

MSDC District Plan SA objectives	NP SA objectives	NP SA objectives appropriate for site assessments	Assessment criteria
To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to live in a decent, sustainably constructed and affordable home.	To encourage growth that addresses local housing needs, in particular the identified need for homes to address the needs of younger and older people	To encourage growth that addresses local housing needs, in particular the identified need for homes to address the needs of younger and older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites should be considered favourably if they are capable (by virtue of size) to accommodate needs of all identified groups). Sites should be considered favourably if they are within walking distance of existing services and the route is safe to walk. Is the site large enough to provide for affordable housing needs (i.e. the site is capable of delivering 4 or more dwellings)?
To ensure development does not take place in areas of flood risk, or where it may cause flooding elsewhere, thereby minimising the detrimental impact to public well-being, the economy and the environment from flood events.	To ensure development does not take place in areas of flood risk, or where it may cause flooding elsewhere, thereby minimising the detrimental impact to public well-being, the economy and the environment from flood events.	To ensure development does not take place in areas of flood risk, or where it may cause flooding elsewhere, thereby minimising the detrimental impact to public well-being, the economy and the environment from flood events.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites within flood zone 3 should be eliminated. Sites in flood zone 1 should be prioritised over sites in flood zone 2 From local knowledge has there ever been flooding on the site.
To improve the access to health facilities and reduce inequalities in health.	To improve access to health services especially for children and older people	N/a	N/a
To maintain and improve the opportunities for everyone to acquire the skills needed to find and remain in work and increase access to educational facilities.	To ensure outstanding quality pre-school and primary education opportunities are available within the parish supported by the necessary extended childcare requirements to meet current social patterns	N/a	N/a
To improve accessibility to retail and all community services and recreation and leisure facilities.	To make the parish an attractive place for businesses providing essential retail and service offerings for the local community	To make the parish an attractive place for businesses providing essential retail and service offerings for the local community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is any site, by virtue of location and size, capable of providing new retail units? Will the site result in the loss of existing retail or service units?
	To sustain and enhance the diverse selection of clubs/societies/sports/ worship for all age groups	To sustain and enhance the diverse selection of clubs/societies/sports/ worship for all age groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the site create the opportunity to provide new amenity or open spaces, e.g. allotments, a community room, sports centre, etc?
To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings, including re-use of materials from buildings, and encourage urban renaissance.	To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings	To improve efficiency in land use through the re-use of previously developed land and existing buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is site brownfield or greenfield?
To address the causes of climate change through reducing emissions of	To ensure all new homes are built to high standards of design, construction and	N/a	N/a

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greenhouse gases and ensure that the District is prepared for its impacts.	resource efficiency		
To increase energy efficiency and the proportion of energy generated from renewable sources in the District and to utilise sustainably produced and local products in new developments where possible.	To increase resource efficiency of buildings, and the proportion of energy use from renewable sources	N/a	N/a
To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the District's countryside.	To maintain and enhance the countryside and open spaces of West Hoathly parish	To maintain and enhance the countryside and open spaces of West Hoathly parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is the site in open countryside/will it encroach unacceptably on open countryside? • Is the site within the AONB? • Will the site have a detrimental impact on the landscape? [the SHLAA assessments by MSDC are useful in this regard although this may require a separate study] • Will the site impact on areas of designations of value to the landscape, e.g. ancient woodland, TPOs? • Will the site impact on any existing footpaths or other rights of way?
To conserve and enhance the District's biodiversity.	To maintain and enhance the biodiversity of West Hoathly parish	To maintain and enhance the biodiversity of West Hoathly parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the site impact on areas of environmental sensitivity, e.g. SSSIs, biodiversity action plan areas, local/county wildlife sites, TPOs?
N/a	To ensure that homes built in sensitive areas (in particular the countryside and conservation areas) are of outstanding design	N/a	N/a
To protect, enhance and make accessible for enjoyment, the District's historic environment.	To conserve and enhance the architectural and landscape heritage of conservation areas and individual historic buildings	To conserve and enhance the architectural and landscape heritage of conservation areas and individual historic buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the site impact on a Conservation Area and/or listed building(s)?
	To ensure that homes built in sensitive areas (in particular the countryside and conservation areas) are of outstanding design	N/a	N/a
To reduce road congestion and pollution levels by improving travel choice, and reducing the need for travel by car.	To have an efficient, quick and coordinated public transport service that meets the needs of residents and visitors	To have an efficient, quick and coordinated public transport service that meets the needs of residents and visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proximity of the site to a public transport interchange (bus stop) – walking distance [in excess of 1,000m makes it less likely to be used] and the route is safe to walk

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	To substantially reduce the impact on residents' lives of the volume, speed and weight of traffic within the parish	To substantially reduce the impact on residents' lives of the volume, speed and weight of traffic within the parish	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does a site, by virtue of its location, cause an unacceptable impact on congestion on the existing highway network? • Can a site create the opportunity to improve traffic flow at junctions? • Can a site create the opportunity to reduce traffic speeds?
To reduce waste generation and disposal, and achieve the sustainable management of waste, including the amount of waste that is either re-used or recycled.	N/a	N/a	N/a
To maintain and improve the water quality of the District's watercourses and aquifers, and to achieve sustainable water resources management.	N/a	N/a	N/a
To ensure high and stable levels of employment so everyone can benefit from the economic growth of the District.	Facilitate employment opportunities in the parish (local businesses, working from home, self-employment)	Facilitate employment opportunities in the parish (local businesses, working from home, self-employment)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the site result in the loss of existing commercial activities and jobs from the parish? • Does the site offer the opportunity to create new jobs within the parish?
To sustain economic growth and competitiveness across the District.			
To encourage the development of a buoyant, sustainable tourism sector.	To retain a variety of hospitality businesses for local and tourist use	To retain a variety of hospitality businesses for local and tourist use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Will the site result in the loss of existing tourism activities and jobs from the parish? • Does the site offer the opportunity to create new tourism activities and/or jobs within the parish?
N/a	To retain the distinctiveness of the parish's settlements and the gaps between them	To retain the distinctiveness of the parish's settlements and the gaps between them	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would development of the site materially result in the erosion of the gap between settlements?
N/a	To ensure that growth in the villages complements its surroundings	N/a	N/a
To create crime resistant communities.	N/a	N/a	N/a