



The Midhurst Society

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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.

The Plan called for housing development on the former **Brickworks Site** - which will necessitate the relocation of the recycling facility. No mention of a potential new home for the recycling facility. The Inspector, in his Report, comments as follows:

**SD81 –WestSussex County Council Depot and Former Brickworkssite, Midhurst –**

Strategic Housing Allocation 189:

This strategic allocation is for residential-led development including 65 to 90 dwellings and complementary uses, subject to Core Policy SD3 and to a Development Brief for its comprehensive development. The Brief addresses the sensitive interface between the site and Midhurst Common and nearby wildlife sites including a local Biodiversity Opportunity Area as well as the Singleton and Cocking Tunnels SAC and a range of other potential environmental impacts.

190: The terms of Policy SD81 are open and highly flexible but there is no evidence to indicate that the land could not be acceptably developed and the Policy makes provision to relocate an existing Household Recycling Facility presently on the site.

191. However, a significant defect of the development criteria of Allocation Policy SD81 and its supporting text, making the Policy partly ineffective and unsound, is the absence of a reference to the safeguarding of the former Petersfield to

South Downs Local Plan –Examination Report –18 June 2019 32 Pulborough railway line through the site, as a walking and cycling link, which is a stated key objective of the development. This is corrected by Mms82-83.192. With that change, Allocation Policy SD81 is sound.