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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Mid Sussex District Plan 2021 - 2039**

Mid Sussex District Council would like to formally submit its District Plan 2021 – 2039 and accompanying documents to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities for examination.

I can confirm we have provided electronic copies of the:

- District Plan 2021 - 2039
- Submission Policies Map
- Statement of Consultation (Regulation 18 and 22)
- Sustainability Appraisal Report
- Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Copies of representations made under regulation 20 – in respondent order and policy order plus link to the online consultation portal
- Regulation 18 Consultation Report
- Supporting documents including the Duty to Co-operate Statement, Schedule of Proposed Modifications and evidence base.

We are happy to provide paper copies of the above if required.

In addition:

- It is estimated that there would be 10 hearing days.
- The preferred date for the opening of any hearing day is October 2024
- The website address for the District Plan 2021 – 2039, including full examination library, is <https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/planning-building/mid-sussex-district-plan/district-plan-review>

The appointed Programme Officer is:

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We assume that you will liaise with us and the Programme Officer to agree dates for the Examination to take account of availability of rooms and key staff including the Council's Kings Counsel.

The hearings will be held at:

Council Chamber  
Mid Sussex District Council  
Oaklands  
Oaklands Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex  
RH16 1SS

The District Council considers the District Plan 2021 - 2039, its supporting evidence base and the process under which it has been prepared to be legally compliant and sound. However, the District Council takes this opportunity to formally request that the Inspector recommends any such modifications considered necessary to make the District Plan sound under Section 20(7C) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended).

The District Plan 2021 – 2039 was subject to Regulation 18 consultation in November/December 2022 and Regulation 19 consultation in January/February 2024. As a result of comments received during the Regulation 19 consultation, the Council is proposing a small number of Main Modifications for the Inspector's consideration (document reference DP2). It is proposed that, subject to the Inspector's agreement, these are subject to consultation following the close of hearings alongside any other modifications the Inspector recommends.

One of the proposed modifications (M1) relates to the Plan Period. To ensure the Plan achieves 15-years post-submission (in accordance with the NPPF), a modification is proposed to extend the plan period from 2021 – 2039 to 2021 - 2040. In addition, a new monitoring year has commenced since the Regulation 19 consultation as well as an update to the Standard Method for Housing Need being released in March 2024. The Council would like to take this opportunity to update policy DPH1: Housing with the latest data and extended plan period and therefore a modification is proposed (M66) to reflect this.

The Council successfully defended a five-year housing land supply at Public Inquiry at the end of 2023 based on the position as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023. As a result of the proposed changes above, the Council invites the Inspector to examine the five-year housing land supply position based on the most up-to-date data (as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2024).

Yours faithfully,



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