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Site Allocations Development Plan set for one final public consultation

Mid Sussex District Council has approved a draft Site Allocations Development Plan for one final public consultation before it is submitted to the Government for public examination.

The Council has produced a final version of the draft Site Allocations Development Plan, which sets out how to meet the District's outstanding housing and employment needs up to 2031. There will now be an eight-week public consultation from 3 August 2020 to allow people to comment on the plan

The Mid Sussex District Plan 2014-2031, which was adopted in March 2018, sets out in broad terms what, where, when and how development will take place in Mid Sussex up until 2031. Whilst the majority of development sites are already planned for in the District Plan, the Planning Inspector required the Council to identify more sites to ensure the housing and employment needs of the District are met.

The draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document addresses that requirement and recommends 22 housing and 7 employment sites at locations across Mid Sussex, plus a Science and Technology Park.

Following the public consultation, the draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document will be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination by an Independent Planning Inspector.

Councillor Andrew MacNaughton, Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning said:

“The preparation of this draft Site Allocations Development Plan Document is one of the final steps we must take to finish our work on the 2014-2031 District Plan.

“Strategic plans like this are really important because they show that Mid Sussex can meet the future housing needs of our District. Once agreed this protects our District from speculative unplanned developments put forward by developers.

“The consultation starts on 3 August and I encourage as many people as possible to read the proposals set out in the Site Allocations Development Plan Document. If you have any comments to make about the plan, please submit them to us and we will send them to the Independent Planning Inspector for consideration as part of the public examination.”

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