



Slaugham Parish Council Community Surgery **District Plan Examination & Proposed Development Sites**



Mid Sussex District Council has released further information as part of the District Plan Examination, including additional sites proposed for testing in **Handcross** and **Pease Pottage**.

Growth in one area increases demand on shared infrastructure, water, roads, schools, healthcare and utilities, that serve all our communities.

To support residents in understanding what this means for our villages, the Parish Council is holding a series of open community surgeries where you can:

- Find out more about the District Plan;
- View the proposed sites;
- Share your concerns and local knowledge;
- Speak directly with your Parish Councillors;
- How to make representations during the consultation stages;
- Make sure your voice is heard.



Surgery Dates & Locations

Handcross

Saturday 27th June 10.00am – 1.00pm

Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, High Street

Pease Pottage

Thursday 2nd July 5.30pm – 7.30pm

MacNaughton Hall, Old Brighton Road South

Handcross

Thursday 9th July 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Sports Pavilion, Recreation Ground, High Street

These are **drop-in sessions** — no booking required

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

The increase in development locally will have a wider impact on us all!

The surgeries are open to all residents of Handcross, Pease Pottage, Slaugham and Warninglid.

Your knowledge, experience and views are vital in helping the Parish Council represent the community effectively.



Why More Sites Are Being Brought Forward

Mid Sussex District Council is required to update its District Plan and demonstrate that it can meet the Government's housing requirements for the period to 2040. During the Examination of the plan, the Planning Inspector concluded that the District Council had not identified enough deliverable housing land to meet:

- **Mid Sussex's own housing need**, and
- **Unmet housing need from neighbouring authorities**, particularly **Crawley** and **Brighton & Hove**, who cannot meet all of their housing requirements within their own boundaries.

Because of this, the Inspector instructed the District Council to:

- **Increase the housing number being tested**, and
- **Identify additional sites across the district** for further "in-combination" testing.

This is why new sites across the district including those in **Handcross** and **Pease Pottage** have now been added to the list for further technical testing. These sites are **not allocations**, but they must be assessed so the Inspector can decide whether the District Plan is "sound".

District Plan Examination - Unmet Housing Need

The Planning Inspector has instructed Mid Sussex District Council to plan for a higher housing number up to 2040. This includes:

- Mid Sussex's **own housing need**
- A share of **unmet need from neighbouring authorities**
 - He directed Mid Sussex District Council to:
 - Increase the housing number being tested
 - Add additional sites across the district
 - Assess them “in combination” before the Plan can be found sound

Crawley's Unmet Housing Need

Crawley Borough cannot meet its full housing requirement due to:

- Gatwick safeguarding
- Tight built-up boundaries
- Limited remaining land

Brighton & Hove's Unmet Housing Need

Brighton & Hove is also unable to meet its housing requirement because of:

- Urban constraints
- Protected landscapes South Down National Park
- Insufficient developable land

National policy requires Mid Sussex to help accommodate Crawley & **Brighton's unmet need.**

Testing Does Not Mean Allocation

These sites are being assessed because the Inspector requires it.
They are **not allocations**, and **no decisions have been made**.

Residents will still be able to:

- Review the evidence
- Ask questions
- Raise local concerns
- Submit representations
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