

**MID SUSSEX DISTRICT PLAN 2021–2039 EXAMINATION
HEARING STATEMENT
FROM THE HURSTPIERPOINT SOCIETY
RESPONDENT NUMBER 1186922**



Matter 7 Site allocations

DPSC1 Land West of Burgess Hill and North of Hurstpierpoint

NB Despite a previously agreed amendment to the site description following the Regulation 18 submissions, the Statement of Common Ground (SOCG) (S3) between Mid Sussex District Council and Thakeham Homes, issued February 2026, refers to this site as Land West of Burgess Hill, ignoring its location in the Parish of Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common.

c) The implications for the impact on, and provision of, social and community facilities (such as schools and health facilities) and how necessary facilities would be funded and provided

The SOCG anticipates receiving planning consent by Summer 2027, with the primary site access in Years 1 and 2 from Cuckfield Road, which is the road from Goddards Green to Hurstpierpoint. Access to the A273 (Jane Murray Way in Burgess Hill) is anticipated in Year 3, and the primary school is scheduled to open in Year 4, when the cumulative housing total is anticipated to be 324. Until that time, it is not clear which Primary School(s) will be used by residents, whether in Burgess Hill and/or Hurstpierpoint.

If residents are using the community facilities in Hurstpierpoint, there is concern for the capacity to absorb this, especially if it is a short-term measure needing a temporary solution, increasing local pressure on existing infrastructure in Hurstpierpoint.

It is noted that financial contributions will be made towards existing GP practices, but neither the Infrastructure Delivery Plan 2025 (IV6), nor the SOCG clarify the location of these. NHS Sussex have commented in response to applications in Sayers Common:

Current Estate is at capacity in the Burgess Hill area.... The GP practice [Mid Sussex Health Centre, Hurstpierpoint] is at capacity and services this fairly large rural area.

Additionally, due to the location of the site in open countryside, there would be an intrinsic requirement to travel by car to Hurstpierpoint, as the planned sustainable transport links assume travel to the town centre in Burgess Hill.

There needs to be more clarity to the infrastructure plans and the potential detrimental impact on Hurstpierpoint.