



Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014-2031

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 - Regulation 20: Neighbourhood Plan Adoption Statement

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 covers the whole Parish of Hassocks and was formally designated on 16th July 2012.
- 2.2 The Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031 was examined by Mr Andrew Ashcroft, who on 16th December 2019 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 Hassocks Parish Council on 7th January 2020 and subsequently agreed by Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet on 13th January 2020. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Mid Sussex District Council website.
- 2.3 On 5th March 2020, the Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 2031 successfully passed referendum with 1635 (94.8%) of the votes cast agreeing that the Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan be used by Mid Sussex District Council for the determination of planning applications.
- 2.4 At the meeting of full Council on 24th June 2020, Mid Sussex District Council resolved that the Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 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 the Parish of Hassocks.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 I confirm, that the Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 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 the Council resolution of 24th June 2020 has been 'made' with immediate effect. The Decision, Neighbourhood Plan and details where these documents can be inspected are published on the Mid Sussex

District Council Website. This information has also been brought to the attention of people who live, work and carry out businesses in the Neighbourhood Plan area.

- 3.2 I confirm that the Hassocks Neighbourhood Development Plan 2014 - 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 16th July 2012. This means that the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan are now given full weight when decision makers assess Planning applications in the parish of Hassocks.
- 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: SA Blenheim

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Divisional Leader for Planning and Economy

Date: 9th July 2020

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