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## Press release

# Community needs make for a Better Mid Sussex

**The Better Mid Sussex Advisory Group has made recommendations that will greatly improve Haywards Heath and meet the community's requirements.**

On Thursday 4 November, the Better Mid Sussex Advisory Group met to discuss Victoria Park, The Orchards Shopping Centre and environment enhancements in Haywards Heath Town Centre. The Group also received an update on the activity of Solum Regeneration (regarding the railway station).

At the meeting, it was recommended that the previous landowner briefs issued by the Council for the Station Quarter and the Town Centre be withdrawn. This will allow the Council, working with its partners, to identify the community requirements of any scheme which requires Council land.

"Community requirements need to be the focus to improve the town," said Cllr Gary Marsh, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economic Investment and Regeneration. "We want to see Haywards Heath thrive and attract investment to make it vibrant with a buoyant economy.

"The town has an excellent location and we want to enhance what is already there and improve it. The first meeting of the Better Mid Sussex Advisory Group in September marked a fresh start in our drive to revitalise the town centres of Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath and the significant interest from the private sector allows us to explore proposals in detail. We are also welcoming contributions from the whole community and I know the depth of local knowledge held by our partners will help ensure that any potential revitalisation schemes meet the aspirations of local residents."

The next meeting of the Better Mid Sussex Advisory Group focuses on the town of Burgess Hill and will take place at 10am in the Oaklands building of Mid Sussex District Council on Thursday 2 December. The meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to attend is welcome to come along and sit in the Gallery.

To see information on the town centre regeneration, go to [www.midsussex.gov.uk/towncentres](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/towncentres) and to read the agendas, reports and minutes of the meetings see [www.midsussex.gov.uk/bmsadvisorygroup](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/bmsadvisorygroup).

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**Notes to Editors**

The Better Mid Sussex Advisory Group (chaired by Cllr Jack Callaghan) of Mid Sussex District Council meets once a month to discuss private sector interest in the revitalisation of Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath town centres.