

Reviewing the South Downs Partnership Management Plan 2014-2019

Background paper for SDLAF Meeting 30 November 2017

The first South Downs Partnership Management Plan (PMP) was launched in 2014. It sets out a vision and outcomes that are long-term (showing where we want to get to by 2050), policies that are for five years and beyond and a delivery framework showing projects and initiatives that will be undertaken over the next five years. The plan is for all those with an interest in or influence on the area and was prepared by the NPA in close association with a wider range of partners and stakeholders.

We have now begun the process of reviewing the PMP for the first time and will be talking to partners and key stakeholders about various aspects of the plan. With South Downs LAF Members we think would like to look at Outcome 5 in particular and also the policies related to access and transport, reproduced below:

Outcome 5: Outstanding visitor experiences are underpinned by a high-quality access and sustainable transport network, supporting improved health and wellbeing.

Indicators

- *Percentage of Public Rights of Way (PRoW) that is 'easy to use' or in good condition.*
- *Number of routes promoted as accessible.*
- *Proportion of visits by public transport.*
- *Percentage of visitors who felt very satisfied with the visitor experience.*
- *Number of day visits to museums and heritage sites.*

Access Policies

Policy 28: Improve and maintain rights of way and access land, to provide a better connected and accessible network for a range of abilities and users, and to reduce conflict where it occurs.

„ **Policy 29:** Enhance the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors by encouraging, supporting and developing the use of the National Park as a place for healthy outdoor activity and relaxation.

„ **Policy 30:** Develop 'access for all' opportunities, particularly supporting those groups currently underrepresented in the National Park visitor profile.

Transport Policies

„ **Policy 35:** Promote and enhance integrated travel provision from rail stations located at gateways and within the National Park for pedestrians, cyclists and bus travel.

„ **Policy 36:** Improve existing public transport provision for visitors and local communities, especially by increasing the availability of Sunday and evening bus and train services.

„ **Policy 37:** Encourage cycling for both commuting and leisure purposes through the development and promotion of a seamless and safer network and by protecting the potential opportunities for future off-road cycling infrastructure.

„ **Policy 38:** Work in partnership with key partners, business and organisations to reduce car travel across the National Park.

„ . **Policy 39:** Manage vehicle parking to improve visitor experiences and reduce the impact of traffic and parking on the local area.

„ . **Policy 40:** Manage the highway network and its infrastructure to integrate it more effectively into the landscape and reduce the impact of traffic on communities and visitors.

Questions for discussion in the workshop session

Outcome 5 and indicators

The outcomes set out our collective ambition i.e. where we want to be by 2050.

- Do you consider outcome 5 to be relevant still?
- Are the indicators useful measures of progress?
- Do you have any other suggestions for measurable indicators which would help us to monitor progress against the outcomes?

Policies 28, 29, and 30 relate to the access and the access network.

- Do you consider these policies to be relevant still?
- Are there other policy areas that could be included in this section?

Policies 35 to 40 relate to cycling, public transport, car travel and visitor parking.

- Do you consider these policies to be relevant still?
- Are there other policy areas that could be included in this section?

A full copy of the plan can be found on our website using the link below. The section containing the relevant policies and supporting text begins on page 46

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/SDNP-Partnership-Management-Plan-2014-19.pdf>

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