

Appendix 2 of 2 – Council Policy Conflict Evidence

Planning Application DM/25/2550 – Hillsborough House, Hurstpierpoint

This appendix demonstrates that the proposed use of Hillsborough House directly conflicts with West Sussex County Council’s own strategies, statutory duties, and planning policies, as well as the adopted Mid Sussex District Plan. It further establishes that no modified, smaller, or conditional version of the proposal could comply. The site itself—its village-centre location, adjacency to recreation land, and lack of safe access—renders any C2 use fundamentally incompatible with these policies.

Policy Conflicts and Contradictions

1. Children First: In-House Residential Service Strategy 2019–2022
2. Commissioning Residential Provision Report (Nov 2024)
3. Sufficiency Duty under Section 22G Children Act 1989
4. SEND and Inclusion Strategy 2019–2024 (Update 2022)
5. Mid Sussex District Plan Policies DP26 and DP34
6. Access and Safeguarding Adjacent to Public Recreation Ground

Overall Finding and Conclusion

Across all referenced documents, the principle of converting Hillsborough House to C2 use conflicts with council strategy, safeguarding expectations, and adopted planning policy. These contradictions arise from the site’s characteristics, not from the number of residents. Therefore, no smaller or revised scheme can be acceptable. The Council’s own policies, statutory duties, and prior strategic decisions require this application to be refused in its entirety to uphold planning consistency, community safety, and policy integrity.