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## PRESS RELEASE

# MSDC secures £6.5 million for Burgess Hill

**Mid Sussex District Council has successfully secured £6.5 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund to support the delivery of new homes in Burgess Hill.**

The funding will enable works to be carried out at the waste water treatment works at Goddards Green near Burgess Hill. This will support the delivery of 256 new homes.

The Housing Infrastructure Fund is a government capital grant programme for new physical infrastructure which will unlock local housing projects. It's a highly competitive process with local authorities bidding against each other to try and secure funding for local communities. The fund was significantly oversubscribed with bids of over £2 billion for a pot worth £866 million.

Burgess Hill will undergo a significant period of growth over the next 15 years, with the creation of around 5000 new homes, new schools, two new business parks and a new town centre. Significant investment in infrastructure from the private and public sectors is required to carefully integrate the new developments within the town.

The £6.5 million grant from the Housing Infrastructure Fund is the latest in a string of successful bids to support the strategic growth of Burgess Hill. Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council have already secured £32 million from the Local Growth Fund to dual the A2300, and for transport and other infrastructure improvements in the town. These schemes will be delivered by the County Council.

Garry Wall, Leader of Mid Sussex District Council, said "Successfully securing this latest

grant funding is tremendous news and is part of our overall programme to support the future growth of Burgess Hill.

Our MP, Sir Nicholas Soames has been instrumental in supporting the Council to gain Government support and he has always emphasised the importance of getting the right infrastructure to benefit both new and existing households. This is our third successful funding bid and the money we have secured so far will pay for key projects including improved transport networks.

It's important to remember that around 5000 new homes will be built in Burgess Hill over the next 15 years. We have been able to secure all this funding for infrastructure for the benefit of residents because of the strategic approach we have taken and the significant level of new homes that will be provided."

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