



The countryside charity  
Sussex

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**PRESS RELEASE: CPRE Sussex responds to Sussex mayoral elections being delayed until May 2028.**

CPRE Sussex has warned that delaying Sussex's mayoral elections for another two years should not mean that local issues should be on pause as well.

Paul Steedman, Director of CPRE Sussex, said: "It is critical that this delay does not put Sussex's big issues - climate breakdown, nature recovery, genuinely affordable housing for social rent on sustainable, brownfield sites - on pause too.

"Ministers are already squeezing nature and local communities out of planning decisions in favour of massive developers.

"We can't wait for over two years for leadership on a strategic plan for Sussex that puts the countryside, climate, nature and people struggling to make the rent, front and centre; we need that action now."

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**Notes for editors:**

**About CPRE Sussex**

CPRE Sussex is shaping a greener future for Sussex. Our priorities are:

- Beautiful landscapes, rich in nature and greener towns and cities
- Countryside and green spaces which are accessible to all, enriching lives and health
- Sustainable development for thriving communities
- Effective responses to the climate emergency

We engage with decision makers, influencing them and challenging them to protect the Sussex countryside and green spaces. We inform on environmental issues and empower individuals and communities with robust evidence to defend and enhance the green spaces they love. We believe in collaborating with others to ensure a greener future for our county. We research and provide advice on planning issues. Together we can shape a greener future for Sussex.