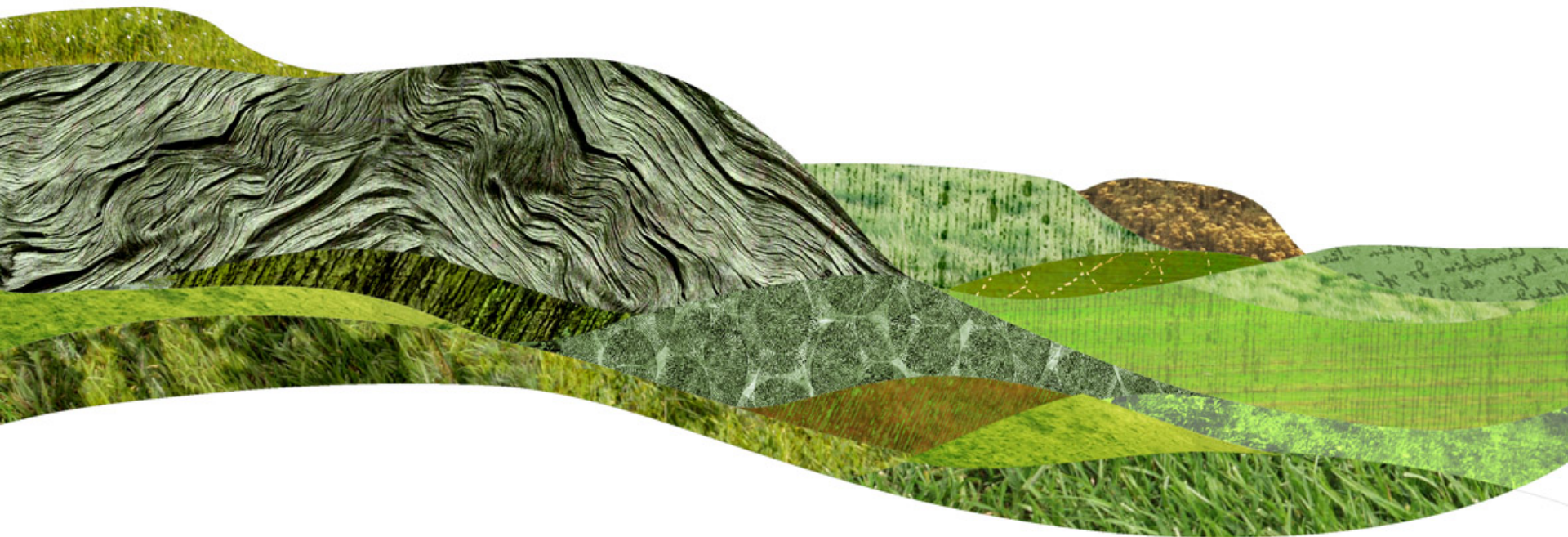


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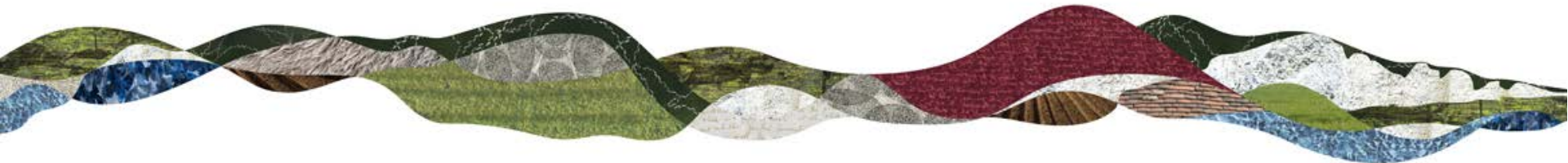
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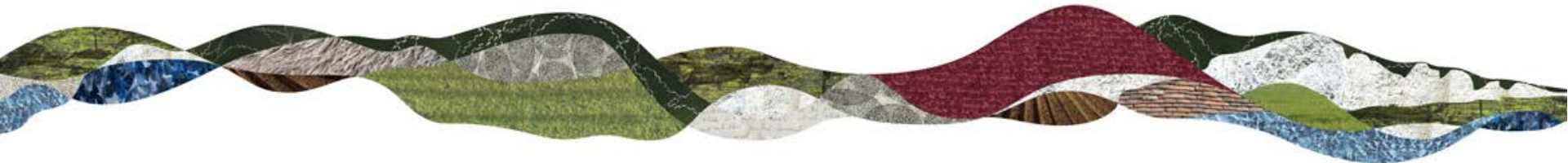
# South Downs Local Plan

- Progress since June NPA
- Sustainability Appraisal & Habitat Regulations Assessment
- Local Plan consultation



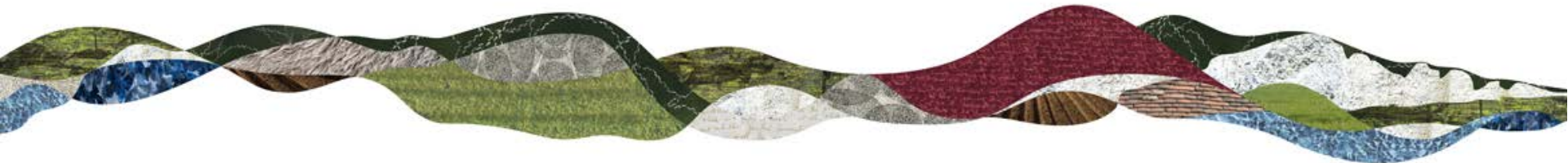
# Actions arising from June NPA

- Re-ordering of Core Policies
- Cemeteries and burial grounds
- Transport
- Sustainable farming
- Replacement dwellings and extensions
- Conversion of agricultural buildings



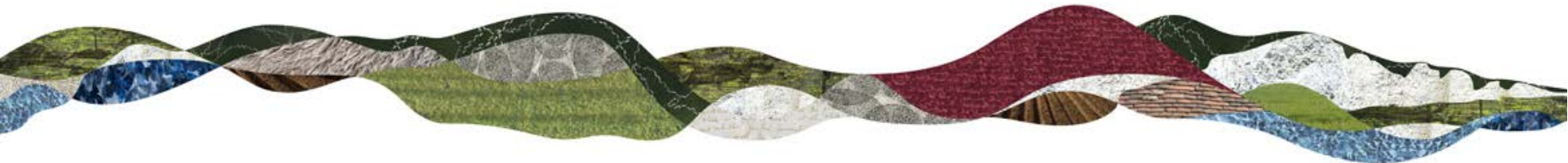
# New policies

- SD37 Trees, Woodland and Hedgerows
- SD58 Air Quality
- SD59 Contaminated Land



# Further actions

- Comprehensive proof read
- Policy check
- General edit for clarification, re-ordering and duplication





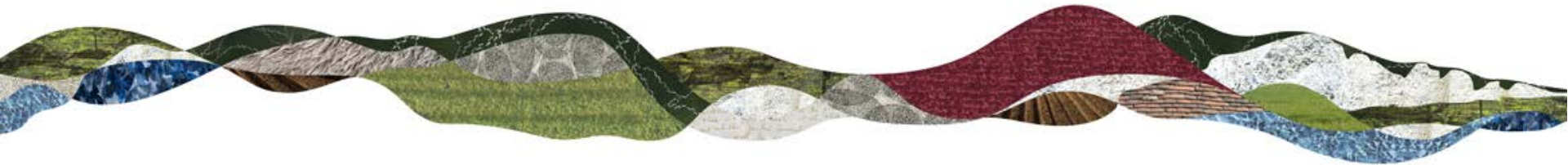
# Sustainability Appraisal

- All the draft policies have been appraised by the consultants
- General endorsement of the Preferred Options policies
- Assessment of reasonable alternatives



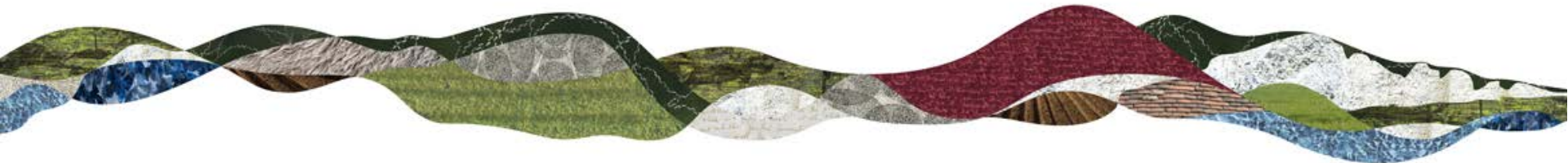
# Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA)

- Initial feedback that the Local Plan is not envisaged to trigger 'likely significant effects' on Natura 2000 designations providing the following recommendations are incorporated:
  - ✓ Mitigation measures for Greatham
  - ✓ Development buffers around SACs
  - ✓ Site specific HRAs required around Arun Valley SPA



# **Local Plan Consultation**

**2<sup>nd</sup> September to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015**







# Consultation events

- Roadshows
- Parish workshops
- 121 meetings with partners, statutory bodies & local authorities
- Raising awareness & leafletting
- Drawing competition for children & young people





# How to make a representation

- Consultation website:

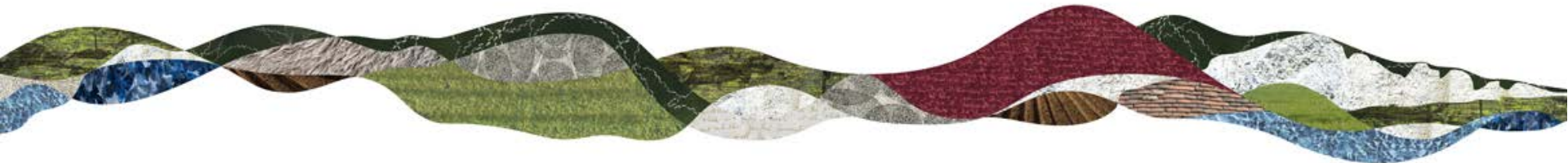
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- Electronic comment form to:

[Planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:Planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk)

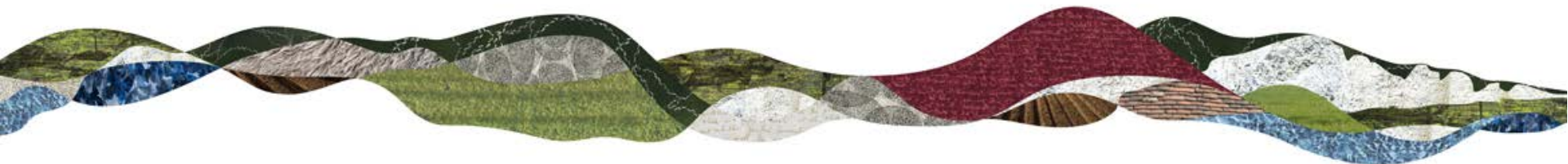
- Write to:

South Downs National Park Authority, South  
Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst GU29 9DH



**Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:**

**1) Approve the draft South Downs Local Plan: Preferred Options as set out at appendix 1 of this report for consultation under Regulation 18 of The Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012, cont....**



**Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:**

**...cont. 2) Endorse the direction of the emerging Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of which the summary of the appraisal and recommendations are set out in appendix 2 (to follow), this report and give the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chair of the National Park Authority delegated powers to approve for consultation under Regulation 13 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004, subject to any comments made by the NPA being addressed,**

**3) Endorse the direction of the draft Habitat Regulation Assessment (HRA) as set out in appendix 3 of this report, and give the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chair of the National Park Authority delegated powers to approve for consultation under the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010, subject to any comments made by the NPA being addressed, cont....**





**Recommendation: The Authority is recommended to:**

**....cont. 4) Note that additional comments raised by members on either the Local Plan, the SA and/or HRA raised during the NPA discussion will be addressed prior to their publication for consultation. The wording of these changes will be approved under delegated powers by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chair of the National Park Authority, and**

**5) Note that minor changes relating to updates, typographical errors and re-ordering of the Local Plan: Preferred Options prior to publication for public consultation will be made under delegated powers by the Director of Planning in consultation with the Chair of the National Park Authority**

