



**MID SUSSEX DISTRICT COUNCIL SITE ALLOCATION DPD
MATTER 8 HEARING STATEMENTS**

SUBMITTED ON BEHALF OF RETIREMENT VILLAGE DEVELOPMENTS LTD & NOTCUTTS LTD

8.1 Do any additional soundness issues, relevant to this Plan arise from the NPPF?

- 1.1 We refer to our representations in respect of Matters 1 and 3, if any of the matters raised there are considered to fall outside the scope of that discussion.
- 1.2 In addition, as raised in our Reg 19 representations, the Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP, Ref IV1) fails to address the need for specialist accommodation, such as extra care.
- 1.3 Specialist accommodation is a "Community Facility and Local Service" as defined in the Local Plan Policy DP25, alongside other services and facilities. However, this is omitted as a "Community Facility" (an identified category of infrastructure) in the Reg19 IDP (IV1, pg3), which otherwise lists many of the facilities referenced in the Local Plan (pg74) and relevant here.
- 1.4 Policy DP25 states that "*Community facilities and local services to meet needs will be identified through the Neighbourhood Plans or a Site Allocation Development Plan Document produced by the District Council*". It would therefore have been entirely pertinent to the IDP to include within its remit specialist accommodation to ensure that the infrastructure listed in the Local Plan was being properly planned for and addressed.
- 1.5 In neglecting to acknowledge specialist accommodation in the IDP it further compounds the failure of this Plan to address the identified and significant need for specialist older housing, as set out at Matter 3.8. The evidence supporting the Plan falls short of being relevant, up-to-date and adequate as required by the NPPF (para 31) and therefore does not meet the soundness tests of "Justified", in accordance with the NPPF (para 35).



- 1.6 As set out in Matter Statements 3 and 7, actions have been suggested to address this issue, through the inclusion of the Former Hazelden Nursery as a site allocation and inclusion of a new development control policy for extra care to make the Plan "Sound".

8.2 Are there any other soundness issues which this Examination should cover?

- 1.7 As above. We refer to our representations in respect of Matters 1 and 3, should any of the matters raised there, considered to fall outside the scope of that discussion and are best addressed here.