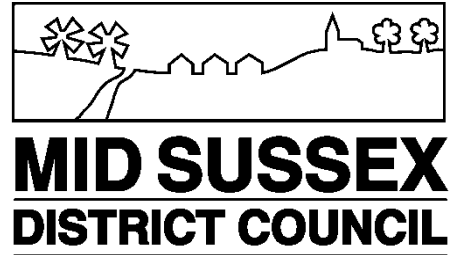


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## **Site Allocations DPD**

**MSDC-02h:** Matter 8 - Any other soundness issues

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## **Matter 8 – Are there any other issues of soundness which this Examination should cover?**

### **8.1 NPPF**

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

#### **MSDC Response**

- 1.1. MSDC considers the Sites DPD to be a sound Plan, as summarised in Topic Paper 3: Introduction to the Site Allocations DPD [TP3] and evidenced in the Legal Compliance Checklist [DPD4].
- 1.2. The Sites DPD is a 'daughter' document of the District Plan, which is in general conformity with the NPPF. Whilst adoption of the District Plan predates the NPPF 2018 and 2019 revisions, the only matter of significance to the Sites DPD is in relation to the strengthening of protection afforded to protection to Ancient Woodland (NPPF, paragraph 175 (c)1). However, DP:37 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows and the site assessment criteria are in conformity with the revised NPPF.
- 1.3. There are no additional soundness issues, relevant to this Plan, arising from the NPPF.

### **8.2 Soundness Issues**

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

#### **MSDC Response**

- 2.1. MSDC considers the Sites DPD to be a sound Plan and there are no additional soundness issues which the Examination should cover.