



The Midhurst Society

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## **Easebourne**

Following the Inspector's Report dated 18 June 2019 the SDNPA Local Plan was adopted on 2 July 2019. The Plan includes several items that are of particular interest to Midhurst.

This section relates to three sites in Easebourne, identified as suitable for housing (16 to 20 on each). When we commented on the Local Plan we expressed our concerns over the impact on traffic. From all three sites, the journey south involves joining the queues of traffic at the North Mill Bridge mini-roundabout. We suggested that the traffic flow problem be dealt with before any further housing development is considered in Easebourne. The Inspector ignores this issue in his Report, accepting the proposals as submitted with one minor modification (MM65) to provide a cycle link to Glaziers Lane.

The detail:

SD67 – **Cowdray Works Yard** and

SD68 – **Land at Egmont Road**, Easebourne

139. Both these sites within Easebourne are currently underutilised and are each allocated for 16 to 20 dwellings with, in addition, 1,500sqm of light commercial development at the Works Yard. The wording of these allocations provides a level of flexibility for the design of their redevelopment commensurate with existing surrounding uses, subject to range of criteria to reflect identified planning constraints. Both allocations are sound as submitted.

SD69 – **Former Easebourne School**, Easebourne

140. Allocation Policy SD69 provides flexibly for 16 to 20 dwellings on this former school site with development criteria for the effective safeguarding of local heritage assets within the Easebourne Conservation Area and the maintenance of a visual gap as well as vehicle access at the Easebourne Lane frontage.

141. However, as submitted, the Policy is ineffective in omitting any provision for a pedestrian and cycle link direct to Glaziers Lane to encourage non-car travel to other parts of the community. The necessary additional criterion is added by MM65.