

Making a representation on the Twyford Neighbourhood Development Plan

All representations made on the Twyford Neighbourhood Development Plan (TNDP) will be passed on to an independent examiner to consider as part of the examination of the TNDP. Neighbourhood Development Plans are not examined in the same manner as Local Plans. Importantly, the examiner is required to consider whether the neighbourhood development plan meets five basic conditions, which state neighbourhood plans should:

- have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- be in general conformity with the strategic policies contained in the development plan for the area;
- be compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements;
- not be likely to have a significant effect on a European site or a European offshore marine site, either alone or in combination with other plans or projects.

Therefore, it is recommended that any representation should relate to these matters above.

What happens next?

The consultation ends on **Tuesday 25th march 2021**. The next stages for the TNDP are:

Stage	Further details
Examiner appointment	Will be appointed during the consultation period
Examination	Directly following the end of the consultation.
Examiner issues final report	The examiner makes one of the following recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – That the Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to Referendum, on the basis that it meets all legal requirements; – That the Neighbourhood Plan, as modified, should proceed to Referendum; or – That the Neighbourhood Plan does not proceed to Referendum, on the basis that it does not meet the relevant legal requirements.
Referendum	Subject to a successful examination, there will be a referendum when the community are asked: <i>“Do you want South Downs National Park Authority to use the neighbourhood plan for Twyford to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?”</i> If over 50% of those who vote say yes, the SINDP will be adopted by the South Downs National Park Authority.