

Housing Needs in Hassocks

Three approaches to forecasting housing needs:

1. Changes in Household Size
 2. Migration, births and deaths
 3. Economic Changes (job formation and growth)
- Using various scenarios for these potential changes, the implied need is for **250 to 400** additional houses (including 126 already identified by MSDC)
 - This is in contrast to the **496** identified on a proportional basis from the new draft District Plan



Potential Limitations on Development

- South Downs National Park
- Flood Plain
- Environmentally sensitive areas
- Heritage sites/listed buildings
- Strategic gaps to Hurstpierpoint, Burgess Hill and Ditchling
- Parks and recreation areas; school playing fields
- Impact on traffic levels (particularly at Stonepound)
- Strong preference in favour of brown field sites



Potential housing sites (previously identified)

- Additions to Clayton Mills (7) - now built
- The Weald, Southbank (9) - now built
- London Road (20) - now built
- Stafford House (14) - planning permission
- Stafford House North Field (16) - under construction
- In addition, there is agreement for development in the Station Goods Yard (60)



Map of the Sites Above



Additional sites suggested by respondents to the NP Questionnaire

- **West of London Road**

(Ham Fields, Golf Course, opposite South Downs Nursery, Russells Nursery site)

- **East of London Road**

(N of Shepherds Walk, South Downs Nursery)

- **Central Hassocks**

(Clayton Mills, Station Goods Yard, Infants School Site, National Tyre Centre)

- **Keymer**

(Lodge Lane (E & W), E of Ockley Lane, Beacon Centre/Library)



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Our proposed approach

- Map all sites identified against limitations
- Identify sites not suitable for building
- Determine the housing capacity of the remaining sites
- Compare with forecast of housing needs
- Identify target number of households
- Set out the case in the draft Neighbourhood Plan for further consultation



How you can help

- Comment on the proposed approach to developing housing targets for the Neighbourhood Plan
- Identify further limitations on development (either in general or at particular sites)
- Identify further potential development sites

