

# Hurstpierpoint Society Spring/Summer 2023



## *Mid Sussex District Plan Review*

Following the frantic time in November and December last year when we learned about the plans for some 4,000 houses in and around Hurstpierpoint, there has been a period of relative calm as the responses to the plan have been analysed and summarised. The total number of respondents across the district was 1,365 and thank you to those in Hurstpierpoint who submitted a response.

The next steps for the Plan Review are for the Council to look at the issues raised by the responses, especially about the proposed site allocations and infrastructure. Importantly, at the MSDC Scrutiny Committee meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 it was agreed that the Council “positively engages with Town and Parish Councils prior to the Regulation 19 process.”

The next formal stage of the process is the publication of the Proposed Submission District Plan (Regulation 19) which is due to take place in Summer/Autumn 2023. However the sheer number of comments received, together with the results of the recent election of Councillors for Mid Sussex District Council, means it’s not yet known what impact this will have on the timings and proposals within the Plan.

We also have to bear in mind that without this Review there is no up-to-date Plan containing a ratified five year Housing Land Supply, which could give rise to speculative planning applications from developers, especially since sites are now identified in the proposals and oven-ready!