Introduction

36.1   Sayers Common is a small village located to the north of the South Downs just off the A23 a mile to the north of Albourne.

36.2   The landscape in which the village is set is intrinsically attractive comprising woodland and agricultural land uses (both arable and grazing). The land has been cultivated since Saxon and Norman times. The landscape provides a pleasant visual setting for the village, with the area between the village and the Priory being particularly attractive. From the village there are good views of Wolstonbury Hill and the South Downs.

36.3   The village is no longer divided by the A23 and has benefited from the subsequent reduction in traffic. While vehicles travelling from Hurstpierpoint and Henfield still pass through the village to access the A23, the quality of the environment has been improved through the implementation of a comprehensive series of proposals including new housing, the narrowing of the old A23 highway, traffic management measures, improved landscaping, recreational and community facilities.

36.4   Provision for formal sport has been made at a new recreation ground located centrally in the village. Facilities include cricket and football pitches and a pavilion. Children's play areas have been provided at Berrylands and Dunlop Close in association with the residential developments there. A new village shop has also been built at Berrylands.

36.5   Other facilities in the village include a church, church hall, village hall, pub and a mobile library service. The village is comparatively well served by local employment, including a major egg production plant and a business centre. Public transport links are, however, poor.

Policies and Proposals

Built-up Area Boundary

36.6   A built-up area boundary is defined for Sayers Common in order to conserve the rural setting of the village and to protect the surrounding countryside from unnecessary development.

Local Gap
36.7   The area between Sayers Common and Albourne, and Sayers Common and Hurstpierpoint, is defined as a local gap.