planning Inspector's report following the examination;
- the adoption of the document.

We cannot take account of responses which are given to us confidentially as the public have the right to examine representations made. Representations must be made by midnight on the **31st December 2015**. Representations received after this date and time will not be accepted.

The documents and response forms can be viewed on the council's web site at:
www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan.

The documents will also be available for inspection together with representation forms and guidance from Thursday 19th November 2015 at the following locations:

Libraries in Mid Sussex

Burgess Hill Library, the Martlets, Burgess Hill, RH15 9NN (01444 235549) between 9.30am and 5.30pm on Monday to Friday and 10.00am to 4pm on Saturday.

East Grinstead Library, 32-40 West Street, East Grinstead, RH19 4SR (01342 410050) between 9.30am and 7.00pm on Monday, 9.30am to 6pm on Tuesday to Thursday, and 9.30am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday.

Hassocks Library, Stafford House, Keymer Road, Hassocks, BN6 8QJ (01273 842779) between 9am and 1pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday, and 1pm to 5pm on Thursday and Friday.

Haywards Heath Library, 34 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BN (01444 454607) between 9.30am and 7pm on Monday, 9.30am to 6pm on Tuesday to Thursday, and 9.30am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday.

Hurstpierpoint Library, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint, Hassocks, BN6 9UY, (01273 832609) between 9am and 1pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday, and 1pm to 5pm on Thursday and Friday.

Help Points in Mid Sussex

Burgess Hill Help Point, Burgess Hill Town Council Offices, 96 Church Walk, Burgess Hill, West Sussex, RH15 9AS, (01444 247726) between 9am and 5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10am to 5pm on Wednesday and 9.30am to 12.30pm on Saturday.

East Grinstead Help Point, Public Library, 32-40 West Street, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4SR, (01342 300780) between 9.30am and 7pm Monday, 9.30am to 6pm Tuesday to Thursday, and 9.30am to 5pm on Friday and Saturday.

Haywards Heath Help Point, Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS, (01444 458166) between 8.45am and 5.15pm Monday to Thursday and 8.45am to 4.15pm on Friday.

Should you have any queries relating to this consultation, you can contact the Planning Policy and Economic Development team on (01444 477053) or email planningpolicy@midsussex.gov.uk.