

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Parish Council** on 10th July 2018
at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Parish Centre, Adastra Park, Hassocks.

Parish Clerk 4 July 2018

Members of the public are encouraged to come to the meetings and there is an opportunity for them to address the Council relating to the non-confidential items on the published agenda.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**

- 1.1 To Accept Apologies for Absence.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- 2.1 Disclosure by Councillors of personal interests in matters on the agenda, and whether the Councillor regards their interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

3. **MINUTES**

- 3.1 To accept the minutes of the:

Parish Council meeting 12th June 2018

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

*Up to fifteen minutes will be available to allow for the public to make representations, answer questions or give evidence **in respect of any item of business included in the agenda**, in accordance with Standing Orders.*

5. **MINUTES**

To accept the following Minutes

- 5.1 **Planning Committee** - 18 June 2018 (for noting only)
5.2 **Grounds & Environment** – 28th June 2018 (for noting only)
5.3 **Neighbourhood Plan Working Group** – 27th June 2018

6. **FINANCE**

- 6.1 To approve the Financial Report and authorise the list of payments in the sum of £ 26,975.55 for the period ending 31st May 2018 set out in (**Appendix 1.**)

7. **Twinning Group visit to Wald Michelbach**

- 7.1 **Gift to Wald Michelbach** – The Chairman has sent a gift to the Host Town on behalf of the Parish Council together with a card "The emphasis was on drawing our Twinning Partner's attention to the fact that our local Sussex Wines are now really good quality – (**Appendix 2**)

- 7.2 **Twinning Group Visit to Wald Michelbach** (29 June – 1 July 2018) (**verbal report Carolyn Barton**)

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8. **REPORTS**

- 8.1 District Councillors' Report
- 8.2 County Councillor Report
- 8.3 Rail Matters (oral report, Leslie Campbell)
- 8.4 Youth Initiatives
- 8.5 Police report
- 8.6 Report from Councillors on meetings of outside bodies where the Council is represented.

9. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 9.1 Current matters (oral report)

10. **CLERK'S REPORT**

- 10.1 Members are requested to consider the recommendation made by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (**NP18/6**) at its meeting on the 27th June 2018 to progress the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members **RESOLVED** to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that option 2 'light touch review' should be pursued and that Hassocks Parish Council should continue to employ Dowsett Mayhew to support this process.

The detailed report *Neighbourhood Plan – Future Option Appraisal* is set out in (**Appendix 3**) was considered by the Neighbourhood Plan working group in determining their recommendation. Members are required to consider the content of the detailed report and confirm whether the Council wishes to ratify the approach recommended by the NPWG.

- 11. **Urgent Matters** at the discretion of the Chairman for noting and/or inclusion on a future agenda.

- 12 Date of next meeting **11th September 2018**

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted Councillors will be referred to the Confidential agenda. If any members of the public or press are present they will be requested to withdraw from the meeting.

FILMING, RECORDING OF COUNCIL MEETINGS AND USE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

During this meeting members of the public may film or record the Committee and officers from the public area only providing it does not disrupt the meeting. The Confidential section of the meeting may not be filmed or recorded. If a member of the public objects to being recorded, the person(s) filming must stop doing so until that member of the public has finished speaking. The use of social media is permitted but members of the public are requested to switch their mobile devices to silent for the duration of the meeting

Please Note

All members of the public are welcome to attend to attend meetings of the Parish Council and its Committees.

Item 4 – a period of 15 minutes will be set aside for the public statements and questions relating to the published non-confidential business of the Meeting.

It may be necessary to consider particular items in confidential session and where this arises, these items will be considered at the end of the agenda

Hassocks Parish Council 2018/19					
Current Bank A/C 2114					
List of Payments made between 01/05/2018 and 31/05/2018 (incl VAT)					
Date Paid	Payee Name		Amount	Transaction Detail	
03/05/2018	QD Stationery	5724	£48.25	Adastra Park Posters	
03/05/2018	Trigger Solutions	5725	£24.00	Website Amends	
03/05/2018	G Jeffcott	5726	£1,200.00	Bus Shelter Repairs	
03/05/2018	Sovereign Alarms	5727	£343.81	Repairs-Emergency Lighting	
03/05/2018	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	5728	£398.64	Biffa Waste 31.3.18-27.4.18	
03/05/2018	LexisNexis	5729	£59.99	Charles Arnold Baker	
03/05/2018	WSCC	5730	£3,150.00	Street Tree Planting 2017	
03/05/2018	Service Vent Ltd	5731	£198.00	Pav Heat system service	
03/05/2018	Southern Counties Fuels	5732	£236.78	Tractor Fuel	
03/05/2018	Burgess Hill Glass	5733	£393.53	Repairs Bus Shelter Glass x3	
18/05/2018	Total May Salaries 2018	5734,35	£7,225.15	May 18 Salaries	
		5736,37,38			
18/05/2018	HMRC/PAYE	5739	£2,257.94	PAYE/NI May 18	
18/05/2018	WSCC Pension Fund	5740	£2,593.73	May 18 Pension Contributions	
08/05/2018	Information Commisioner	5741	£35.00	Data Protection Registration	
19/05/2018	Mark Mulberry	5742	£340.02	Internal Audit Fees 17/18	
19/05/2018	Quality Office Supplies	5743	£26.78	Office stationery	
19/05/2018	Sussex ALC	5744	£250.00	CiLCA Registration	
19/05/2018	Quality Office Supplies	5745	£32.40	Pavilion Cleaning Products	
19/05/2018	Sx Environment Pest Solu	5746	£300.00	Jap Knotweed T'ment Adastra	
19/05/2018	Scottish Water Business	5747	£48.91	Burial Ground Waste Water	
19/05/2018	AM Fire & Security	5748	£15.14	Battery replacem Pav alarm	
19/05/2018	Trigger Solutions	5749	£48.00	GDPR - Website updates	
19/05/2018	Close Invoice Finance/TSS	5750	£114.66	Pav legionella testing April	
22/05/2018	Came & Company	5751	£3,000.60	Insurance Premium 18/19	
22/05/2018	Bee Cleen (Southern) Ltd	5752	£162.00	Pavilion Clean - May	
22/05/2018	Southern Mobility Centres	5753	£81.60	Stairlift Repair	
22/05/2018	Tates of Sussex	5754	£13.99	Multi-purpose compost	
22/05/2018	Mid Sussex District Council	5755	£480.00	Parking Discs	
22/05/2018	Point Appliance Care	5756	£60.00	Pavilion Oven Door Repair	
22/05/2018	Viking	5757	£374.42	Office Stationery	
29/05/2018	Biffa Waste Services Ltd	5758	£398.64	Biffa Waste 28/4/18-25/5/18	
31/05/2018	Close Invoice Finance/TSS	5759	£114.66	Legionella Testing May18	
08/05/2018	Barclays Bank	BARCLAYS	£31.65	Bank Charges 13.3-12.4.18	
15/05/2018	British Telecom	BT D/D	£69.51	P/O Telephone May D/D	
01/05/2018	edf energy	EDF D/D	£205.00	Pavilion Electric May D/D	
01/05/2018	edf energy	EDF D/D	£72.00	P/Office Elec May D/D	
01/05/2018	Mid Sussex District Council	MSDC D/D	£265.00	Business Rates May 18	
30/05/2018	Public Works Loan Board	PWLB D/D	£2,269.75	Burial Ground Loan repay	
01/05/2018	Southeast water	SEWAT D/D	£17.00	Allotment Water May D/D	
01/05/2018	Southeast water	SEWAT D/D	£12.00	Pavilion Water May D/D	
01/05/2018	Southeast water	SEWAT D/D	£7.00	P/Office Water May D/D	
	TOTAL		£26,975.55		

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Summary Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 12/06/2018
for Cashbook 1 - Current Bank A/C 2114

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Current Bank A/C 2114	31/05/2018	£36,470.68
		<u>£36,470.68</u>
<u>Unpresented Cheques (Minus)</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
	£5,901.39	<u>£30,569.29</u>
<u>Receipts not Banked/Cleared (Plus)</u>		
	£0.00	
		<u>£0.00</u>
		£30,569.29
	Balance per Cash Book is :-	£30,569.29
	Difference is :-	£0.00

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Receipts and Payments Summary - Cashbook 1

Current Bank A/C 2114

	<u>Receipt Totals</u>	<u>Payment Totals</u>	
Total Year to Date	39,725.77	47,345.39	
Total Receipts / Payments	39,725.77	47,345.39	Closing Trial Balance
Opening Balance	38,188.91		
Closing Balance		30,569.29	30,569.29
	<u>77,914.68</u>	<u>77,914.68</u>	

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Receipts and Payments Summary - Cashbook 2

Tracker A/C 3548

	<u>Receipt Totals</u>	<u>Payment Totals</u>	
Total Year to Date	137,505.00	30,000.00	
Total Receipts / Payments	137,505.00	30,000.00	Closing Trial Balance
Opening Balance	320,604.61		
Closing Balance		428,109.61	428,109.61
	<u>458,109.61</u>	<u>458,109.61</u>	

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Receipts and Payments Summary - Cashbook 3

Business Saver 3

	<u>Receipt Totals</u>	<u>Payment Totals</u>	
Total Receipts / Payments	0.00	0.00	Closing Trial Balance
Opening Balance	85.28		
Closing Balance		85.28	85.28
	<u>85.28</u>	<u>85.28</u>	

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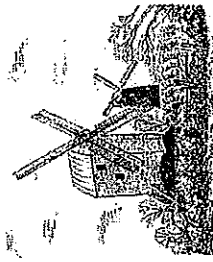
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Receipts and Payments Summary - Cashbook 4

Business Saver 2

	<u>Receipt Totals</u>	<u>Payment Totals</u>	
Total Receipts / Payments	0.00	0.00	Closing Trial Balance
Opening Balance	0.05		
Closing Balance		0.05	0.05
	<u>0.05</u>	<u>0.05</u>	



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I send very best wishes on behalf of Hassocks Parish Councillors to
Bürgermeister Herr Dr. Sascha Weber
and the Council Members at Wald Michelbach.

As a small gift - I am including a selection of Still Wines from a local
Sussex Vineyard.

I was pleasantly surprised at the quality and flavour of these wines and
thought this would be a good opportunity to share something of Sussex
with our Twinning Partners.

Have a wonderful weekend

Jan Weir

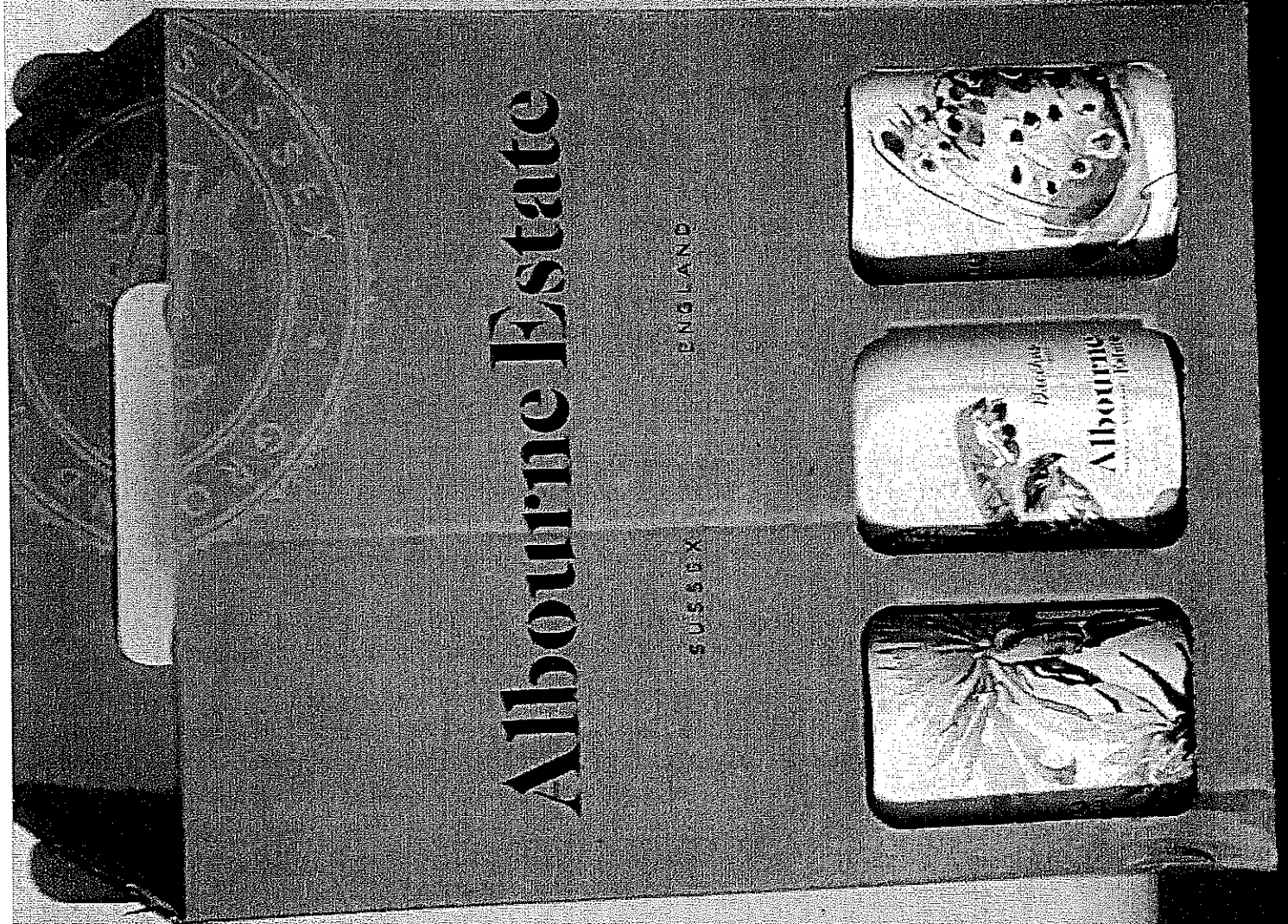
Chairman of Council

Ich sende die besten Wünsche im Namen der Hassocks Ratsmitglieder
an Bürgermeister Herr Dr. Sascha Weber
und die Ratsmitglieder in Wald-Michelbach.

Als kleines Geschenk - bin ich einschließlich eine Auswahl an Stillweine
aus einem lokalen Sussex Weinberg.

Ich war angenehm überrascht von der Qualität und der Geschmack
dieser Weine und dachte, dies wäre eine gute Gelegenheit, etwas von
Sussex mit unserer Twinning-Partner zu teilen.

Haben Sie ein wunderbares Wochenende



White 2017
Pinot Noir

Albourne
SUSSEX // ENGLAND Estate



Bacchus
2017

Albourne
SUSSEX // ENGLAND Estate



Albourne
SUSSEX // ENGLAND Estate



Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan Working Group considered the following report on

Wednesday 27th June 2018

Options for progressing production of the
Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to set out options for progressing the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan, for consideration by the Neighbourhood Plan Working Group (NPWG). The report has been prepared in light of the pause on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan in late 2016 by Mid Sussex District Council; the more recent adoption of the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031 in March 2018; and following a meeting with Officers of Mid Sussex District Council on 16th May 2018.

The report sets out three potential options. These are (1) cease preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan (the 'do nothing' scenario); (2) resurrect the June 2016 Submission Version Plan and amend where necessary (the 'light touch' review scenario); and (3) produce a wholly new Neighbourhood Plan (the 'comprehensive' review scenario).

Background to the Preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan

As Members will recall, preparation of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan commenced in earnest in Spring 2014 via the distribution of a questionnaire to local residents which detailed a proposed vision and set of proposed objectives. This was followed by a public exhibition which took place in September 2014. A further public consultation took place in January 2015 where residents were invited to offer views on a range of potential new housing sites. A similar further public consultation took place in July 2015. This led to an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Parish Council in September 2015 where decisions were made on housing need, housing site allocations, and designation of Local Green Space. A subsequent Regulation 14 'Pre-Submission' Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan was the subject of formal consultation in early 2016. Following feedback, a Regulation 16 Submission Version Plan was submitted to Mid Sussex District Council in June 2016; whom undertook statutory consultation between July - September 2016.

The Neighbourhood Plan noted the Parish Council's resolution that there was need for additional housing over the Plan period up to 2031 of some 210 - 270 dwellings. Reflecting this, the Neighbourhood Plan contained housing allocations for three sites comprising Hassocks Golf Club (up to 130 dwellings); land north of Clayton Mills (up to 140 dwellings); and the National Tyre Centre (up to 20 dwellings). In addition to this, the Plan set out support for windfall development on unidentified sites within the built-up area of the parish and noted that this form of development had delivered a strong supply of housing over recent years, equating to an average of some 10 dwellings per annum.

By letter dated 19th April 2017, the Local Planning Authority advised that the District Council considered that the Neighbourhood Plan should not proceed to Examination at that time. The District Council advised that progress should be paused to *'wait for the [District] Council to arrive at agreed [housing] figures for the overall requirement and for individual Neighbourhood Plan areas.'*

The Emerging Mid Sussex District Plan

The pause in the District Council's progress of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan was substantively due to matters arising from the preparation of the then emerging Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031.

The District Plan had been submitted to the Secretary of State for independent Examination in August 2016. Hearings were held toward the end of 2016 and in early 2017. This culminated in a letter from the Inspector dated 20th February 2017, which set out interim conclusions on the housing requirement for the district and required an increase of some 20% over the figures contained within the Submission District Plan.

Furthermore, the Inspector required greater clarity on the spatial strategy within the District Plan *'by establishing the approximate number of dwellings expected in each settlement or groups of settlements [and as drafted the Plan] provides inadequate guidance to Neighbourhood Plans ... on the amounts of housing development they should aim to accommodate. Up to now, Neighbourhood Plans have been produced without sufficient guidance of this sort and indeed without the knowledge of the objectively assessed need and housing requirement. Future Plans ... must take account of both the housing requirement and the numbers of new homes expected in each settlement otherwise they could well be at variance with the district's spatial strategy and be unsound themselves.'*

In response to this, the District Council prepared a 'Main Modifications' District Plan which was the subject of consultation in October - November 2017. This included the addition of a 'strategic' housing allocation on land north of Clayton Mills, for some 500 dwellings and associated infrastructure.

A significant quantum of objection was submitted to this proposed allocation, including by Hassocks Parish Council. This culminated in a re-opening of the Hearing into the District Plan on Monday 5th February 2018, where representations were made to the Inspector for, and on behalf of, Hassocks Parish Council.

Notwithstanding this objection to the allocation, the Inspector concluded in his report on the Examination of the District Plan dated 12th March 2018 that the proposed allocation was 'sound.'

On this basis, the Mid Sussex District Plan 2014 - 2031 was adopted on 28th March 2018.

This sets an objectively assessed need for housing within the district over the Plan period of 14,892 dwellings together with a requirement of 1,498 dwellings to contribute to the unmet need of Crawley's housing requirements. This provides an overall minimum district housing requirement over the Plan period of 16,390 dwellings. This requires that the Plan delivers an average of 876 dwellings per annum (DPA) until 2023/2024, and thereafter an average of 1,090 DPA up to 2030/2031, subject to there being no further harm to the integrity of the European Habitat Sites in Ashdown Forest.

Taking account of completions and commitments (including land north of Clayton Mills for 500 dwellings) together with an allowance for windfall, Policy DP4 of the Plan notes there is a requirement to allocate a further 2,439 dwellings through future Neighbourhood Plans and Site Allocations Development Plan Documents.

The spatial distribution of the housing requirement is made by reference to settlement category. The Plan identifies five categories of which Burgess Hill, East Grinstead and Haywards Heath fall within Settlement Category 1 and are required to deliver the majority of the housing requirement over the Plan period. Hassocks and Keymer fall within Settlement Category 2 (together with Copthorne, Crawley Down, Cuckfield, Hurstpierpoint and Lindfield). Collectively Policy DP4 identifies a minimum requirement over the Plan

period for these settlements to provide 3,005 dwellings, with the minimum residual from 2017 onwards (i.e. accounting for existing completions and commitments) of 838 dwellings.

The Table that follows Policy DP6 *'gives clarity between the district housing requirement and the role of individual Neighbourhood Plans in meeting this ... [and] ... shows the minimum residual amount of development for each settlement over the rest of the Plan period, as at April 2017.'* This notes that the minimum requirement over the Plan period for Hassocks is 882 dwellings with a minimum requirement up to 2023/2024 of 519 dwellings. The Table notes that having regard to commitments and completions as at 1st April 2017, Hassocks has identified land for 882 dwellings. This results in the absence of any additional minimum residual requirement from 2017 onwards.

Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment

In April 2018, the District Council published its latest Strategic Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (SHELAA). This identifies a number of potential candidate housing sites within Hassocks. It includes sites over and above those already 'committed' for housing and notes that a number of these may be suitable for development in the short, medium and long term.

Meeting with Mid Sussex District Council

Following the adoption of the District Plan, a meeting took place between representatives of the Parish Council and Officers of the District Council on 16th May 2018 to discuss options for proceeding with the Neighbourhood Plan. The District Council made clear that they would now support progress of the Neighbourhood Plan in principle.

The District Council also made clear that they are committed to the preparation of a district wide Site Allocations Development Plan Document. This will seek to identify additional housing land in order to meet the residual housing need for the Plan period, and not yet identified through completions or commitments. At this stage, their intention is for this Plan to be adopted in circa two years. This would include an assessment of a wide range of potential housing sites, focussing on those identified within the SHELAA, in order to meet the housing need in compliance with the spatial distribution set out in Policy DP4 of the District Plan.

Options for the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan

In light of the above, it is considered that there are three main options in determining if, and how, to proceed with the preparation and adoption of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan. These are:

- Cease preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan (the 'do nothing' scenario);
- Resurrect the June 2016 Submission Version Plan and amend where necessary and progress (the 'light touch' review scenario); and
- Produce a wholly new Neighbourhood Plan (the 'comprehensive' review scenario).

Each of these is considered below.

Option 1 - The 'Do Nothing' Scenario

Whilst work on preparing a Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan has progressed through its statutory regulatory processes culminating in the submission of a 'Regulation 16' version of the Plan to the District Council in June 2016, this cannot now progress to Examination. The level of housing need contained within this Plan is significantly below that which has been identified, and been committed to, within the now adopted District Plan. On this basis, the Plan would not comply with one of the Basic Conditions in that it would not be in 'general conformity' with the higher tier District Plan.

Notwithstanding this, there is no obligation on the Parish Council to progress a revised/new Plan. In this 'do nothing' scenario, future planning applications would be determined against the policies of the existing Development Plan. Existing completions, grants of extant planning permission, and the allocation of land for 500 homes north of Clayton Mills, meets the minimum housing requirement within the parish of Hassocks as set out in the District Plan.

It is possible, that through the preparation of the district wide Site Allocations Development Plan Document that additional housing may be considered to be allocated within the parish. Representations to such an emerging Plan or future planning applications would be determined against the district wide Plan (and future Site Allocations DPD).

The Parish Council would be able to make representations to such a draft Development Plan/ application at the relevant time. However, aspirations for the vision of the parish, for example such as gaps, contained within the draft Neighbourhood Plan, would have no statutory provision and therefore carry little weight.

Option 2 - The 'Light Touch' Review Scenario

For the reasons identified above, the 'Submission Version' Neighbourhood Plan cannot be progressed toward Examination. Nonetheless, the Plan, and the evidence base that underpins it is significant, and much remains relevant in the eventuality that a decision is made to progress the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Under this option, the evidence base and Plan would be reviewed, and policies that remain relevant, or could be updated with relatively modest additional evidence gathering/ amendment would be identified. This would enable the expedient production of a further iteration of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Under this option, the housing need of the parish would not be reviewed. Instead, reliance would be wholly placed upon the policies for housing contained at a district level. This approach would apply to the future Site Allocations DPD. At this stage, it is conceivable that this would identify future land for housing.

Under this option, a revised Plan would need to be the subject of further statutory consultation for two, six week periods (the Regulation 14 and Regulation 16 consultations). There would also need to be some additional evidence gathering, and this would be determined through a review of the existing evidence base, set against changes in circumstances since these were prepared. At this stage, it is estimated that a Regulation 14 Plan could be ready for consultation in circa four months, with a Referendum in circa twelve months, if matters progressed expeditiously.

Option 3 - The 'Comprehensive' Review Scenario

Under this option the existing Plan would be reviewed and comprehensively updated. The substantive difference between this and Option 2, would be the intent to undertake a review of housing need, and potential candidate housing sites for potential allocation. This

would be based upon those sites identified for consideration in the SHELAA (April 2018) together with any other sites submitted for consideration by landowners and their Agents.

Under this option, preparation of the Plan would have greater time and resource implications in comparison to Option 2. As Members will recall, the identification and consideration of housing sites must be by reference to extensive public consultation.

The merit of this would need to be considered against the potential independence of the housing requirements in a 'made' Neighbourhood Plan, which would then need to be given due consideration by the District Council in any future Site Allocations DPD over the same Plan period.

Due to the implications of this housing appraisal work, it is estimated that production of the Plan would take up to twelve months more than Option 2 (i.e. some 24 months), with this extra time focussed on the initial evidence gathering and stakeholder engagement.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

Mid Sussex District Council have advised they are intending to progress work on a Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule, which will set out the charging rates for, amongst other things, new housing developments. A timetable for this work to be undertaken has yet to be agreed by the district.

Once in place the CIL may be payable on development which creates net additional floorspace, where the gross internal area of new build is 100sqm or more. The levy rates will be determined by the District Council and agreed through the Examination of the Charging Schedule.

In line with national policy guidance, 15% of CIL charging authority receipts are passed to those Parish Councils where development has taken place. Where chargeable development takes place within the local council area, up to £100 per existing council tax dwelling can be passed to the Parish Council each year to be spent on local priorities.¹

¹ National Planning Policy Guidance: Paragraph: 072 Reference ID: 25-072-20140612

Where a Neighbourhood Plan is 'made', 25% of the levy revenues arising from the development that takes place in their area should be paid to the Parish Council. This amount is not subject to an annual limit. For this to apply, the Neighbourhood Plan must have been made before a relevant planning permission first permits development.

Where there is a Neighbourhood Plan in place, charging authorities can choose to pass on more than 25% of the levy. Guidance advises the wider spending powers that apply to the neighbourhood funding element of the levy will not apply to any additional funds passed to a Parish Council. Those additional funds can only be spent on infrastructure as defined in the Planning Act 2008 for the purposes of the levy.²

The Act, identifies infrastructure as: roads and other transport facilities, flood defences, schools and other educational facilities, medical facilities, sporting and recreational facilities and open space.

Summary

Whilst acknowledging the significant hard work and progress in preparing the previous version of the Hassocks Neighbourhood Plan, the more recent conclusions of the District Plan Examiner and adoption of the District Plan means that the Neighbourhood Plan, in its current form, cannot be progressed to Examination. In light of this, it is considered there are three main options.

One of these is to conclude there is insufficient merit in progressing the Neighbourhood Plan; and instead, reliance would be placed wholly on the existing and future District Development Plan Documents to guide and determine development in the parish up to 2031.

If it is concluded there is merit in proceeding with a revised Neighbourhood Plan, it is considered there are two main alternative options. The first would be to undertake a 'light touch' review whereby the existing Neighbourhood Plan is assessed, and changes made to allow a Plan to progress expeditiously. Integral to this decision will be the omission of a determination on parish housing need (in either support or a variation of district conclusions) and/or additional allocation of housing sites.

² National Planning Policy Guidance: Paragraph: 072 Reference ID: 25-072-20140612

If it is concluded that a more comprehensive review of the Plan is to be undertaken, this could include an assessment of housing need and potential site allocations. This would need to be in general conformity with the District Plan, and once adopted could assist in guiding future decisions at a district level on housing need/allocations up to 2031.

Under Option 1, any future CIL receipts liable to the parish would be set at 15%, with caps per property, whilst under Options 2 and 3, the limit would be 25%, with no upper limit cap.

