

STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Cross Homes (Lewes) Ltd

Land at Hammonds Ridge, Burgess Hill

Allocation SA14

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1. Introduction

Aim of the Statement of Community Involvement

- 1.1 This statement of Community Involvement (SCI) provides a summary of the engagement activities undertaken to inform the development proposal for the Land at Hammonds Ridge, Burgess Hill. Cross Homes have recently undertaken a public consultation, the results of which are outlined in this report. A record of all correspondence has been kept, to monitor relations and make sure all comments have been considered.
- 1.2 This SCI has been submitted alongside the planning application for Land at Hammonds Ridge, Burgess Hill. It should be considered in conjunction with the Planning & Sustainability Statement, Design and Access Statement and all other submitted documents. The engagement activity and outcomes follow Mid Sussex District Council's six general principles for community engagement, detailed below:
 - Principle 1: Be timely
 - Principle 2: Be inclusive
 - Principle 3: Be transparent
 - Principle 4: Be respectful of each other's views
 - Principle 5: Be efficient
 - Principle 6: Be clear about results

2. Engagement Activity

Letter Drop

- 2.10 Letters were hand delivered to 200 local residents in the immediate vicinity of the site on the 19th of June 2026. Letters were given to residents on Edwin Street, Shotters Close, Bulbeck Close, Hammonds Ridge, Daynes Way, Michelbourne Close and Woolven Close.
- 2.11 Within this letter we informed residents that we had recently acquired the site and would soon be looking to submit a planning application. This letter then directed the residents to the website ‘Hammondsridge.com’, more detail below. Within the letter encouraged residents to have their say by visiting the website and submitting their comments.

Project Website

- 2.12 We created a website under the URL “Hammondsridge.com” which contained a number of options which were considered appropriate for the site, based on the allocation, history and suitable density for the site.
- 2.13 We asked that local residents consider the options and provide comments and responses to help us understand what would be the preference of the local community most impacted by this future development.
- 2.14 This website was live for the consultation from the 16th of June to the 17th of July 2026, to provide sufficient time for residents to review the proposed options and provide their comments.

Email Responses

- 2.15 Responses submitted via the website came directly into an internal company email address.
- 2.16 Other members of the local community were also able to email us directly as our email was shared on the letters noted above.
- 2.17 All of these responses have been saved and reviewed as part of this public consultation.

3 Feedback and Analysis

Responses

3.1 Following the 4-week consultation period, we received a total of 31 household responses, all of which were from residents in the immediate vicinity of the site.

3.2 Of the 31 responses, 28 households stated their preference for 9 houses as they would not support flats being developed on this site.

3.3 Of the 31 responses, all 31 stated that they do not support flats being developed on this site.

3.4 Concerns and comments raised are summarised as:

- Over development concerns for the site
- Car parking capacity concerns
- Overbearing nature flats would bring
- Flats not aligning with Hammonds Ridge street scene
- Houses would be more in keeping with Hammonds Ridge street scene
- Clear preference for fewer dwellings to be delivered
- 9 houses being the preferred option

Key Takeaways

3.5 Over 90% of the consultation responses stated a clear preference for a maximum of 9 houses to be delivered on the site.

3.6 100% of the responses stated an objection to any form of flats being delivered.

3.7 Car Parking should be adequately considered so as not to further strain Hammonds Ridge.

4 Next Steps & Future Engagement

- 4.1 Cross Homes will continue its engagement with local stakeholders and build upon existing relationships within the community during determination of the planning application. Additionally, we will continue to acknowledge and respond to enquiries from interested parties.
- 4.2 The website Hammondsridge.com will be made re-accessible in due course at the appropriate stage for further consultation.