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General	The SDNPA welcomes this second pre-submission consultation on sites and Local Green Spaces.	
	The information relating to development sites could be clearer and should be made so before submitting the NDP to the SDNPA. Each site will need policy wording, a site plan and ideally individual policy numbers.	Review format of development sites.
Park Barn Farm	Whilst we acknowledge that an indicative layout has been provided in response to previous comments, we would have concerns about this layout in design terms. The sites needs to be sensitively designed to respond to the landscape and a design solution is required which would limit the area of hard standing for car parking.	Further work is carried out to establish the most appropriate design solution for this site.
	Further consideration will also need to be given to the location of the balancing pond as there are several well established trees in the south west corner of the site worthy of protection.	
	The policy criteria for this site should require any application be accompanied by a detailed landscaping scheme, which reflects the prevailing landscape character of the Adur to Ouse Scarp footslopes. Guidance is provided in the South Downs Integrated Landscape Character Assessment for the scarp footslope character area.	
	Any associated traffic calming measures should not be heavily highway engineered and respond to the landscape context, taking a more holistic approach (see SDNPA's Roads in the South Downs document)	
Lewes Road / Nye Lane	We are aware that there may be some Highways concerns regarding the footprint of the proposed houses on both sides of Nye Lane intruding onto the Highway and also onto what is registered Common Land. Also there could be concerns that there is insufficient parking and vehicle manoeuvring space for the proposed 4 terraced houses.	Review impact of development on highway.
Local Green Spaces	We recommend that the list and boundaries of proposed Local Green Spaces is reviewed with NPPF paragraphs 76-78 in mind. The designation as Local Green Space precludes all development apart from exceptional circumstances. This could present problems for the recreation and school grounds. In addition the inclusion of roadside	Review list of Local Green Spaces.

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	verges and common land may not be supported by an independent examiner who will be testing whether the proposed LGS are demonstrably special.	