

# Mid Sussex District Plan 2021 - 2039 – Examination Hearings

## Hearing Statement by John Spencer Councillor of Albourne Parish Council.

With regards to DPC3 – 7 Albourne Parish Council confirm that they reject the proposal in the District Plan. There are questions that we have asked why these sites have come forward in our Reg 19 response submitted in February 2024 which will be asked as part of your examination.

Should these site progress they represent the development of a new small town, with a stated intention to plan these as a single entity as expressed in the draft Local Plan page 170 (and as encouraged by MSDC’s consultant). This surely needs Community Engagement? We have on a few occasions stated that both Albourne PC and the residents of Albourne wish to be involved in community consultation. MSDC are stating that they have engaged in community consultation, we confirm there has been NO consultation by MSDC we have only been informed of their plans.

The meetings we have had with MSDC have only been to provide information of what MSDC are proposing. They have listened to some of our concerns but have only responded by saying they will be mitigated in the detail design.

Many of our concerns are given in our Representation and if these are addressed then this will be a step forward into community engagement but what we would like is to work together with MSDC on this sites.

As such we would like to make representation with regards to items 3, 8, 9,18

We therefore would like to register to speak with regards to

### **Matter 1: Legal and Procedural Requirements**

#### **Issue 1: Whether the Plan has been prepared in line with the relevant legal requirements and procedural matters?**

##### **Plan Preparation**

3. Has the preparation of the Plan complied with the Statement of **Community Involvement**?

8. Have reasonable alternatives, been considered on a like for like basis? Is the evidence on which the scenarios are predicated consistent and available from the Examination website? What is the significance if any, to the robustness of the SA, of the publication of additional evidence, such as **transport and flood risk evidence after the Plan was submitted**? Are there any policies, or strategies, where there were no reasonable alternative options to consider? If so, what is the justification?

9. Has the SA of the Pre-submission Plan been **subject to consultation with the consultation bodies**? What concerns have been raised and what is the Council’s response to these?

18. What is the relationship between the policies of the submitted Plan and the made Neighbourhood Plans within the district?

Councillor John Spencer