

COASTALWEST SUSSEX & GREATER BRIGHTON¹ AUTHORITIES

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING²

INTRODUCTION

This memorandum of understanding establishes a framework for co-operation between the eight local planning authorities with respect to strategic planning and development issues.

Local planning authorities are required by law through the Duty to Cooperate to '*engage constructively, actively and on an on-going basis*' on planning matters that impact on more than one local planning area ('strategic planning matters'). The duty is further amplified in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) which sets out the key 'strategic priorities' that should be addressed jointly³.

PARTIES TO THE MEMORANDUM

The Memorandum is agreed by the following Local Planning Authorities:

- Arun District Council
- Adur District Council
- Brighton and Hove City Council
- Chichester District Council
- South Downs National Park
- Lewes District Council
- West Sussex County Council
- Worthing Borough Council

LIMITATIONS

The Local Planning Authorities recognise that there will not always be full agreement with respect to all of the issues on which they have agreed to cooperate. For the avoidance of doubt, this Memorandum will not restrict the discretion of any of the local planning authorities in the determination of any planning application, or in the exercise of any of its statutory powers and duties, or in its response to consultations, and is not intended to be legally binding.

¹ The Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area covers the local planning areas of Adur, Arun, Chichester, Worthing with the South Downs National Park, Brighton and Hove and Lewes.

² This paper is based on work from the Gatwick Diamond

³ 'Strategic priorities' that local planning authorities have a duty to cooperate on are defined in Paragraph 156 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

OBJECTIVES

The Memorandum has the following broad objectives:

- To help secure a broad but consistent approach to strategic planning and development issues across the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area.
- To identify and manage spatial planning issues that impact on more than one local planning area within Coastal West Sussex and the Greater Brighton area.
- To ensure that the local planning and development policies prepared by each local planning authority are, where appropriate, informed by the views of other local planning authorities across the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area
- To ensure that decisions on major, larger than local planning applications are informed by the views of other local planning authorities across the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area
- To support better integration and alignment of strategic spatial and investment priorities in the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area, ensuring that there is a clear and defined route, where necessary, through the statutory local planning process.

STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES

The Local Planning Authorities will jointly:

- Prepare, maintain and update a Local Strategic Statement which provides a broad strategic direction for the Coastal West Sussex and Greater Brighton area and establishes areas for inter-authority cooperation on strategic issues
- Develop and implement a programme for jointly addressing strategic planning and development issues
- Maintain liaison with the Local Enterprise Partnership(s) on the work they are undertaking

POLICY DOCUMENTS

Each Local Planning Authority will:

- ❖ Notify the Councils party to the MoU at each consultation stage in the preparation of its local development documents and, in the case of a County Council, plans relevant to its statutory function; Waste and Minerals and local transport.
- ❖ Notify the Councils of consultation on any other policy document which, in its view, would have a significant impact on strategic planning or development within the Coastal West Sussex & Greater Brighton area
- ❖ If requested, meet with and discuss any issues raised by one or more of the other Local Planning Authorities and take into account any views expressed on those issues.

Any response from the Coastal West Sussex Partnership will be made by the Chairman and is independent from the individual local planning authorities.

DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

Each Local Authority will:

- ❖ Notify the Council's party to the MoU of any major planning applications, from within its area or on which it is consulted by a local authority from outside its area, which would, in its view, have a significant impact on the strategic planning and development of the Coastal West Sussex & Greater Brighton area, having particular regard to the Local Strategic Statement agreed by the Councils and

- ❖ Take into account any views expressed in determining the application.

Any response from the Coastal West Sussex Partnership will be made by the Chairman and is independent from the individual local authorities.

LIAISON

The Members of the CWS & Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board will meet quarterly, or more frequently when appropriate, in order to;

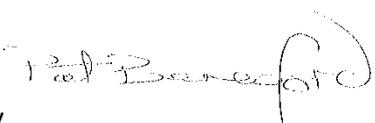
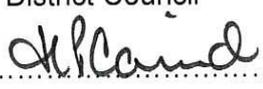
- ❖ Maintain and update the Local Strategic Statement and the joint work programme
- ❖ Monitor the preparation of policy documents across the Coastal West Sussex & Greater Brighton area and discuss strategic issues emerging from them
- ❖ Review work undertaken jointly by the Coastal West Sussex & Greater Brighton Local Authorities

The Development and Infrastructure Group and the CWS Planning Officer Group will work on behalf of the CWS & Greater Brighton Strategic Planning Board and the CWS Partnership Board to deliver the agreed work programme

TIMESCALE

The Memorandum of Understanding is intended to run for a two year period from October 2013 but will be reviewed in October 2014 to establish how effective it has been.

Signed by the parties

Adur District Council	
	Date 4/December/2013
	
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Signed by 	Date 4/2/2014
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