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Dear Sir/Madam

Review of Mid Sussex District Council's Local Validation List for Validation of Planning Applications (May 2024)

Since 2008 local planning authorities have been required to publish a list of information they require to validate the planning applications that they receive. Mid Sussex District's Local List was adopted in December of 2010. This validation list details specific local validation requirements for applications made in Mid Sussex District. Provision of local information requirements is one of the requirements for a valid planning application as detailed in the National Planning Policy Framework.

The government requires local planning authorities to review local information requirements every two years. In addition, since its adoption in 2010, there have been a significant number of changes to planning legislation, policy and guidance. Mid Sussex Local List was previously reviewed in **September 2022** and it is now considered timely to review MSDC's current local validation requirements.

This letter invites your comments on our final draft, as amended by suggestions made by yourselves in the first consultation. Additions and amendments have been made in red so it easier for everyone to see exactly what the new additions are. We have an entirely new section called Biodiversity Net Gain that hasn't been highlighted in red.

The consultation process

The consultation period for comments on this final draft run from the date of this letter to 31st July after which point we cannot accept any more comments.

You may comment upon our current local list by email to locallist@midsussex.gov.uk

After the consultation period MSDC's Local List review team will consider all the comments received and amend the Local List as appropriate. Once approved this will replace the current Local List and will form the basis on which planning application are deemed valid by Mid Sussex District planning authority.

Local List

Our current local list is located on our website at the following link: [Validation criteria for planning applications \(Including Technical Details Consent\) \(midsussex.gov.uk\)](#)

Biodiversity Net Gain

As part of our validation requirements, we will now require applicants to complete a BNG Statement for BNG consideration and a Self-build and Custom Build Statement for those considering Self/Custom Build, dependent on the type of development. I enclose a template of both for your consideration.

Please may I take the opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your co-operation and contribution during this process.

Yours faithfully
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