



WORTH PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mrs Jennifer Nagy

18th September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN WORTH PARISH - CALL FOR SITES

Neighbourhood planning gives communities direct power to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape the development and growth of their local area. This includes the ability to choose where new homes, shops and offices should be built, what those new buildings should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. Neighbourhood planning provides a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure that they get the right types of development for their community where the ambition of the neighbourhood is aligned with the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area.

Mid Sussex District Council (MSDC) is in the final stages of preparing a new District Plan that sets the strategic needs and priorities of the wider local area. Through this process MSDC have committed to allocate further sites for housing and employment to meet its objectively assessed housing and employment need. To inform this process MSDC is currently undertaking a Call for Sites, to identify sites which have potential for housing and employment development, as well as sites required to provide infrastructure and community facilities. Current documentation published by Mid Sussex indicates that 102 additional properties are required within Worth Parish between 2017 and 2031. It is expected that MSDC will seek to allocate land within Worth Parish to provide these new residential units in 2018/19, if they have not already been allocated through a Neighbourhood Plan.

Within Worth Parish there are two Neighbourhood Plan areas which broadly cover Copthorne and Crawley Down with each area having its own Neighbourhood Planning Sub-Committee. The plans in each area are at different stages in the plan making process:

- Copthorne NP – This underwent its 'Regulation 14' consultation in March/April 2017. Since then the plan's sub-committee have been taking the comments received into consideration alongside new/emerging policy to prepare a plan suitable for submission.
- Crawley Down NP – The Crawley Down Neighbourhood Plan has been in use since January 2016. The sub-committee continue to monitor the effectiveness of the plan with a view to updating the plan when necessary.

Whilst no decision has been made by either Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee as to whether they intend to allocate land for development through the Neighbourhood Plan process, Worth Parish Council is keen to ensure that should they wish to, both Sub-Committees would have up to date and robust information in a timely manner. Moving forward the Parish Council will maintain a register of land within the Parish that is available for development. This register would be drawn on should any Neighbourhood Plan Sub-Committee decide that they would like to allocate land for development.

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Worth Parish Council is therefore holding a Worth Parish Call for Sites. This exercise invites people to nominate land for inclusion on the Worth Parish Register of Potential Development Sites. Nominations are welcome from **18th September 2017 to midnight on 27th October 2017**. The register will be used should any NPC decide to consider allocating land for new development.

We will include on the register all sites nominated that are capable of containing at least one residential unit.

We would ask that when considering which land to nominate that you consider whether development of that land would be deliverable. To be deliverable a site should:

1. be available (i.e. the landowner is willing for it to be developed)
2. be a suitable location for development (due to its location, constraints, nearby services, etc.)
3. be achievable (i.e. have a realistic prospect that the housing will be delivered)
4. be viable (i.e. developing the site would be financially viable)

To nominate a site please complete the form attached to this letter and return it by midnight on 27th October 2017.

Yours sincerely,

Jennifer Nagy
Clerk to the Parish Council