



South Downs National Park Local Development Scheme

(First Revision)

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This Local Development Scheme sets out the South Downs National Park Authority's four year programme for the preparation of the individual documents which will form the South Downs National Park Local Plan

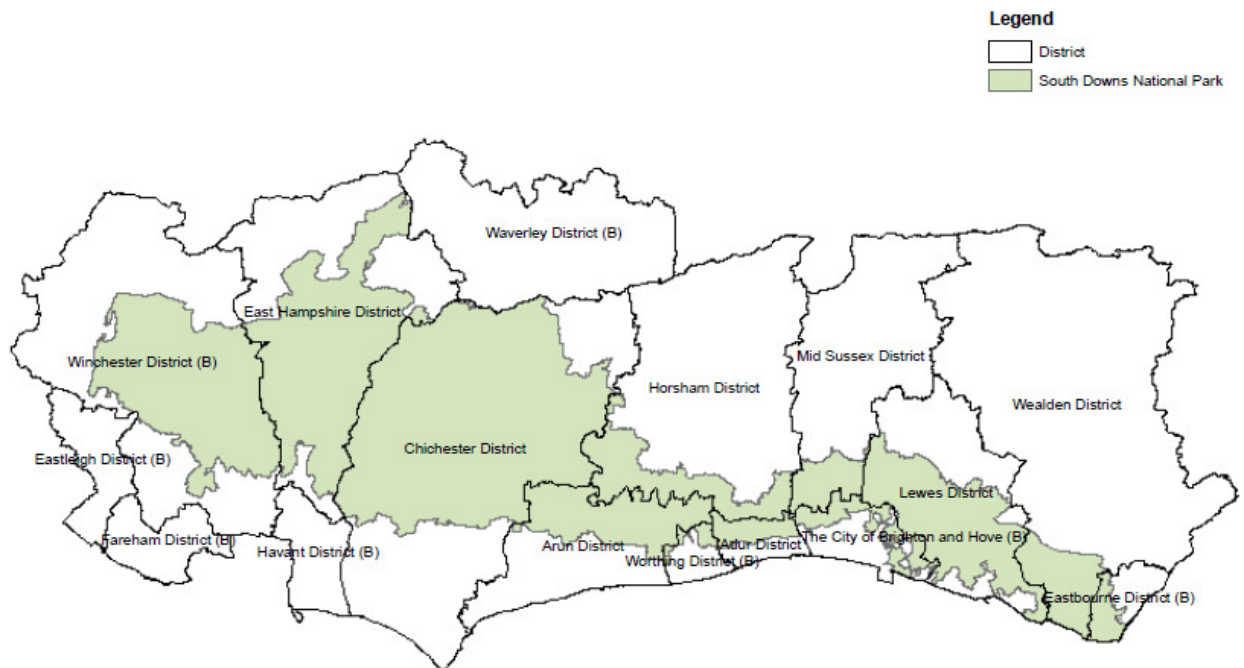
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I. Introduction

- I.1 The South Downs National Park Authority assumed its full planning responsibilities, as local planning authority and minerals and waste planning authority for the National Park on 1 April 2011.
- I.2 One of the Authority's fundamental roles is also to ensure that the two purposes of National Park designation are achieved. These purposes, set out in the *Environment Act 1995*, are to:
- conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the National Park; and
 - promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the National Park's special qualities by the public.
- I.3 In pursuing these purposes, the Authority also has the duty to:
- seek to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities within the National Park.
- I.4 The South Downs National Park covers parts of: Adur, Arun, Chichester, East Hampshire, Eastbourne, Horsham, Lewes, Mid-Sussex, Wealden, Winchester and Worthing districts, Brighton and Hove unitary authority area, and includes land within the counties of Hampshire, East Sussex and West Sussex (see indicative map overleaf).
- I.5 As the local planning authority for the South Downs National Park the National Park Authority (NPA) is responsible for:
- (i) spatial and land-use planning,
 - (ii) minerals and waste planning,
 - (iii) development management,
 - (iv) planning enforcement and
 - (v) other related regulatory functions within the National Park.
- I.6 Under Section 66(1) of the *Environment Act 1995*, the Authority is also required to prepare and publish a *National Park Management Plan*. This *Management Plan* will establish the long-term vision, aims and strategic policy framework for the National Park and will guide the work of the Authority and other organisations that contribute to the delivery of the National Park purposes. The *South Downs National Park Management Plan* is programmed to be adopted by the National Park Authority by October 2013. The Local Plan will take its lead from the *Management Plan*.
- I.7 Additional national Government guidance on the role of National Parks is set out in DEFRA's (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) circular, published in March 2010, entitled '*English National Parks and the Broads – UK Government Vision and Circular 2010*'. It sets out a vision for English National Parks, priority outcomes for the period 2010-15 and suggested actions for them.

Indicative Map of the South Downs National Park



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- 1.8 The South Downs National Park Authority is responsible for meeting the requirements on local planning authorities under the *2004 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act (the Act)* and the *Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012*. These include preparing and monitoring a Local Development Scheme to inform the public of the timetable for the Local Plan.
- 1.9 The Localism Act (enacted on 15 November 2011) amended the 2004 Act and the *Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012* replaced the 2004 Regulations.
- 1.10 This Revised Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the National Park Authority's latest timetable for the preparation of the South Downs National Park Local Plan. The table on page 11 of this revised LDS sets out the proposed timetable for the production of the Local Plan, including the estimated examination and adoption date. Section 9 provides a more detailed profile of the document.

2. Hierarchy of policy and plan-making

National

- 2.1 At national level, the Government was published on 27 March 2012 the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)¹. The NPPF provides a comprehensive and up-to-date national planning policy context setting out the requirements for the local plan-making process. It replaced the previous Planning Policy Statements (PPSs) and their accompanying practice guides, Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) Notes and planning-related Circulars.
- 2.2 The only exceptions which have not superseded are:
- [Planning Policy Statement: eco-towns - A Supplement to Planning Policy Statement 1](#)
 - Annex E of *Planning Policy Guidance 7: The Countryside - Environmental Quality and Economic and Social Development* (<http://www.communities.gov.uk/archived/publications/planningandbuilding/pps7>)
 - [Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management](#)
 - [Planning Policy Statement 25: Development and Flood Risk - Practice Guide](#) and
 - [Planning Policy Statement 25 Supplement: Development and Coastal Change - Practice Guide](#).
- 2.2 At the same time that the NPPF was published the Government also published a *Planning Policy for Traveller Sites*².
- 2.3 The Authority must have regard to the NPPF and *Planning Policy for Traveller Sites* in preparing its Local Plan.

Regional

- 2.4 The now-defunct South East England Regional Assembly (SEERA) produced the *South East Plan*, the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East of England. It was published in May 2009 and provides a broad planning framework for the region as a whole, including the number of houses and employment areas that need to be built in South East England from 2006 to 2026.
- 2.5 The Government has confirmed its intention to revoke the *South East Plan* through the Localism Act. However, as of August 2012 the position is that the *South East Plan's* policies still apply, and within the National Park, alongside saved policies in adopted district local plans and adopted LDF policies. Until it revoked the planning policies set out in the Regional Spatial Strategy should be reflected in the SDNPA's planning policy documents.

¹ www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf

² www.communities.gov.uk/planningandbuilding/travellers/

Development Plan for the South Downs National Park

2.6 Until such time as the *South East Plan* is revoked, and the SDNPA adopts its own or further joint Core Strategy, Minerals and Waste Plan or Local Plan documents, the 'Development Plan' for the SDNPA consists of:

- *South East Plan* – for the entire National Park
- Adopted Core Strategies:
the adopted *Horsham Core Strategy* - for Horsham District, and
the adopted *Worthing Core Strategy* - for Worthing Borough
- saved Local Plan policies for districts where these policies have not yet been superseded by an adopted Core Strategy:
Adur District Local Plan (1996) – for Adur District
Arun District Local Plan 2003 – for Arun District
Brighton & Hove Local Plan (2005) – for Brighton and Hove unitary authority area
Chichester District Local Plan First Review (1999) – for Chichester District
Eastbourne Borough Plan (2003) – for Eastbourne Borough
Mid Sussex Local Plan (2004) – for Mid Sussex
East Hampshire Local Plan Second Review (2006) - East Hampshire District
Lewes District Local Plan (2003) – for Lewes District
Wealden Local Plan (1998) (non-statutory Wealden Local Plan, 2005) – for Wealden District
Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006) – for Winchester District
Worthing Local Plan (2003) – saved policies that were not deleted following the adoption of the Core Strategy
- *Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (2007)* – for Hampshire part of the National Park
- *East Sussex Minerals Local Plan (1999)*, *East Sussex Waste Local Plan (2006)* – for East Sussex, and Brighton and Hove part of the National Park, and
- *West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003)* – for West Sussex part of the National Park.

2.6 Other plans which are material considerations are:

- emerging Joint Core Strategies for parts of the National Park –
 - ❖ *East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy* – *East Hampshire Local Plan Part I*
 - ❖ *Lewes Joint Core Strategy*
 - ❖ *Wealden Joint Core Strategy*
 - ❖ *Mid Sussex District Plan* and
 - ❖ *Winchester Joint Core Strategy* – *Winchester Local Plan Part I*
- emerging Joint Waste and Minerals Plans (with East Sussex and Brighton and Hove), Waste (with West Sussex) and Minerals and Waste (with Hampshire, New Forest NP, Southampton and Portsmouth) and
- the National Park wide Local Plan being prepared by the SDNPA.

2.7 When adopted the *South Downs National Park Local Plan* will contain planning policy documents designed to help deliver the statutory National Park purposes and duty.

Work on preparing the local plan will take full account of other relevant strategies and plans, having regard to conformity requirements, including:

- the emerging *Management Plan* for the National Park
- the *Sustainable Community Strategies* prepared by the constituent authorities
- the Local Development Frameworks / local plans being prepared by neighbouring local planning authorities that impact on the National Park and
- work at the sub-regional level being undertaken for the neighbouring sub-region of South Hampshire.

3 Joint Core Strategies

3.1 In order to ensure that up-to-date core strategies are in place for as much of the National Park as possible, discussion regarding the preparation of joint core strategies was held between the NPA and those local authorities with a significant population and/or land area within the National Park. Following those discussions the following core strategies are currently being prepared jointly between the National Park Authority and the following local authorities:

- Mid Sussex District Council
- East Hampshire District Council
- Lewes District Council
- Winchester City Council and
- Wealden District Council.

More detail on the above joint Core Strategies is set out in Appendix One.

3.2 The Authority is also working in partnership with the following minerals and waste planning authorities, in the production of minerals and waste plans:

- Hampshire County Council (and Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils, and New Forest National Park Authority)
- West Sussex County Council and
- East Sussex County Council (and Brighton and Hove City Council).

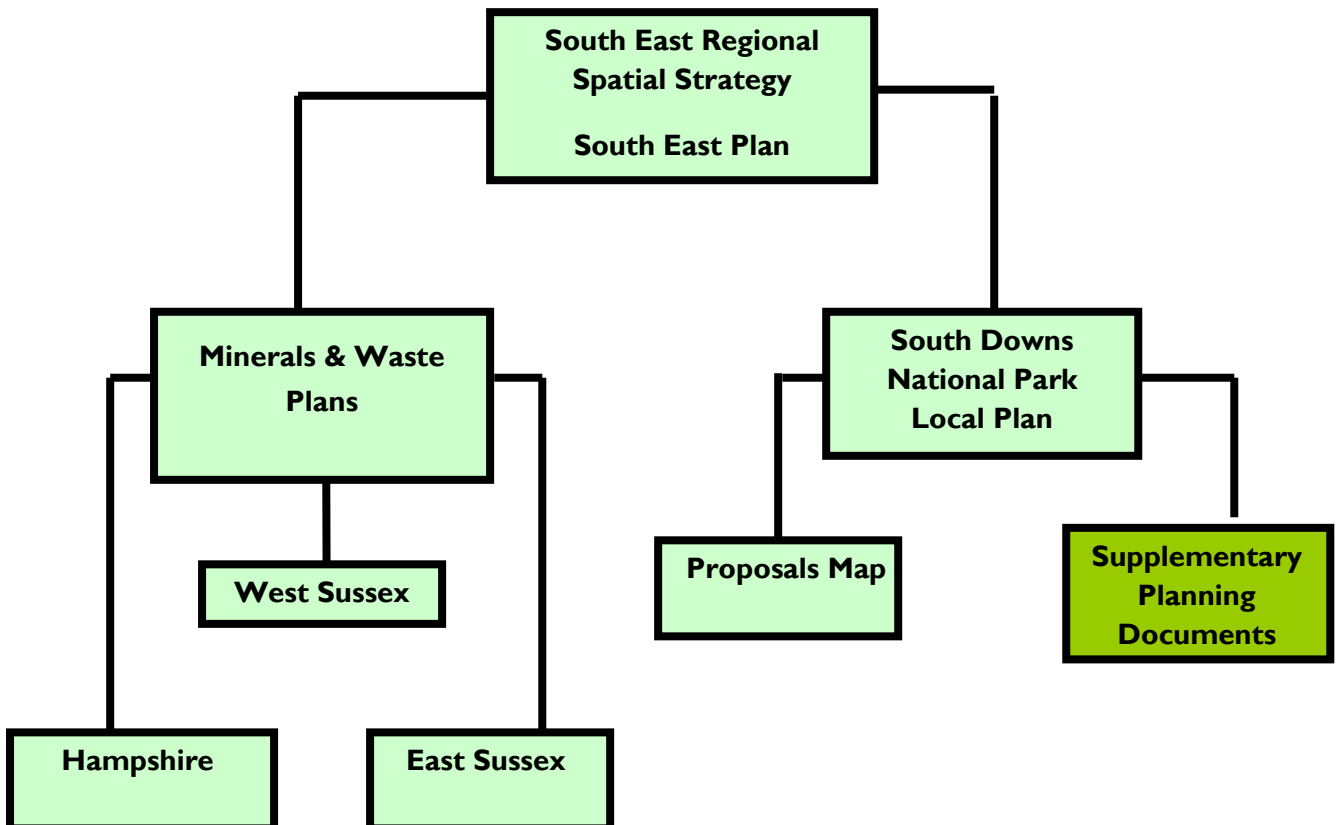
4 Proposed Programme for the National Park Local Plan

4.1 This first revision of the South Downs National Park's LDS sets out the National Park Authority's planning policy work programme for the four years 2012-16, based on the guidance in the *National Planning Policy Framework* and the *Local Planning Regulations 2012*. It replaces the LDS adopted by the NPA in October 2011. The programme takes account of the need for community consultation (guided by the Authority's adopted *Statement of Community Involvement*) and Sustainability Appraisal. The documents to be produced are set out in the diagram overleaf.

4.2 The National Park Authority will produce a National Park wide Local Plan. It will establish the strategic policies for the National Park, include key development management policies and identify specific allocations. It will also provide the framework for the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans for areas within the National Park and any Supplementary Planning Documents.

- 4.3 The National Park Authority will produce a single Local Plan. The Local Plan will establish the strategic policies for the National Park, will include development management policies and set out allocations and determine settlement policy boundaries.

National Park Local Plan



5. Statement of Community Involvement

- 5.1 In March 2012 the National Park Authority adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). This SCI explains clearly the process and methods for community involvement for the development management process, for different types of local development documents and for the different stages of plan preparation. The SCI includes:
- details of how the diverse sections of the community are engaged, in particular those groups which have been underrepresented in previous consultation exercises
 - it will identify which umbrella organisations and community groups need be involved at different stages of the planning process, with special consideration given to those groups not normally involved
 - explains the process and appropriate methods for effective community involvement in the development of planning policy and the determination of planning applications.

6. Transitional period – ‘Saved’ Policies

- 6.1 Under the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004*, there was a period of transition from the previous local plan system to the LDF system. Some policies of existing development plans were automatically ‘saved’. The situation within the South Downs National Park is complicated by the number of plans and policies inherited by the National Park Authority when it assumed its full planning responsibilities in April 2011.
- 6.2 The NPPF requires that all local plan policies adopted under the legislation that existed prior to the *Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004* needs to be in compliance with the NPPF to still apply.
- 6.3 The Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East (the *South East Plan*) was adopted by the Secretary of State in May 2009 and forms part of the Authority’s Development Plan, as will the Authority’s Local Plan, once adopted.

Minerals and Waste Local Plans

- 6.4 The *Hampshire, Portsmouth, Southampton and New Forest National Park Minerals and Waste Core Strategy* was adopted in June 2007. The Core Strategy was adopted in July 2007 and was the first core strategy to be adopted in England and covers the Hampshire part of the National Park. A subsequent challenge in the High Court in 2009 resulted in the quashing of some policies. With the quashing of some of the policies within the Core Strategy the proposal is to update and review the plan in its entirety. The proposal is to develop a single Hampshire-wide *Minerals and Waste Plan*.
- 6.5 Although the *Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton Minerals and Waste Local Plan* has been mostly superseded by the Core Strategy, there are still some site-specific policies that have been retained until the Hampshire-wide Minerals & Waste Plan is adopted.
- 6.6 In West Sussex work is progressing on a Waste Plan which will replace the Revised Deposit Waste Local Plan 2004 (not adopted). Work on a Minerals Plan will be undertaken at a later date, and when adopted, it will replace the Minerals Local Plan (2003).

- 6.7 In East Sussex the policies in the adopted *East Sussex Minerals Local Plan* and adopted *East Sussex Waste Local Plan* have been saved. Work is progressing on a Waste and Minerals Plan, which will be followed by a Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan Document, and a Waste Site Allocations Development Plan Document.

District / Borough / City Local Plans

- 6.8 The South Downs National Park is covered by the saved policies of 11 inherited Local Plans, as well as the adopted Core Strategies for Horsham and Worthing, the former having been “inherited”, the latter having been adopted jointly by the borough council and the SDNPA. Annex A sets out the detailed schedule of saved Local Plan policies.
- 6.9 The NPA is aiming to provide a consistent planning policy framework for the whole South Downs National Park as soon as is possible. However, the transition from the inherited plans, policies and supplementary planning guidance which currently cover the National Park to the emerging Local Plan will take time. There is also a need to maintain sufficient continuity to guide development decisions in the interim period.

7. Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment

- 7.1 As part of the preparation of the Local Plan, the National Park Authority will undertake a Sustainability Appraisal and Strategic Environmental Assessment to:
- test policy options
 - collect baseline information
 - predict significant environmental effects and
 - inform the public and interested organisations.
- 7.2 Sustainability Appraisal, incorporating the requirement of Strategic Environmental Assessment, is a feedback process that informs policy options and also provides important information for the evidence base. The Sustainability Appraisal will ensure that the preparation of Local Plan taken sustainable development principles into consideration. It will play an important part in showing whether a document is ‘sound’ (that is, has been properly prepared).

Policies Map

- 7.3 A Policies Map, with inset maps where necessary, is required to reflect the content of the National Park’s Local Plan. A draft policies map will be submitted with the Local Plan will be subsequently revised to reflect relevant subsequent policies and any allocations set out in Neighbourhood Development Plans.

8. Programme for South Downs National Park Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule

DPD	2012			2013					2014					2015					2016																								
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South Downs National Park Local Plan																																											
National Park CIL Charging Schedule																																											
Minerals and Waste DPDs	For details of Minerals & Waste Development Plan Documents see Hampshire, East Sussex and West Sussex Minerals and Waste Local Development Schemes																																										

KEY	
Plan preparation	
Consultation on Issues and Options	
Consultation on Preferred Options and site allocations and preliminary draft charging schedule	
Publication of Pre-Submission version of Local Plan and final draft charging schedule	
Submission and Examination of Local Plan and final draft charging schedule	S
Pre-Hearing Meeting	P
Examination in Public Hearing Sessions	H
Consultation on Proposed Modifications	
Adoption of Local Plan and CIL Charging Schedule and revision of Proposals Map	A

9. Local Development Document Profiles

South Downs National Park Local Plan

Role and content	The Local Plan will set out the vision, objectives and provide the framework for the preparation of Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and Neighbourhood Development Plans. It will also include a number of criteria-based development management policies needed to achieve the strategy.	
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)	
Chain of conformity	The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), together with the <i>South East Plan</i> , until such time as it revoked. Regard will also be had to the emerging <i>South Downs National Park Management Plan</i> , the Sustainable Community Strategies covering the National Park and other relevant strategies.	
Geographic coverage	The area of the South Downs National Park. The Local Plan will provide consistent park-wide planning policies, replacing the existing local plans, structure plans and district-wide core strategies.	
Timetable		
Milestones	Community and stakeholder engagement on issues, vision, objectives and options.	September - November 2012 (including public consultation on the emerging themes for the National Park, a Park Forum, an on-line forum, nine workshops, seven technical workshops) & Formal Issue & Options consultation: March – April 2013
	Public participation on preferred options	March – April 2014
	Publication of Submission document	January 2015
	Public representations period on Submission document and consideration of representations	January – February 2015
	Submission	June 2015
	Pre-Hearing Meeting	September 2015
	Public Hearing	October 2015
	Consultation on Proposed Modifications	January 2016
	Inspector's Report Fact Check	April 2016
	Inspector's Report Final	May 2016
	Adoption of document and revisions to Proposals Map	June 2016
Arrangements for production and review		
Who is leading the production of the document?	South Downs National Park Authority	

Management arrangements	Approval required by South Downs National Park Authority at key milestones.
Resources	Planning Policy team at the NPA, supported by other teams and directorates within the NPA and external consultants where required
External community involvement	Statutory consultation in accordance with <i>Statement of Community Involvement</i>
Monitoring and review mechanisms	Annual Monitoring Report

Hampshire Minerals and Waste Plan

Role and content	Replacement of the adopted <i>Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (2007)</i> , The Hampshire and Minerals and Waste Plan will supersede the Core Strategy in light of policy changes and intended revocation of the South East Plan. Policies Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national policy, and the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East.
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of Hampshire, including the New Forest National Park and the Hampshire part of the South Downs National Park, and Portsmouth and Southampton
Timetable	
See the Hampshire, Southampton, Portsmouth and New Forest National Park Minerals and Waste Local Scheme (2011): http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste/development-scheme-3.htm	

West Sussex Waste Plan Development Plan Document

Role and content	Will replace the Revised Deposit Draft Waste Local Plan (2004), and cover the period up to 2031 and will enable the policies and proposals in the draft WLP to be reviewed. It will set out a county-wide vision, strategic objectives, spatial strategy for waste planning and a monitoring and implementation framework; strategic waste site allocations; criteria-based policies which deal with specific types of waste development and generic development management policies.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national policy and the Regional Spatial Strategy for the South East.
Geographic coverage	The administrative area of West Sussex County, including the West Sussex part of the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the West Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Scheme: http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/your_council/strategies_policies_and_public/policies/minerals_and_waste_policy/minerals_and_waste.aspx	

West Sussex Minerals Plan Development Plan Document

Role and content	Will replace the adopted Minerals Local Plan (2003). It will cover the period to 2031 and will enable the policies and proposal in the Minerals Local Plan to be reviewed. It will set out: a county-wide vision, strategic objectives, spatial strategy for minerals planning and a monitoring and implementation framework; strategic minerals site allocations and minerals safeguarding areas; and criteria-based minerals policies.
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Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>).
Geographic coverage	The administrative area of West Sussex County, including the West Sussex part of the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the adopted West Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Scheme: http://www.westsussex.gov.uk/your_council/strategies_policies_and_publi/policies/minerals_and_waste_policy/minerals_and_waste.aspx	

East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton and Hove

Waste and Minerals Core Strategy

Role and content	Will replace parts of the adopted East Sussex and Brighton and Hove Waste Local Plan (2006) and the Minerals Local Plan (1999). It will set out a county-wide vision, strategic objectives, spatial strategy for minerals and waste planning and a monitoring and implementation framework; criteria-based policies which deal with specific types of waste and minerals development and generic development management policies.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>).
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of East Sussex County and Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority, including the East Sussex and Brighton and Hove parts of the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the revised East Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Scheme: http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/development/mineralsandwaste/download1.htm	

East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton and Hove

Waste and Minerals Sites Plan and Waste and Minerals Sites Adopted Policies Map

Role and content	Sets out the existing sites and commitments and any new allocations for waste and minerals development not covered in the Waste and Minerals Plan. The Policies Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>) and the Waste and Minerals Core Strategy
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of East Sussex County and Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority, including the East Sussex and Brighton and Hove parts of the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the East Sussex Minerals and Waste Development Scheme: http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/environment/planning/development/mineralsandwaste/download1.htm	

10 Evidence base

10.1 A key requirement for preparation of Local Development Documents is a complete, robust and up-to-date evidence base to underpin the strategy and policies.

10.2 The South Downs National Park Authority assumed its planning responsibilities in April 2011. It has identified a significant amount of evidence gathering and research which will be required to be produced to support the National Park's emerging Local Plan.

10.3 The wider Authority's work on the emerging *Management Plan*, to guide the delivery of the two statutory National Park purposes, will also help inform the Local Development Framework.

10.4 The NPA is also working jointly on minerals and waste plans with:

- Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council, New Forest National Park Authority – in Hampshire
- West Sussex County Council – in West Sussex and
- East Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council – in East Sussex.

The evidence bases for these plans will be jointly managed between the relevant authorities in these cases.

10.5 The evidence base for the Authority's Local Plan will develop over time, and currently includes the following listed below.

i) *Workshops to inform the production of the Management Plan and Local Plan*

To inform the preparation of the *Management Plan and Local Plan*, a series of workshops were held in the second half of 2011 to explore the National Park purposes and related duty. A wide range of interest groups were involved in the workshops and the detailed feedback from these discussions will feed into the Local Plan. A further series of workshop are scheduled for autumn 2012.

ii) *National Park Visitor Survey*

A comprehensive review of recreational activity has been undertaken in a project which has included a survey of visitors. Analysis of the survey results will provide useful information on the nature of visitors to the National Park.

iii) *Review of local Sustainable Community Strategies*

The Authority is not required to produce a Sustainable Community Strategy, but those of adjoining district, borough and city councils will provide useful information which will help inform the preparation of documents. The Authority also supports local groups in the preparation of Parish Plans and Village Design Statements and the key messages within these documents will be reflected within the Local Development Framework, where appropriate.

iv) *Annual Monitoring Reports*

The National Park Authority will look to prepare an Annual Monitoring Report each year, for publication by the end of the calendar year. The Annual

Monitoring Report will assess the performance of the Authority's planning policies against a series of national indicators, and also chart progress against the Authority's Local Development Scheme. The annual review of planning policies and performance will inform the development of the Authority's new Local Plan.

- v) *Sustainability Appraisal / Strategic Environmental Assessment data*
The Authority will compile baseline data for the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) / Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and the Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA), and this will provide useful sources of background information that will be developed further as documents within the Local Development Framework are developed and appraised.
- vi) *Other studies*
The Authority will carry out or commission a number of specific background studies to help inform the Local Plan and the National Park's *Management Plan*. These include core areas of work including housing, recreation, and flood risk, with an indicative list of evidence base studies including:

Housing

- Housing requirements study
- Gypsy and traveller accommodation assessments
- Strategic housing market assessment
- Affordable housing study
- Strategic housing land availability assessment

Employment

- Employment land requirement study
- Retail assessment
- Rural economic profile

Landscape

- Landscape capacity addition

Biodiversity

- Habitats regulation assessment

Cultural Heritage

- Historic environment characterisation assessment

Recreation

- Green infrastructure
- Open space study
- Visitor assessment

Infrastructure and services

- Infrastructure capacity
- Settlement hierarchy

- Transport assessment
- Renewable energy study

Environment

- Strategic flood risk assessment
- Sustainability appraisal and strategic environmental assessment.

11 Risk Assessment

- 11.1 The main risk to the process is the potential failure to meet key stages set out in this Local Development Scheme. With current local plans being saved until they are replaced, this builds in some contingency. Progress will also be reviewed annually through an Annual Monitoring Report, the NPA will look to publish the first AMR in late 2012.
- 11.2 Other risks include the potential for staff to leave before the end of the project plan together with failure to rapidly to fill the resulting vacancies.
- 11.3 In terms of the capacity of the Authority's planning policy team, where it would be more efficient to use external resources, or where information is seriously deficient and is not available from a partner agency, the Authority will consider the use of specialist consultancies. The National Park Authority is also working with other minerals and waste authorities in the production of MWDF documents, which has resource benefits (such as, joint examination and printing costs).
- 11.4 The joint production of Local Plans and Minerals and Waste Plans also presents a number of risks. A key risk revolves around the timetabling for the production of joint documents and the potential for delays in one partner organisation impacting on the progress of the other partner(s). The failure to reach agreement on policies and proposals within joint documents may also delay progress against the Local Development Scheme targets. Close joint working and liaison between the planning authorities is therefore essential.

12 Arrangements for monitoring and review

- 12.1 The Authority will aim to produce an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) by December each year, from 2012. This document will include an assessment of progress on preparation of the National Park Local Plan and Minerals and Waste Plans against the timetable and milestones set out in this scheme, and subsequent revisions to it, and the extent to which the *South East Plan* and local plan and minerals and waste policies are being achieved.

13 Glossary and abbreviations

AMR	Annual Monitoring Report - Part of the Local Development Framework, this report will assess the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and the extent to which policies are being successfully implemented.
Core Strategy	The Core Strategy set out the long term vision, objectives and spatial strategy, and provide the framework for the preparation of other Development Plan Documents.
Development Plan	As set out in Section 38(6) of the Act, an authority's Development Plan consists of the relevant Regional Spatial Strategy and the Development Plan Documents contained within its Local Development Framework.
DPD	Development Plan Document - Spatial planning documents which are subject to independent examination. Together with the Regional Spatial Strategy, they form the Development Plan for the area.
LDD	Local Development Documents - The collective term for Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents and the Statement of Community Involvement.
LDF	Local Development Framework - The name given for the portfolio of local development documents under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It consisted of Development Plan Documents, Supplementary Planning Documents, a Statement of Community Involvement, the Local Development Scheme and the Annual Monitoring Report.
LDS	Local Development Scheme - Sets out the programme for preparing local development documents as part of local development frameworks
Local Plan	The term 'local plan' is used extensively in the National Planning Policy Framework, replacing the Local Development Framework. The NPPF states that each local planning authority must produce a local plan for its area.
LSP	Local Strategic Partnership - Partnerships of stakeholders who develop ways of involving local people in shaping the future of their neighbourhood and how services are provided. They are often single, non-statutory, multi-agency bodies which aim to bring together locally the public, private, community and voluntary sectors.
MPS	Minerals Planning Statement - National Government advice on minerals planning, which are gradually replacing Minerals Planning Guidance Notes.
NPPS	National Planning Policy Framework - Consultation draft national planning policy published by the Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in July 2011. When finalised the Framework will replace most of the existing PPSs, PPGs and circulars.
PPG	Planning Policy Guidance Note

	National Government advice on planning matters, which have been largely replaced by PPSs, and subsequently by the NPPF
PPS	Planning Policy Statement Updated Government advice (gradually replacing PPGs)
Proposals Map	A map indicating the areas to which particular Local Development Framework policies or considerations apply. It must be revised as each new Development Plan Document is adopted and should always reflect the up-to-date planning strategy for the area.
RSS	Regional Spatial Strategy The strategic plan for the region which was required to be produced by the Regional Assembly. In the case of the South Downs National Park, the RSS is the adopted <i>South East Plan</i> .
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement Sets out the standards which the National Park Authority will achieve with regard to involving local communities in the preparation of local development documents and development management decisions.
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment Assessment of the broader environmental impacts of the policies and proposals contained within the Local Development Framework (in line with SEA Directive 2002)
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document Documents within the Local Development Framework which do not have development plan status but which are a material planning consideration in the determination of applications and appeals
SA	Sustainability Appraisal Tool for appraising policies to ensure they reflect sustainable development objectives (i.e. social, environmental and economic factors) and required to be undertaken for all local development documents.

Appendix One: Profiles for Emerging Joint Core Strategies

East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy: East Hampshire Local Plan Part I

Role and content	It will replace the East Hampshire District Local Plan Second Review (2006) It will set out district-wide vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy. The Proposals Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>).
Geographic coverage	The administrative area of East Hampshire district, including the parts within the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the East Hampshire Local Development Scheme as of August 2012: http://www.easthants.gov.uk/ehdc/planningpolicy.nsf/webpages/Local+Development+Scheme	

Joint Lewes District Core Strategy

Role and content	Will replace the Lewes District Local Plan (2003). It will set out district-wide vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy. The Proposals Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>)
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of Lewes District, including the parts of the district within the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the Lewes Local Development Scheme as of August 2012: http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19877.asp	

Wealden District (Inc. Part of the South Downs National Park) Core Strategy

Role and content	Will replace the <i>Wealden Local Plan (1998)</i> and <i>non-statutory Wealden Local Plan (2005)</i> . It sets out district-wide vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy. The Proposals Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>)
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of Wealden District, including the parts of the district within the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the Wealden Local Development Scheme as of August 2012: http://www.wealden.gov.uk/Wealden/Planning_and_Building_Control/Planning_Policy/Local_Development_Framework/LocalDevelopmentScheme/Planning_Local_Development_Scheme.aspx	

Mid Sussex District Plan

Role and content	Will replace the Mid Sussex Local Plan (2005). It sets out district-wide vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy. The Proposals Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>)
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of Mid Sussex District, including the parts within the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the latest Mid Sussex District Plan timetable: http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8277.htm . A revised Local Development Scheme outlining the timetable for the preparation of Development Plan Documents, including the District Plan, was approved by the MSDC Cabinet on 5th March 2012. It came into effect on 1st April 2012.	

Winchester Joint Core Strategy: Winchester Local Plan Part I

Role and content	Will replace the Winchester District Local Plan (2006). It sets out district-wide vision, strategic objectives and spatial strategy. The Proposals Map to be updated once adopted.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national and regional policy (the <i>South East Plan</i>)
Geographic coverage	The administrative areas of Winchester district, including the parts of the district within the South Downs National Park
Timetable	
The latest Winchester Local Development Scheme was approved by the City Council's Cabinet on 6 July 2011: http://www.winchester.gov.uk/n/planning-policy/core-strategy-timetable-lds/	

Programme for Joint Minerals and Waste Plans

	Proposed Submission consultation	Submission	Examination	Adoption
West Sussex Waste Plan	November – December 2012	February 2013	July 2013	October 2012
West Sussex Minerals Plan	October 2014	January 2015	May 2015	October 2015
Hampshire (and partners) Minerals and Waste Plan	completed	completed	June 2012	Winter 2012
East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan	completed	completed	September 2012	January 2013
East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Sites Plan	August 2015	November 2015	March 2016	June 2012