

**Your comments** - you can fill this in online at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan)

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1. How important is it to you that the Plan commits to protecting the District's natural environment and the distinctive characters of our towns and villages?

2. Do you agree that the Plan should encourage local jobs, businesses and the use of our town and village centres so that the local economy is healthy and we are less reliant on other areas for jobs and services?


3. The Plan has calculated that the District needs about 10,600 new homes over the next 20 years to meet local needs. Over a third of these already has planning permission or is on allocated sites. This compares to the South East Plan that said the District needed to build 17,100 new homes over a similar period. Do you agree that the new figure is about the right level of housing development the District needs?

4. It is proposed that a significant proportion of the new homes will be built in and around the Burgess Hill area of the District. Do you agree this is the best place in the District for it? If not, where do you think this development should take place?

5. If you wish to see new services and facilities in your local community, would you be willing to see new homes built in suitable locations in your town or village to fund them?

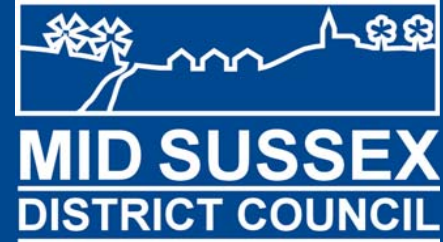
6. Please add any other comments or suggestions you have about the draft District Plan.

Return to: District Plan Consultation, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands, Haywards Heath, RH16 1SS

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# Play your part in the future of Mid Sussex



## Have your say on the District Plan



Mid Sussex District Council, in partnership with the Town and Parish Councils, has been working on a Mid Sussex District Plan. The role of the Plan is to say broadly what, where, when and how development will take place in Mid Sussex over the next 20 years.

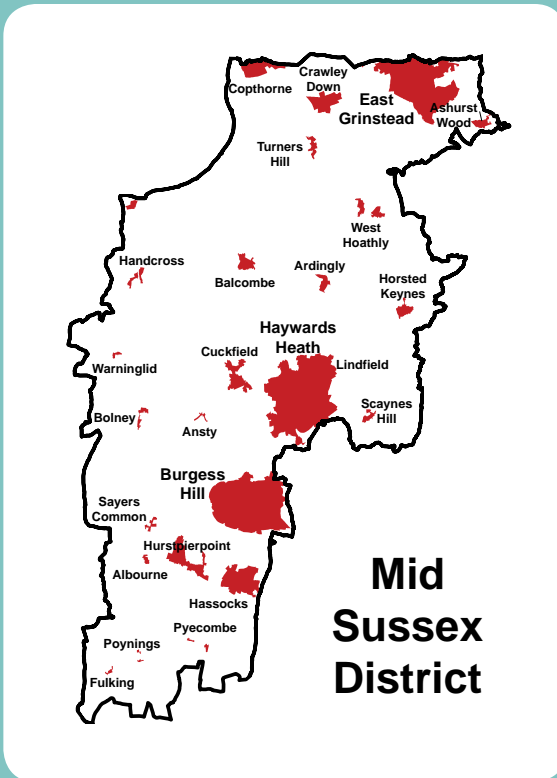
The District Council is seeking views about how local people want their areas to evolve to meet the needs of residents and businesses, whilst protecting the unique character of local towns and villages and the countryside of Mid Sussex.

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The draft District Plan covers everywhere within this boundary



## The draft District Plan aims to:

- Protect the valued landscape, historic and ecological heritage of Mid Sussex, including the unique identity and character of Mid Sussex towns and villages.
- Significantly reduce new housing growth by over a third, compared to the South East Plan targets.
- Promote economic vitality, by supporting the rural economy, tourism and vibrant, attractive and successful town and village centres.
- Support the provision of more local job opportunities to reduce the need to commute.
- Improve infrastructure provision, such as leisure facilities, by funding through a new Community Infrastructure Levy (a contribution from developers to community facilities).
- Create sustainable communities that reduce our carbon footprint



### Burgess Hill and neighbouring areas



Burgess Hill Town Council recently approved its Townwide Strategy. The draft District Plan supports the development proposals in the Burgess Hill Townwide Strategy, and shows them as a 'strategic allocation'. This includes 3,500 - 4,000 new homes to the north and east of the town, a 40 - hectare business park and new sporting facilities at the A2300 corridor and other infrastructure. Much of this development is on land outside of Burgess Hill Town Council administrative boundaries, in the parishes of Hurstpierpoint and Sayers Common, and Ansty and Staplefield.

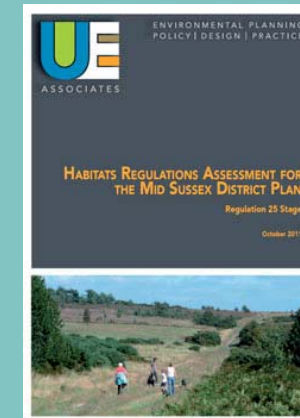
### East Grinstead, Haywards Heath and the Villages



The other towns and villages in Mid Sussex are also working up their ideas on the amount of development appropriate to their areas, and what infrastructure benefits should accompany it. The Town and Parish Councils will be encouraged to carry out their own consultation with their communities over the next few months to establish whether their ideas are supported by local people. It is hoped that these proposals can then be included in the final District Plan to be considered by Council next spring.



We are also consulting on The Habitats Regulations Assessment and the Sustainability Appraisal for the District Plan. You can view both documents and comment online at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan)



The Habitats Regulations Assessment assesses the impacts of the District Plan on the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area and Special Area of Conservation which are European designated sites of nature conservation importance.

The Sustainability Appraisal aims to predict and assess the social, environmental and economic effects that are likely to come from the Plan.

Have your say from 24th October 2011 – 13th January 2012 at [www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/districtplan) or see the District Plan at Parish, Town and District Council offices, Help Points or libraries across Mid Sussex.

## What will happen next?

The results of this consultation will be reported back to the Better Environment Advisory Group in March 2012 and a revised District Plan will be reported to Council for approval in May / June 2012.

Following this decision, the Government requires a further six week public consultation to be undertaken, with all responses being submitted with the draft District Plan to the Planning Inspectorate for Examination. The Inspector is expected to report back in early 2013 with final adoption of the District Plan potentially taking place in spring 2013.