

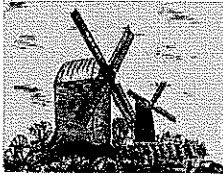
Policy 4: Managing Surface Water

Technical proposals which seek to reduce the risk of surface water flooding will be supported. Development proposals should seek to reduce existing run-off rates in the first instance.

Development proposals which incorporate sustainable drainage techniques to manage surface water will be supported. Where technically feasible sustainable drainage techniques should include infiltration measures that reflect natural drainage patterns and manage water as close to its source as possible.

Policy 5: Enabling Zero Carbon

- 4.35. Global heating is a world-wide threat that requires concerted action to minimise its adverse effects.
- 4.36. The Mid Sussex District Council Sustainability Strategy 2018-2023 sets out MSDC's approach to sustainability and delivering sustainable development. This is supported by a Sustainability Action Plan to help co-ordinate and structure sustainability actions and ensure they are implemented in a meaningful and pragmatic way.
- 4.37. The Sustainability Action Plan aims to:
- Embed sustainability in all corporate actions;
 - Support communities in implementing sustainable actions and becoming more resilient to a changing climate; and
 - Support businesses in achieving savings through energy efficiency and other sustainability initiatives.
- 4.38. The HNP supports the aims of the Sustainability Action Plan. In particular, the HNP wishes to support proposals which seek to implement sustainable measures including those which increase the use and supply of renewable and low carbon energy and heat. In addition, the HNP seeks to support proposals which make provision for, and support the provision of charging facilities for charging electric vehicles.



Policy 5: Enabling Zero Carbon

Development proposals will be supported that maximise the opportunity to include sustainable design features, providing any adverse local impacts can be made acceptable.

Residential development proposals that modify existing buildings (including extensions) should seek to maximise the inclusion of energy-saving measures and renewable energy generation.

Proposals which make provision for charging electric vehicles at each dwelling (where feasible) and on-street; and making parking areas charging ready will be supported.

Policy 6: Development Proposals Affecting the South Downs National Park

- 4.39. The South Downs was designated as a National Park in April 2011. It stretches from Lewes in the east to Winchester in the west, and covers an area of approximately 1,627km². It includes the long distance footpath, the South Downs Way.
- 4.40. The statutory purposes for National Parks is set out in the Environment Act 1995 as:
1. *To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area;*
 2. *To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the National Park by the public.*
- 4.41. The southern and eastern boundary of the Parish lies in the SDNP, as identified in Figure 2.
- 4.42. The HNP recognises the importance of the South Downs National Park and seeks to positively support the purposes of the Park and the duty of the Park Authority in discharging its functions with respect to land use.
- 4.43. In addition, the HNP acknowledges the areas of land surrounding the SDNP makes a positive contribution to the setting of the SDNP. The HNP therefore wishes to protect the setting of the SDNP from inappropriate development.