

Report to	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date	<b>13 July 2017</b>
By	<b>Director of Planning</b>
Title of Report	<b>Quarterly Update on the Progress of Neighbourhood Planning</b>
Purpose of Report	<b>To update Members of the progress of Neighbourhood Development Plans across the South Downs National Park</b>

**Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to note the progress to date on the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans across the National Park.**

## **I. Summary**

- I.1 Neighbourhood planning is a very important aspect of the South Downs National Park Authority's role. Once Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) are 'Made' i.e. adopted by the National Park Authority (NPA), they form a part of the development plan for the National Park, alongside joint core strategies, saved Local Plan policies, minerals and waste plans and the emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP). The NDPs reflect the vision and objectives of the local community and should help to deliver the objectives and strategy of the emerging SDLP by making positive provision for development, in line with the Local Plan's development strategy. They will also be used to determine planning applications within the parish.
- I.2 These reports are produced quarterly for presentation at Planning Committee as many responses on NDPs are made by officers under delegated powers. This update enables Members to be aware of the breadth of NDPs across the National Park as well as the work officers' are undertaking with respect to progressing these. The quarterly reports will also be used to inform the Authority Monitoring Report published at the end of the year.
- I.3 Reports relating to NDPs presented to Planning Committee in the last quarter are listed in the following section of this report. Key areas of work carried out under delegated powers by the Authority since 1 April 2017 are set out in **Appendix I** of this report. Important milestones reached by NDPs are also set out in this appendix. All of the designated NDP that the NPA is the lead Authority for have now reached the key milestone of Pre-submission stage (Regulation 14) apart from Twyford and Fittleworth. Additional work in respect of Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) has needed to be undertaken for these two plans. This work is now completed and these NDPs should be able to proceed to Regulation 14 shortly.
- I.4 Officers are currently assessing what implications there will be for NDPs in the National Park following the recent High Court decision on the Lewes Joint Core Strategy relating to the HRA of the Ashdown Forest Special Area of Conservation (SAC). The NPA will work with our HRA consultants over the next few weeks on further traffic modelling for the HRA, in light of this decision relating to in-combination effects on International sites. Our current advice is for affected groups to carry on in the short term to enable us time to understand the implications and solutions. The NPA will do all the necessary HRA work for the NDP groups affected by the judgement and will continue to work in supporting the progression of their NDPs.

## 2. Planning Committee

2.1 In the period from 1 April until 30 June 2017 the following reports have been considered by Planning Committee:

- [Response to the Pre-Submission \(Regulation 14\) Consultation on the Petworth NDP \(May 2017\)](#)
- [Decision Statement for Lavant NDP \(May 2017\)](#)
- [Response to the Pre-submission \(Regulation 14\) Consultation on the Lewes NDP \(June 2017\)](#)
- [Making of the Amberley NPD \(June 2017\)](#)
- [Making of the Woodmancote Neighbourhood Plan \(June 2017\)](#)

## 3. Other Implications

Implication	Yes/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	No
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	No
Has due regard has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	Due regard has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equalities Act 2010. The qualifying body with responsibility for preparing the neighbourhood plan must prepare a Consultation Statement demonstrating how they have consulted the local community and statutory consultees. The examiner who assesses the plan will consider whether the Consultation Statement meets regulatory requirements.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy?	The qualifying body with responsibility for preparing the neighbourhood plan must demonstrate how its plan will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. This is set out in the Basic Conditions Statement. The examiner who assessed the plan considered that it met the requirements. Please note that the sustainability objectives used by qualifying bodies may not be the same as used by the SDNPA, but they will follow similar themes.

## 4. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

4.1 No decision proposed so no risks identified.

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Appendix	I. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update
SDNPA Consultees	Legal Services; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
External Consultees	None
Background Documents	All plans referred to and the responses made by the SDNPA are available on <a href="https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-development-plans/">https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-development-plans/</a>

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan <sup>1</sup>	Links to relevant documents
Amberley	Amberley NDP went to referendum on Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> May. The turnout was 57.6% and 91% of those who voted, voted in favour of the plan. The NDP was subsequently 'made' adopted by SDNPA planning committee on 15 <sup>th</sup> June 2017.	NDP: 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Horsham Core Strategy 2007: one of a number of settlements felt to be 'suitable...for varying levels of residential development'	<a href="#">Examiner's Report</a> <a href="#">Amberley Decision Statement</a>
Bury	At the beginning of March, Bury Parish Council agreed to formally submit the Bury NDP to the SDNPA. Subsequently a second Reg 14 consultation was carried out in order to consult Natural England who were omitted from the original consultation. A six week Regulation 16 Submission consultation will be undertaken by the SDNPA from July onwards.	NDP: 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Saved Policies from the Chichester Local Plan 1999: 0	<a href="#">Bury Reg 14 pre-submission NDP</a> <a href="#">SDNPA response to the Bury NDP</a>
Ditchling, Westmeston & Streat	Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat Parish Councils formally agreed to submit the Beacon Villages NDP to the SDNPA in May. A six week Regulation 16 Submission consultation will be undertaken by the SDNPA from July onwards.	NDP: 20 Emerging SDLP: 15 Lewes Joint Core Strategy: 15	<a href="#">Beacon Villages 2nd pre submission consultation</a> <a href="#">SDNPA response to consultation</a>
East Meon	The Examination of the East Meon NDP continues. Following the Examiner's initial examination of the NDP, he has published a number of questions for the Qualifying Body and SDNPA. The Examiner is awaiting specialist highway advice relating to one site allocation in East Meon NDP. This advice is being provided by Hampshire County Council at the request of the site promoter. The Examiner's report is anticipated in July.	NDP: 17 Emerging SDLP: 15 East Hampshire JCS: 'a share of minimum of 100 dwellings at other villages in the National Park'	<a href="#">SDNPA response to East Meon NDP submission version</a> <a href="#">Examiners Questions</a>

<sup>1</sup> Where information is available; some saved Local Plans (and associated housing numbers) have been superseded by more recent versions that do not include the National Park

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Fittleworth	The Fittleworth Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Habitats Regulations Assessment (HRA) have been completed. The findings of both assessments have been considered by the Fittleworth NDP group and minor modifications are being made to the NDP. The Qualifying Body (Fittleworth Parish Council) anticipate the amended version of the NDP to be agreed by the Parish Council in July. Pre Submission consultation will follow immediately.	NDP: min 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	
Lavant	In April, the Independent Examiner published his final report on the Lavant NDP. The report set out a series of modifications recommended by the Examiner. On 11 May the SDNPA's Planning Committee agreed the Decision Statement for Lavant NDP. This set out that all the recommendations made by the Examiner would be incorporated into the NDP. A referendum will be held on 18 July 2017.	NDP: min 75, 10 outside the SDNP Emerging SDLP: 20 <sup>2</sup> Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	<a href="#">Examiner's Report</a> <a href="#">Lavant Decision Statement</a>
Lewes	Lewes held their Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation from 8 <sup>th</sup> May until 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2017. The SDNPA's Planning Committee agreed the Authority's response to the consultation on the 15 <sup>th</sup> June.	NDP: 220 + 10% Emerging SDLP: 835 <sup>3</sup> Lewes JCS: Minimum 220 through NDP	<a href="#">SDNPA response to Lewes NDP</a>
Liss	Robert Bryan MRTPI has been appointed an independent examiner of the Liss NDP. The Liss NDP Examiner carried out an initial assessment of the Liss NDP in May 2017. The Examiner requested further information relating to landscape advice provided by the SDNPA, information relating to the Liss Gaps policy, and further information relating to Highway Authority advice relating to proposed site allocations. A 'public hearing' to allow further examination of key issues was held on 30 June 2017. The examiner's report following the hearing is expected later in July 2017.	NDP: 152 Emerging SDLP: 150 <sup>4</sup> East Hampshire JCS: 150	<a href="#">Requests for information and the SDNPA / Liss Parish Council response</a> <a href="#">Agenda for public hearing</a>

<sup>2</sup> Includes Mid Lavant and East Lavant

<sup>3</sup> Includes North Street Quarter and Old Mall Farm

<sup>4</sup> Includes West Liss and Liss Forest

<b>SDNPA-Led NDPs</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Links to relevant documents</b>
Patching	Patching Parish Council formally agreed to submit their NDP to the SDNPA in May. A six week Submission (Regulation 16) consultation is being run by the SDNPA from 12 June to 24 July 2017.	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: 0 Arun 2003 Local Plan: 0	<a href="#">Patching Reg 16 submission NDP</a>
Petworth	The NDP group ran their Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation from 3 April to 15 May 2017. The SDNPA's Planning Committee agreed the Authority's response to the consultation on the 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2017. The group are working hard in responding to the representations received and will be submitting the Plan for Examination shortly.	NDP: 150 Emerging SDLP: 150 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	<a href="#">SDNPA response to Petworth NDP</a>
Rogate	Rogate NPD group has started their second Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation plan as they have included allocated housing sites within their plan. The SDNPA response to the consultation will be considered by Planning Committee in August.	NDP: 25 Emerging SDLP: 11 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	<a href="#">Rogate Pre-submission draft June 2017</a>
Twyford	Commencement of the Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation has been delayed as result of the need for SEA / SA. It is anticipated that the Reg 14 consultation will be underway by early June. Horsham District Council is acting as consultants to prepare the SEA / SA for the Twyford NDP. The SEA / SA is awaiting further technical information to be submitted to the NDP group from Hampshire County Council. Following the submission of this, the SEA will continue and the Environmental Report is expected to be published in August. Following this, the NDP will make any necessary modifications and Pre-submission consultation will commence immediately.	NDP: min 20 Emerging SDLP: 20 Winchester JCS: 0	<a href="#">Early draft Twyford NDP</a>

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
Boxgrove	SDNPA was consulted on a revised SEA Screening Opinion for the Boxgrove NDP. A response was provided stating that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was considered necessary. However, a subsequent Screening Opinion request has been made to the SDNPA as a site has been removed from the NDP.	NDP: 12 none in the SDNP Emerging SDLP: n/a Chichester Local Plan: n/a	
Henfield	Henfield NPD was quashed following a JR in October 2016. The NPD group has now re-started work on the Plan.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Horsham Development Plan Framework 2015: A share of 1500 for all NDP groups (outside the SDNP)	
Newhaven	The NDP group has extended their Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation until 21st July 2017. Lewes District Council is the lead Authority for this plan. SDNPA has provided a response under delegated powers to this consultation.	NDP: 425 none in the SDNP Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes Joint Core Strategy: 825 total for Newhaven, 400 provided in a strategic site at Harbour Heights.	Officers' response on the Regulation 14 consultation will be placed on our website.
Plaistow and Iford	SDNPA were consulted on a revised SEA Screening Opinion for the Plaistow and Iford NDP. A response was provided stating that a Strategic Environmental Assessment was not considered necessary.	NDP: 10 none in SDNP area Emerging SDLP: n/a Chichester Local Plan: 10	
Plumpton	Second Pre-submission (Reg14) consultation running from 19th June to 31st July. Officers will be providing comments under delegated powers.	NDP: 87 Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: min 50	<a href="#">Plumpton Regulation 14 Pre-submission consultation NDP</a>
Rowlands Castle	The area was designated on 24 April 2017. East Hants are the lead Local Planning Authority. SDNPA officers have attended a start-up meeting and will be attending a further meeting in July.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a East Hants Joint Core Strategy:	<a href="#">Designated Neighbourhood Area</a>

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Seaford	SDNPA Landscape officer met with the NDP group and Lewes District Council in May to discuss a number of sites the neighbourhood plan group are considering allocating, including sites within the SDNP. Officers also provided comments on a SEA Scoping Report.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: min 185	
Steyning, Westmeston, Ashurst and Bramber	A SDNPA officer and Horsham District Council officers met with the SWAB NDP steering group in April. It is understood that the NDP has currently stalled. SDNPA officers have also met with local residents to discuss progress with the NDP.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Horsham 2007 CS: Steyning and Bramber amongst a number of settlements felt to be 'suitable...for varying levels of residential development'	
Westbourne	Westbourne Parish Council have submitted their NDP to Chichester District Council and it has been published for a six week Regulation 16 consultation until 24 July 2017. Officers will respond to the consultation through delegated powers.	NDP: 28 (outside the SDNP) Emerging SDLP: n/a CDC Local Plan: 25	<a href="#">Westbourne NDP – Submission Version</a>
Woodmancote	A referendum was held on the 4 May 2017. There was a turn out rate of 46% and 92% of voters voted in favour of the NDP. The SDNPA made the Woodmancote NDP for that part of the neighbourhood area that lies within the National Park at Planning Committee on 15 June 2017	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: n/a Horsham District Planning Framework 2015: 0	<a href="#">Made Woodmancote NDP</a>



## Made Neighbourhood Development Plans

Made Plans	Date Made by SDNPA	Date of SDNPA Area Designation	Referendum Turnout	Cost
Albourne	13 October 2016	13 September 2012	43.4%	N/A
Aldingbourne	8 December 2016	7 November 2013	24%	N/A
Amberley	15 June 2017	5 March 2015	57.7%	£12,125
Angmering	14 March 2015	14 March 2013	31.3%	N/A
Arundel	12 June 2014	14 March 2013	26.6%	N/A
Clapham	12 May 2016	13 November 2014	52.7%	£3,664.98
Fernhurst	14 April 2016	13 September 2012	18.2%	£33,703.94
Findon	8 December 2016	12 October 2012	25.5%	£35,518.40
Hamsey	14 July 2016	13 September 2012	28.0%	N/A
Ferring	12 March 2015	14 March 2013	45.2%	N/A
Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common	14 March 2015	13 September 2012	42.0%	N/A
Kirdford	12 June 2014	13 September 2012	44.0%	N/A
Milland	9 June 2016	13 June 2013	33.8%	£1,986.50
Petersfield	21 January 2016	13 September 2012	26.0%	£45,209.01
Ringmer	21 January 2016	13 September 2012	42.0%	N/A
Walberton	9 March 2017	14 March 2013	48%	N/A
Wisborough Green	9 June 2016	13 September 2012	36.6%	N/A
Woodmancote	15 June 2017	17 February 2014	46%	N/A

**Neighbourhood Development Plans not currently being progressed:** Sheet, Singleton

**Plans where there is nothing to report in the period 1 April to 30 June 2017:**

<b>SDNPA-Led</b>	<b>Other Authority-Led</b>		
	Bramshott & Liphook Hassocks Lynchmere Peacehaven & Telscombe	Rottingdean Storrington, Sullington & Washington	Upper Beeding