

Handcross Action Group

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Dear Neighbour

In our previous communication (November 2017), we updated you regarding the Slaugham Parish Council's draft Neighbourhood Plan (NHP), with particular reference to the proposed development of up to 65 housing units in St Martin Close (Policy 11 and Policy 12 of the Plan). As a result, more than 70 residents wrote to the Parish Council.

The Handcross Action Group supports the Neighbourhood Plan but is opposed to the proposed developments at St Martin Close.

Mid-Sussex District Council (MSDC) has subsequently stated that as a result of the 600 housing units at Pease Pottage, Slaugham Parish Council is **not required** to include any additional housing units other than those for which planning consent has been granted, which total 235-255. **In other words, additional building at St Martin Close is not a requirement within the NHP.** (see link below). Regrettably Slaugham Parish Council has not changed its view.

Furthermore, the proposed overall increase in housing units in Slaugham Parish from 1130 to 1985, an increase of 75%, will fundamentally change the rural quality and nature of the Parish.

<https://www.midsussex.gov.uk/media/2367/district-plan-adoption-version.pdf> (pp36,37)

MSDC is now seeking final public comments on the Slaugham Neighbourhood Plan. If you wish to comment on the proposals to build in St Martin Close, we urge you to make your views known by the following ways.

Objections should be sent to Mid Sussex District Council before
14th January 2019 via;

Email: neighbourhoodplans@midsussex.gov.uk or by

Post: Planning Policy and Economic Development, Mid Sussex District Council, Oaklands Road, Haywards Heath, RH16 1SS

For further information, or to obtain a suggested template to respond to MSDC regarding your concerns, please use the following e-mail address: handcross.action@gmail.com

The Handcross Action Group is an informal group of concerned local residents.