Meeting Community Needs

We know there are already pressures on many of our services such as schools, health care and roads. Planning rules mean that we are not able to require developers to fix existing infrastructure problems. However, we can make sure that new development provides the new services and facilities that are needed by the new development and brings benefits to our existing communities.

Infrastructure

The Council is not responsible for the delivery of most infrastructure. We are working with infrastructure providers such as West Sussex County Council and healthcare providers to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan to support planned growth. This outlines what new facilities will be needed, by when, and how much they will cost. If possible we also take opportunities to address current gaps in infrastructure.

Infrastructure delivery includes the following:

Transport
New and improved, walking, cycling, public transport and road upgrades to improve connections within and to locations outside of the District.

Health and Social Care
The Council works with healthcare providers to make sure new development provides access to pharmacies, or provides funds to expand existing healthcare centres.

Utilities and Waste
This might include the creation of new or upgraded sewage treatment works and that everyone has access to electricity, water and energy supplies, waste collection facilities and modern communications such as full fibre broadband.

Education
New schools (including for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), as well as pre-schools and nurseries.

Community and Sports Facilities
This might include improvements to libraries and the provision of additional indoor and outdoor spaces for sport and leisure.

Emergency Services
The upgrade of Police and Fire Stations.

Green Spaces
The creation of additional natural greenspace within new developments, as well as parks, play areas and spaces for wildlife.