

SETTLEMENT HIERARCHY

Settlement category	Function	Settlements within this category
Primary Regional Centre	A large settlement accessible by road and public transport with a centre containing a large range of retail units, including the sale of higher order goods, a range of leisure opportunities, significant levels of employment and facilities such as a hospital with A & E services. Such settlements meet all of their own needs for higher level services.	Brighton and Eastbourne (both settlements are outside Lewes District, but they exert a strong influence on the district)
Secondary Regional Centre	A settlement accessible by road and public transport with a centre containing a range of retail units, including high street chains. A reasonable range of leisure opportunities are available and the town contains significant levels of employment. Key facilities, such as a hospital, are available. Such settlements meet the majority of their own needs.	Haywards Heath (this settlement is outside Lewes District, but it exerts a strong influence on the northern part of the district)
District Centre	Accessible settlements by road and public transport containing a range of shops, employment opportunities and facilities including a secondary school. Such settlements are not reliant upon other centres to meet day to day needs, but they require support from nearby secondary or primary centres to meet the higher level needs of their residents.	Burgess Hill (this settlement is outside Lewes District, but it immediately borders the eastern boundary and is an influence on the north western part of the district), Uckfield (outside Lewes District, but is a strong influence on the north eastern part of the district), Seaford, Lewes, Newhaven, Peacehaven & Telscombe
Rural Service Centre <i>100+</i>	Sustainable locations (with either a frequent bus or rail service) with a number of key services and facilities that meet many day to day needs of their residents and those from the wider rural hinterland. Some employment opportunities are available.	Newick, Ringmer
Service Village <i>30 - 100</i>	Villages that have a basic level of services and facilities, public transport provision (possibly not frequent) and limited employment opportunities. Residents can have some of their day to day needs met in such locations, although higher order settlements need to be accessed to enable this to be fully achieved.	Barcombe Cross, Ditchling, Firle, Glynde, Plumpton Green, Wivelsfield Green
Local Village <i>10 - 30</i>	Villages that have very few facilities and services and have poor levels of accessibility to higher order settlements. Few, if any, employment opportunities are available.	Broyle Side, Cooksbridge, Chailey North, Chailey South, Falmer, Kingston, Piddinghoe, Rodmell, South Street (Chailey Parish), South Heighton
Hamlet	Settlements that generally have a population of less than 100, have an historic core (generally with a church), but are generally lacking social infrastructure and ease of accessibility to higher order settlements.	Barcombe, Bishopstone, Norton, Chailey Green, East Chiltington, Hamsey, Offham, Plumpton, Iford, Streat, Southease, Tarring Neville, Telscombe Village, Wivelsfield , Westmeston