1.0 Introduction

1.1 Under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended), the Council has a statutory duty to assist communities in the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans and Orders and to take plans through a process of examination, referendum and adoption. The Localism Act 2011 (Part 6 Chapter 3) sets out the Local Planning Authority’s responsibilities under Neighbourhood Planning.

2.0 Background

2.1 The Neighbourhood Plan Area for Nuthurst covers the whole of the Parish of Nuthurst

2.2 The Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2031 was examined by Mr John Mattocks, who in his report of June 2015 passed the plan and recommended Horsham District Council should, subject to the modifications in the examination report, proceed to referendum. Following this, the examiner’s modifications were agreed by Nuthurst Parish Council and Horsham District Council. The Decision Statement which includes all the agreed modifications was then published on the Horsham District website.

2.3 On 24 September 2015, the Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2031 successfully passed referendum with 87% of the votes cast agreeing that the Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan be used by Horsham District Council for the determination of planning applications.

2.4 On 21 October 2015 Horsham District Council resolved that that Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2031, Submission Plan (incorporating examiners modifications and all modifications as per the HDC Decision Statement) should be ‘made’ and become part of the Development Plan for Horsham District Council for the Parish of Nuthurst.

2.5 Horsham District Council will continue to produce the District Plan which will set out the strategic context within which the Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan will sit.
3.0 Conclusion

3.1 I confirm, that the Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2031, Submission Plan (incorporating examiners modifications and all modifications as per the HDC Decision Statement), complies with the legal requirements and basic conditions set out in the Localism Act 2011, and as a result of Full Council resolution of 21 October 2015 has been ‘made’ with effect 22 October 2015.

3.2 I confirm that the Nuthurst Neighbourhood Development Plan 2015-2031 is part of the Development Plan of the Horsham District Council Local Planning Authority Area as defined at Area Designation by Horsham District Council on 31 October 2013.

3.3 I am taking the above mentioned decision as I concur with the advice contained in the above report under the 1990 Act in relation to the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

3.4 I declare that I have no personal or prejudicial interest in respect of this decision.

Signed:  

Date: 22nd October 2015