

Mid Sussex District Council

Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents

District Plan 2021 – 2040: Main Modifications

Mid Sussex District Council has approved a schedule of Main Modifications to the Mid Sussex District Plan for public consultation. The District Plan sets the strategic framework for development in Mid Sussex up to 2040, setting out a vision and objectives with an overall strategy to implement those. The Mid Sussex District Plan is being produced for the Mid Sussex District, excluding the South Downs National Park Authority area.

The District Plan was submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2024. A Planning Inspector has held a number of Examination Hearings during February/ March 2026. The Main Modifications are changes, additions or deletions required to make the plan 'sound' and have been prepared in liaison with the Planning Inspector during the course of the Examination. The council is now undertaking a public consultation on the Main Modifications that are proposed.

The main changes to the District Plan that are proposed in the Main Modifications are:

- **The addition of 35 new housing allocations** – to deliver sufficient housing to meet 50% of the unmet needs arising in Crawley Borough Council and contribute towards the unmet needs arising from Brighton and Hove City Council area.
- **Policy DPSC2: Sustainable Design and Construction** – has been amended to reflect national policy
- **Policy DPS3: Renewable and Low Carbon Energy Schemes** - has been amended to reflect national policy
- **Policy DPN3: Biodiversity Net Gain** – the requirement for 20% biodiversity net gain on Significant Sites has been deleted to reflect national policy
- **Policy DPS5: Water Neutrality** – policy has been deleted to reflect change in circumstances.
- **Other changes to Development Management policies, site allocation policies and accompanying Policies Map required for soundness**

At this stage representations are only being sought on whether the Main Modifications to the Plan are sound and/or legally compliant.

If a response was made to the previous District Plan consultations, there is no need to resubmit them during this representation period as the Inspector has already considered these representations during the course of the Examination.

The following documents are the focus of this consultation:

- Schedule of Main Modifications to the District Plan (July 2026)
- Main Modification Sustainability Appraisal (July 2026)
- Habitats Regulations Assessment (July 2026)

The documents can be viewed on the Council's website at:

https://midsussex.inconsult.uk/districtplan_main_modifications

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

Comments must be received between **Monday 27th July and 23:59 on Monday 7th September 2026**

The Council uses 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 submit your comments on the Modification(s) and Consultation Documents.

Comments can be submitted online at: https://midsussex.inconsult.uk/districtplan_main_modifications

Alternatively, responses 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. Representations must be made by 23:59 on Monday 7th September. Representations received after this date and time will not be accepted.

Representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specified address of any of the following:

- the publication of the Planning Inspector's report following the examination;
- the adoption of the document.

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)

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

Haywards Heath Library, 34 Boltro Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1BN (01444 255444)

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)

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.