

Mid Sussex District Council

Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents

District Plan 2021 – 2039: Regulation 19 Consultation Submission Draft

Why is the Council carrying out this consultation?

In 2021 the Council set out to review the adopted 2018 Mid Sussex District Plan. The review is required by national planning policy and is a commitment within Policy DP4: Housing of the 2018 District Plan. The review seeks to ensure that the District Plan is up to date and policies within it remain effective.

The Mid Sussex Submission Draft District Plan (2021-2039) is the outcome of this review and representations received at the Regulation 18 consultation stage undertaken in late 2022. It extends the current Plan period by eight years and sets out the quantum and direction for development in Mid Sussex. It includes: an updated Spatial Strategy; amended and new policies to reflect both changes to national planning policy and updated evidence; and site allocations to meet the identified housing need for the additional eight years of the Plan period.

What can I make comments on?

The information below sets out how and by when to submit comments, as well as where to find the relevant documentation.

The purpose of the Regulation 19 consultation is to provide an opportunity for representations to be made on the amendments to the District Plan before it is examined by a Planning Inspector. In accordance with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (PCPA), the Planning Inspector will consider all comments on the Plan that are made within the consultation period. At Regulation 19, responses must follow the format required by the Planning Inspectorate and be framed around the Test of Soundness and legal compliance.

The following documents are the focus of this consultation:

- Submission Draft District Plan 2021 – 2039 (December 2023)
- Sustainability Appraisal (November 2023)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (November 2023)

The documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:
<https://midsussex.inconsult.uk/districtplanreg19/>.

The documents will also be provided to the locations specified at the end of this notice.

When and How can I make comments?

Comments must be received between **Friday 12th January 2024** and **23:59 on Friday 23rd February 2024**.

The Council is now using consultation software called Inovem; this is our preferred method for comments to be submitted. To submit comments, you will need to register. Once registered you will be able to fill out the response form.

Comments can be submitted online at: <https://midsussex.inconsult.uk/districtplanreg19/>.

Alternatively, the response form is available to download and can be submitted:

- By e-mail: policyconsultation@midsussex.gov.uk or
- By post: Planning Policy, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 1SS

We cannot take account of responses which are given to us confidentially as the public have the right to view comments made. Anonymous comments will also not be accepted. Submissions received after the deadline will not be accepted.

Notification of further stages

Comments may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of the outcomes of the Regulation 19 consultation and next step.

Availability of Documents

Council's website: <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/mid-sussex-district-plan/district-plan-review/>

Council Offices

Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS (01444 458166)

Libraries in Mid Sussex

Burgess Hill Library, 15-19 The Martlets, Burgess Hill, RH15 9NN (01444 255452)

East Grinstead Library, 32-40 West Street, East Grinstead, RH19 4SR (01342 332900) – *Please note that East Grinstead Library will be closed from 13th January until 19th January 2024.*

Hassocks Library, 9 Ewart Close, Hassocks, BN6 8FJ (01273 842779)

Haywards Heath Library, 34 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BN (01444 255444) – *Please note that Haywards Heath Library will be closed from the 5th February for a minimum of 3 weeks. The consultation documents are also available at Mid Sussex District Council Offices Reception, within close proximity from the Library.*

Hurstpierpoint Library, Trinity Road, Hurstpierpoint, BN6 9UY (01273 832609)

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)

East Grinstead Help Point, Public Library, 32-40 West Street, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4SR (01342 300780) – *Please note that East Grinstead Library will be closed from 13th January until 19th January 2024.*

Haywards Heath Help Point, Oaklands, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, West Sussex RH16 1SS (01444 458166)

Should you have any queries relating to the District Plan, you can contact the Planning Policy team by e-mailing: planningpolicy@midsussex.gov.uk.