



Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021-2031

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 Copthorne Neighbourhood Plan Area follows the Copthorne and Worth ward boundary and was formally designated on 16th July 2012.

2.2 The Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 - 2031 was examined by Mr Andrew Ashcroft, who on 10th June 2021 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 Worth Parish Council and subsequently agreed by Mid Sussex District Council Cabinet on 26th July 2021. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Mid Sussex District Council website.

2.3 On 16th September 2021, the Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 - 2031 successfully passed referendum with 446 (87.1%) of the votes cast agreeing that the Copthorne 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 29th September 2021, Mid Sussex District Council resolved that the Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 - 2031, should be 'made' and become part of the Development Plan for the Copthorne and Worth ward.

3.0 Conclusion

3.1 I confirm, that the Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 – 2031 complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of the Council resolution of 29th September 2021 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 Copthorne Neighbourhood Development Plan 2021 - 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 Copthorne and Worth ward.
- 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: 30th September 2021

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