



South Downs National Park

Local Development Scheme (Second Revision)

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This Local Development Scheme sets out the four year programme for the preparation of the South Downs National Park Local Plan.

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Abbreviations

AMR	Authority Monitoring Report
DM	Development Management
DPD	Development Plan Document
LDD	Local Development Document
LDS	Local Development Scheme
LP	Local Plan
LPA	Local Planning Authority
NPA	National Park Authority
NPPF	National Planning Policy Framework
RTPI	Royal Town Planning Institute
SA	Sustainability Appraisal
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SCI	Statement of Community Involvement
SOS	Secretary of State
SDNP	South Downs National Park
SDNPA	South Downs National Park Authority
SPD	Supplementary Planning Document

Glossary

Authorities Monitoring Report - This report looks at the implementation of the Local Development Scheme and how well the policies in the Local Development Documents are being achieved.

Development Plan – As set out in section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004, an area's development plan consists of adopted Local Plans and neighbourhood plans. In March 2013, the relevant Regional Strategy, the South East Plan (2009) was partially revoked. The order revokes the South East Plan (2009), except for Policy NRM6: Thames Basin Heaths Special Protection Area.

Development Plan Documents – All Planning Authorities must produce Development Plan Documents, such as the Local Plan. These are spatial documents and are subject to independent examination. There will be a right for those making representations seeking change to be heard at an independent examination.

Local Community – A generic term which includes all individuals (including the general public) and organisations external to the SDNPA that have an interest in a local area. It includes the statutory and other consultees.

Local Development Document – The collective term for documents that form part of the wider Local Plan. These documents can either be a Development Plan Document, a Supplementary Planning Document.

Local Development Scheme – This document sets out the timetable for the preparation of the Local Development Documents. It identifies which Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents are to be produced and when.

Local Plan – The plan for the future development of the local area. 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.

National Planning Policy Framework – The Government published the National Planning Policy Framework on 27 March 2012, with immediate effect. It replaces all the previous Planning Policy Statements (other than the Planning Policy Statement 10: Planning for Sustainable Waste Management; Minerals Planning Guidance 4, 8, 9 & 14).

Neighbourhood Development Plan – A community led and developed document which forms part of the planning policy framework. It is subject to independent examination and a community referendum.

Neighbourhood Forum – Body responsible for the production of a Neighbourhood Plan if there is no Parish or Town Council.

Partnership Management Plan – The National Park Partnership Management Plan should provide statements of the National Park Authority's policies for managing and carrying out its functions in relation to the National Park and should reflect the Purposes and Duty of the National Park Authority and the need to engage other local authorities, statutory agencies and a wide range of partners, stakeholders and the community in the preparation and implementation of the National Park Partnership Management Plan. This document sets the context for the planning policy framework of the National Park.

Proposals Map – The adopted Proposals Map illustrates all of the policies and proposals in the Development Plan Documents and any saved policies that are included in the Local Development Framework.

Regulations – As set out in the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The 2012 regulations come into force on 6 April 2012 and replace the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004; the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 and 2009.

Stakeholders - Stakeholders include any person or organisation, local or national, who has a legitimate interest in what happens in our area.

Statement of Community Involvement – This Statement of Community Involvement is the South Downs National Park Authority's formal policy to identify how and when local communities and stakeholders will be involved in the preparation of the documents to be included in the South Downs National Park Local Plan. The Statement

also governs the development management process for all planning applications within the South Downs National Park.

Supplementary Planning Documents – These documents provide supplementary information to the policies in the Development Plan Documents. They do not form part of the Development Plan and are not subject to independent examination.

Sustainability Appraisal – Sustainability Appraisal is a tool for appraising policies to ensure that they reflect sustainable development objectives (i.e. social, economic and environmental factors). It is required under the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 to be carried out on all Development Plan Documents and Supplementary Planning Documents where necessary.

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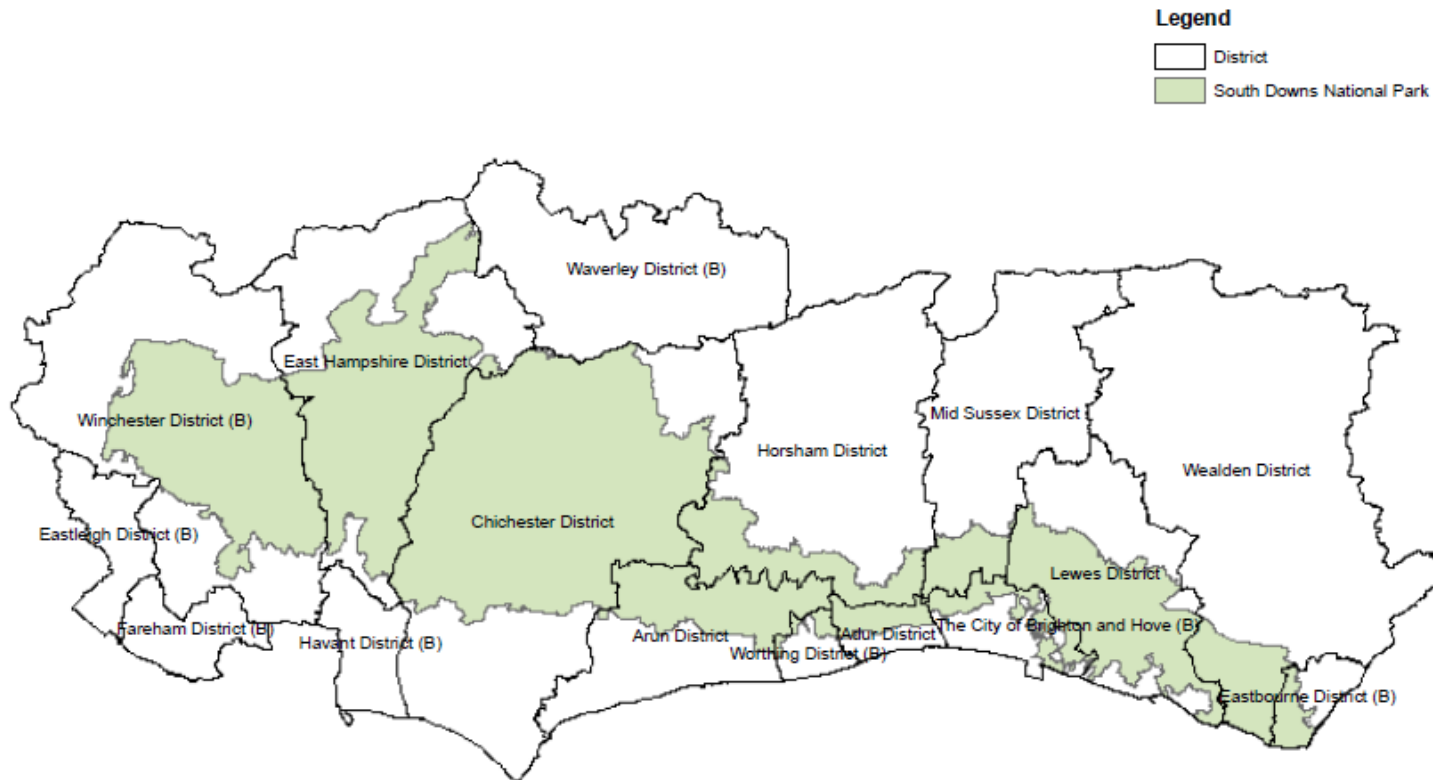
1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 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).
- 1.5 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.
- 1.6 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* establishes 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](#) was adopted on 3 December 2013. The Local Plan will take its lead from the *Management Plan*.
- 1.7 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.

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Indicative Map of the South Downs National Park



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- I.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.
- I.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.
- I.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.

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2.0 Hierarchy of Policy and Plan-Making

National

- 2.1 In March 2013, the Government published 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.
- 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.

Development Plan for the South Downs National Park

- 2.6 The 'Development Plan' for the SDNPA consists of:

Adopted Core Strategies:

- the adopted Horsham Core Strategy (2007) - for Horsham District,
- the adopted Worthing Core Strategy (2011) - for Worthing Borough,
- the adopted Winchester Joint Core Strategy (2013) – for Winchester District, and
- the adopted Wealden District (Incorporating Part of the South Downs National Park) Core Strategy Local Plan (2013) – for Wealden District.
- East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan (2013) – for minerals and waste development in the East Sussex and Brighton & Hove areas of the SDNP.
- Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2013) – for Hampshire part of the National Park

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 and 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

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

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

- 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
- East Sussex Minerals Local Plan (1999), East Sussex Waste Local Plan (2006) – for East Sussex, and Brighton and Hove part of the National Park, - saved policies that were not deleted following the adoption of the East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan (2013)
- West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003) – for West Sussex part of the National Park.

2.6 Other plans which are material considerations are:

- emerging plan for parts of the National Park
 - ❖ East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy – East Hampshire Local Plan Part I
 - ❖ Lewes Joint Core Strategy
 - ❖ Mid Sussex District Plan
 - ❖ Joint West Sussex Waste Local Plan
- Joint East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and South Downs Waste and Minerals Sites Plan 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 adopted *Partnership Management Plan (2013)* for the National Park
- the *Sustainable Community Strategies* prepared by the constituent authorities
- the 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.

3.0 Joint Plans

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 being, or have been, 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 (adopted in 2013) and
- Wealden District Council (adopted in 2013).

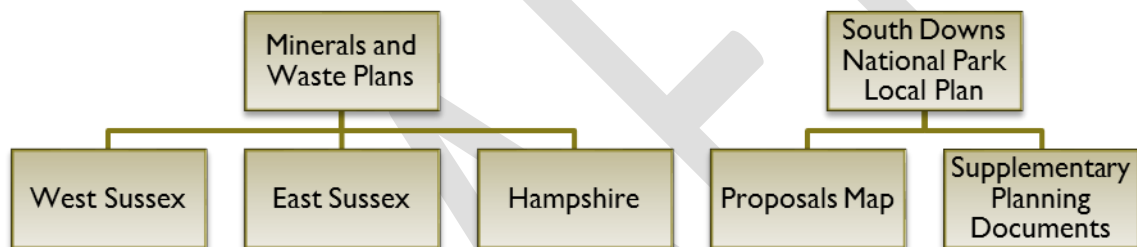
More detail on the above joint Core Strategies is set out in Appendix One.

3.2 The Authority has 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) (Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan adopted in 2013)
- West Sussex County Council and
- East Sussex County Council (and Brighton and Hove City Council) (East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan adopted in 2013)

4.0 Proposed Programme for the National Park Local Plan

- 4.1 This is the second revision on the SDNP LDS. It sets out the programme for the four years from 2014 to 2017. It replaces the LDS adopted by the NPA in October 2011 and the first revision adopted in August 2012. The programme takes account of the need for community consultation (guided by the Authority's adopted *Statement of Community Involvement*) and Sustainability Appraisal.
- 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.



Supporting Documents



5.0 Statement of Community Involvement

- 5.1 In March 2012 the National Park Authority adopted its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). In January 2014, the SDNPA updated the adopted SCI. This focussed primarily on factual updates as a result of changing national planning policy and legislation. 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.

6.0 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.

Minerals and Waste Plans

- 6.4 A single joint Hampshire-wide *Minerals and Waste Plan* was adopted on 15 October 2013.
- 6.6 In West Sussex work is at an advanced stage on a joint Waste Local Plan which is due to be adopted in early 2014. Work on a joint Minerals Local Plan will be starting in 2014 and when adopted, it will replace the West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003).
- 6.7 The East Sussex, South Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan was adopted in 2013. This replaces many of the ‘saved’ policies in East Sussex Minerals Local Plan (1999) and the East Sussex Waste Local Plan (2006). This will be followed by a Waste and Minerals Site Allocations Development Plan Document which is now at the early preparation stages.

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, Worthing, Wealden and Winchester. The Horsham Core Strategy, adopted in 2007, was 'inherited' by the SDNPA. The Winchester, Worthing and Wealden Core Strategies have been adopted jointly by the councils 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.

7.0 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.

8.0 Programme for South Downs National Park Local Plan and Community Infrastructure Levy

DPD	2014												2015												2016												2017																			
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Minerals and Waste Plans	For details of Minerals & Waste Development Plan Documents see Hampshire, East Sussex and West Sussex Minerals and Waste Local Development Schemes																																																							
Joint Core Strategies	For details of Joint Core Strategies see the East Hampshire, Lewes and Mid Sussex 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
Adoption	A

9.0 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) Regard will also be had to the adopted <i>South Downs National Park Partnership 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.	Ongoing (including public consultation on the emerging themes for the National Park, a Park Forum, an on-line forum, workshops and presentations) & Formal Issue & Options consultation February – March 2014.
	Public participation on preferred options	January - February 2015
	Publication of Submission document	November 2015
	Public representations period on Submission document and consideration of representations	November – December 2015
	Submission	June 2016
	Pre-Hearing Meeting	est. August 2016
	Public Hearing	est. September/October 2016
	Adoption of document and revisions to Proposals Map	est. June 2017
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	Authorities Monitoring Report

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West Sussex Waste Local Plan Development Plan Document

Role and content	Sets 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.
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_publi/policies/minerals_and_waste_policy/minerals_and_waste.aspx	

West Sussex Minerals Local 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.
Status	Development Plan Document (DPD)
Chain of conformity	General conformity with national policy.
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 Site Allocations Development Plan Document

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 policy and the Waste and Minerals Plan.
Geographic	The administrative areas of East Sussex County and Brighton and Hove Unitary Authority,

coverage	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	

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10.0 Evidence Base

- 10.1 A key requirement for preparation of a Local Plan 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 adopted *Partnership 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 has 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 2011 and 2012 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.

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 Plan, where appropriate.

iv) *Authority Monitoring Reports*

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

11.0 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 Authorities Monitoring Report, the NPA will look to publish the first AMR in Spring 2014.
- 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.

12.0 Arrangements for Monitoring and Review

- 12.1 The Authority will aim to produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) annually. The AMR will report on progress with Local Plan preparation, report activity relating to the duty to cooperate and show how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing.

Appendix I – Profiles for Emerging Joint Core Strategies

East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy

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 policy.
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: 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: http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19877.asp	

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 policy
Geographic	The administrative areas of Mid Sussex District, including the parts within the South

coverage	Downs National Park
Timetable	
See the latest Mid Sussex District Plan timetable: http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/8277.htm	

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