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District Plan Examination

In response to the point of clarification raised by the Council in its letter dated 23rd October, the Inspector has confirmed that the purpose of the First Hearing Session on 12th November is solely to hear evidence on whether or not Mid Sussex District Council has met the Duty to Cooperate. The hearing is primarily to consider processes and procedures followed during the formulation of the District Plan and to ascertain whether or not the advice in paragraphs 178 to 181 of the National Planning Policy Framework has been satisfactorily heeded.

Any outcomes from the co-operation that has been undertaken, for example in terms of housing numbers, housing sites and other land use matters, will be considered at subsequent hearing sessions. The Inspector wishes to stress that the hearing session on 12th November is not an opportunity for interested parties to promote particular sites or to question the Council's detailed evidence on specific policies and proposals.

The evidence submitted by the Council and other parties appearing at this Hearing is available to view on the link below:

<http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8978.htm>

Community Infrastructure Levy

Mid Sussex District Council has submitted its Community Infrastructure Levy Draft Charging Schedule to the Planning Inspectorate for examination. This is the final step before adoption of the new provisions for collecting contributions towards infrastructure from development in the District.

Mid Sussex District Council held a six week public consultation on the Draft Charging Schedule from Monday 8 July until Sunday 18 August and received 46 representations from third parties. All the representations received have been considered, summarised and passed onto the Inspector.

The new Community Infrastructure Levy will largely replace the Section 106 legal agreement system, which secured the appropriate level of infrastructure payments to accompany new development on a case by case basis. Using the new Levy, the financial contribution that developers pay towards local infrastructure is clearly set out in an easy to read table and is the same for everyone. This provides developers with more certainty, at an earlier stage, about how much money they will be expected to contribute towards infrastructure improvements. This, in turn, should encourage greater confidence and higher levels of inward investment.

Full details of the Draft Charging Schedule and all related documents can be found on the Mid Sussex District Council website at: www.midsussex.gov.uk/cil

Details of the examination will be published as soon as they are available. However, the expectation is that the examination will take place immediately after the District Plan examination has concluded.

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