

Site Allocations DPD (Regulation 19)

Availability of consultation documents

The Council report (22nd July 2020) highlighted that due to the Covid-19 outbreak, the Regulation 19 consultation period has been extended to eight weeks to provide stakeholders with a greater opportunity to submit representations.

At the time the Council report and accompanying Community Involvement Plan were published, The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 required, under regulation 35, that documents are made available for inspection at the Council offices, as well as in other such places the Council felt necessary – usually Libraries and Help Points within the district. The Statement of Representations Procedure refers to consultation documents being available at Libraries and Help Points but advises that due to the Covid-19 outbreak to check with the individual locations for availability of the consultation documents.

Since the Council report and the Community Involvement Plan were published, the requirement to make consultation documents available has been removed by the Government in light of the ongoing coronavirus situation. This requirement was removed through The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020.

Therefore, this means that consultation documents only need to be made available online and not at the deposit points (Council offices, Libraries and Help Points). All the consultation documents are available online at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/SitesDPD.

However, printed copies of the consultation documents have still been sent to Libraries and Help Points, including the Council offices. Although most of these places remain closed at the current time, should the buildings re-open during the consultation period (8 weeks from the 3rd August until the 28th September 2020) and if it is safe to do so, the printed copies of the consultation documents will be made available for inspection.

It is advised to check with the individual Libraries and Help Points before travel for availability of the consultation documents and opening hours.

Further information on the Site Allocations DPD and the consultation documents can be found at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/SitesDPD.

For any questions about the consultation, please contact:

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