

How will you get involved in shaping your National Park?



Consultation for the Statement of Community Involvement

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) are starting the process of developing a Local Development Framework (LDF) for the National Park. This will be a suite of documents that will define the policy for development within the National Park.

As a first step, the SDNPA will write a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The SCI will set out how the National Park Authority will engage with and inform the communities of the National Park and other local and national stakeholders, with regards to both planning policy and planning application matters.

Before we start writing any policy on engagement, we feel it is important to ask how you would like to get involved in both the creation of policy and the planning application process. We would appreciate it if you could fill in this questionnaire and send us your response by Monday 15 August 2011.

Comments received in response to the questionnaire will be used to inform the content of a draft Statement of Community Involvement that will be issued for consultation later in the year.

Contact Details

Name:

Organisation:

Address:

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Tel. No.:

Email:

1. Which consultee category best describes the organisation to which you belong or the interests you are representing? (Mark 'X' as appropriate)

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| Business | <input type="checkbox"/> | Local/National Government Dept. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Individual | <input type="checkbox"/> | National Interest Group | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Local Interest Group | <input type="checkbox"/> | Town or Parish Council | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Other

2. How would you or your organisation prefer to be notified when a planning document has been published? (Please Indicate the two preferred methods of notification)

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|---------------------------------|--------------------------|------------|--------------------------|
| Email | <input type="checkbox"/> | Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Council Website | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Press Release (local newspaper) | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Other

3. How would you or your organisation prefer to be consulted with regards to planning policy issues? (Please score the three most preferred methods of consultation, where 3 = highest score & 1 = lowest score)

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| Council Website | <input type="checkbox"/> | Manned Exhibition | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Email | <input type="checkbox"/> | Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Letter | <input type="checkbox"/> | Questionnaire | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Daytime Public Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Stakeholder Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Evening Public Meeting | <input type="checkbox"/> | Workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Unmanned Exhibition | <input type="checkbox"/> | | |

Other

4. Have either you or your organisation been involved in the planning process, either as part of any Local Plan or Local Development Framework process? (Mark 'X' as appropriate)

Yes

No (If No, please go to Question 5)

If Yes:

a) What was the name of the Local Planning Authority undertaking the consultation/ notification?

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b) In your opinion what was the most successful method of consultation? (please state)

c) What changes, if any, would you like to see to previous methods of consultation? (Please state)

As you may be aware, the South Downs National Park Authority is beginning the process of preparing a Local Development Framework (LDF), which will supersede the 1500 (approx) policies that were inherited by the SDNPA on 1st April 2011. Consultation and engagement is a key element in the production of the LDF.

5. Does a six week period represent an adequate amount of time for you or your organisation to comment on: (Mark 'X' as appropriate)

a) The Core Strategy?

Yes No

b) Development Plan Documents?

Yes No

c) If you answered No to either of the above questions, can you specify the length of time that you, or your organisation, would consider appropriate for responding to LDF documents and why?

As the Local Planning Authority for the South Downs National Park, the SDNPA have a responsibility to publicise and notify neighbours and interested parties of planning applications within the South Downs National Park. The Publication Requirements (please see box below) set out the minimum publicity requirements.

Article 12B of the Town and Country Planning General Development Order (GDO) sets out the statutory minimum publicity which the Local Planning Authority is required to undertake for the following types of development:, in addition to details of planning applications being published on the Authority's website.

Nature of Development	Publicity Required
Application accompanied by environmental statement	Site Notice and advertisement in newspaper
Proposal departs from Development Plan	Site Notice and advertisement in newspaper
Development affecting right of way	Site notice and advertisement in newspaper
Major development (which includes Minerals and Waste applications)	Advertisement in local newspaper and either site notice or neighbour notification
Minor development	Site notice or neighbour notification
Development affecting the setting of a listed building or the character or appearance of a Conservation Area	Advertisement in newspaper and site notice

6. To help us comply with these regulations:

- a) What local publications do you read on a regular basis? (Please specify)

b) Which of the following would you find the most useful form of notification when the Authority has received a planning application:

- Site notice
- Letter to adjoining neighbour
- Notice in the local press

c) Which of the following methods would you prefer to use to comment on a planning application?

- By Email
- Via Authority's website
- In writing

Other

d) How would you like to be made aware of planning decisions?

- By email
- Via Authority's website

Other

- 7. If you have any other comments about the way in which the South Downs National Park Authority should engage with the community regarding planning matters, please state below.**

Thank you for taking part in this consultation.

**Please return your completed questionnaire by the Monday 15 August to:
planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk**

or post to (no stamp required):

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