



report PC28/10

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## QUARTERLY REPORT

### Report by Interim Head of Planning

**Purpose of the report – to advise members of the consultations on planning applications received between 1<sup>st</sup> July and 30<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and the responses thereto, and other work of the planning team during that period.**

**Resource implications – staff time.**

#### 1. Recommendation

That the Committee notes the report.

#### 2. Introduction

- 2.1 This report details the work of the planning team during the last quarter (July - September 2010) for the Committee's information. The report is accompanied by two tables, the first of which sets out the details of the consultations received by the National Park Authority during that period and a summary of the responses made.
- 2.2 Where the local planning authority's decision is known, it is indicated on the table. Those marked as "pending" remain undetermined at the time of writing this report. The next quarterly report (in February) will include an update on these applications. Those marked in bold are applications determined at variance with the Authority's views (i.e. permitted where the Authority specifically objected or refused where the Authority specifically supported the application. Applications refused where the Authority raised no objection or permitted where the Authority had concerns, but did not formally object, are not identified as being contrary to the Authority's views).
- 2.3 The second table is an update on those applications which were undetermined at the time of preparing the previous quarterly report (which was presented to the August meeting of the Planning Committee).
- 2.4 Officers will answer any queries relating to the consultations and/or their responses at the Committee meeting.

### **3. Summary of the last quarter**

3.1 During the past quarter the Joint Committee or the Authority were consulted on 256 applications (59 more than the previous quarter). Of these, at the time of writing this report:

- 6 were reported to the Planning Committee
- 207 received a response from the planning team;
- 23 are still awaiting a response;
- 1 received no comments as applications for a Certificate of Proposed Lawful Development which is a legal judgement;
- 4 were withdrawn before any comment was made and
- 19 received no response within the requisite timescale and were subsequently determined (to 2 of which an objection would have been raised).

An update on these figures will be given at the Committee meeting.

3.2 Of the 213 responses made so far, 70 (32.9%) have been objections, either to the principle or to some element of the proposals. Of those 70 objections, 27 have been determined or withdrawn at the time of writing this report, including 12 (44.4%) which have been permitted nevertheless.

3.3 As regards other work, two appeal statements were written. Numerous meetings and workshops have been held during the quarter, including three SDNP Planning Roadshows for planning and support staff and an affordable housing workshop. 24 general enquiries relating to planning issues in the South Downs have been sent to the National Park Authority, and more have been sent directly to the planning team. All have received a response.

3.4 Following the work undertaken into identifying and assessing existing local planning policies that apply within the Park, work has continued on an assessment of the local authorities' evidence bases to help understand the policy context and to help prepare for the Authority's own LDF and National Park Management Plan. Briefing notes on particular policy issues are being drafted. Members will receive a presentation or report on these areas of work in due course.

### **4. Resource implications**

4.1. Staff time.

### **5. Risk management**

5.1. There are no risks arising from this report.

## **6. Human rights, equalities, health and safety**

6.1. It is considered that there are no implications arising from this report.

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Appendix 1: Table of consultations received 01/04/10 – 30/06/10.

Appendix 2: Table updating decisions on previously reported undetermined applications