



Mid Sussex District Council Local Planning Authority

Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2031

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012

Regulation 20: Neighbourhood Plan Adoption Statement

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29th September 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 Balcombe covers the parish of Balcombe.
- 2.2 The Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015- 2031 was examined by Andrew Ashcroft, who on 18th May 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 Balcombe Parish Council and subsequently agreed by Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet on 11th July 2016. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Mid Sussex District Council website.
- 2.3 On 1st September 2016, the Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 2031 successfully passed referendum with 94% of the votes cast agreeing that the Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan be used by Mid Sussex District Council for the determination of planning applications.
- 2.4 On 21st September 2016 Mid Sussex District Council resolved that the Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 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 the parish of Balcombe

3.0 Conclusion

- 3.1 I confirm, that the Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 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 Full Council resolution of 21st September 2016 has been 'made' with effect 22nd September 2016.
- 3.2 I confirm that the Balcombe Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015 - 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 9th 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: 22/9/2016

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