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## PRESS RELEASE

## Site Allocation Development Plan published

Mid Sussex District Council has published a Site Allocation Development Plan to identify how the Council plans to meet the District's housing and employment needs up to 2031.

The draft Site Allocations Development Plan will be considered by the Council's Scrutiny Committee for Housing, Planning and Community on 11 September and by Full Council on 25 September. If approved, the document will be subject to a six week public consultation from 9 October.

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 Allocation Development Plan Document addresses that requirement and recommends 22 housing and 7 employment sites, at locations across Mid Sussex.

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.

"Housing delivery has exceeded our forecasts over the past 18 months, which is excellent news because we can reduce the number of sites we need to allocate for housing in the Site Allocations Development Plan.



"This work is vitally important to ensure Mid Sussex can continue to demonstrate a rolling five-year housing land supply in order to protect the District from additional spectulative developments. The preparation of this Document will take several years and there will be two rounds of public consultation and an Examination in Public before it can be adopted. This is an important first step."

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