

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	10 August 2017
By	Director of Planning
Title of Report	South Downs National Park Authority Local Development Scheme
Purpose of Report	To gain approval from Members of the updated Local Development Scheme

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to

1. Approve the Local Development Scheme (Fourth Revision)

1. Introduction and Summary

- 1.1 The fourth revision of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) (**Appendix I**) sets out the National Park Authority's latest timetable for the preparation of all the Development Plan Documents (DPD) and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) in the South Downs National Park. This replaces the third revision adopted in January 2017 as advised at Planning Committee that month.
- 1.2 This report sets out the revisions and updates that has been undertaken and the purpose and scope of both documents.

2. Local Development Scheme

- 2.1 This revision of the LDS sets out the programme for the next two and half years up to December 2019. It replaces the LDS adopted by the NPA in January 2017. It sets out an updated programme for the following emerging plans and SPDs:
 - South Downs Local Plan
 - Joint West Sussex Minerals Plan
 - Joint East Sussex Mineral Plan Review
 - Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP)
 - Wealden Heath Phase 2 Special Protection Area (SPA) SPD
 - Design Guide SPD
 - Affordable Housing SPD
- 2.2 This fourth revision of the LDS more accurately sets out the progress of the South Downs Local Plan (SDLP). A summary of the key milestones for the production of the SDLP are set out in Figure 1.

Figure 1: Timeline for Local Plan preparation

Local Plan stage	Regulation	Date
Options Consultation	18	February-April 2014
Preferred Options Consultation	18	September-October 2015
Pre-Submission Consultation	19	September-November 2017
Submission to Secretary of State	22	March 2018
Examination	24	March-July 2018
Adoption	26	September 2018

- 2.3 The fourth revision of the LDS removes the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and the joint East Sussex, Brighton & Hove and South Mineral and Waste Sites Plan as set out in the third revision, given their adoption by the National Park Authority earlier this year.
- 2.4 The joint West Sussex Minerals Local Plan was submitted to the Government on 26 May 2017. The examination hearings are proposed to be held in Chichester in September 2017. The fourth revision of the LDS anticipates that the adoption of this plan will be in January 2018, although this is subject to the potential need for any 'main modifications' identified by the Inspector which will require a further period of public consultation.
- 2.5 The proposed joint East Sussex Minerals Local Plan Review and the Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP) are both programmed for two periods of public consultation in 2018 with examination hearing and adoption in 2019. Timelines are also set out for three SPDs.
- 2.6 Reference is also made to the neighbourhood development plans (NDP) that are in various stages of preparation across the National Park. Their timetables are not, however, addressed in this LDS.

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 been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	Due regard has been taken to the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010. No impact has been identified in respect of this decision. An Equality Impact Assessment will be prepared for the whole Local Plan.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	No
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: 1. Living within environmental limits 2. Ensuring a strong healthy and just society 3. Achieving a sustainable economy 4. Promoting good governance 5. Using sound science responsibly	A Sustainability Appraisal will be prepared to inform the preparation of each of the Local Development Documents set out in the updated (4 th) South Downs LDS.

4. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation
Without a comprehensive, sound and robust planning policy framework for the National Park, underpinned by up-to-date evidence, the Authority risks losing control over inappropriate new development, which may be allowed on appeal, and lose opportunities to guide and facilitate appropriate new development.	Medium	High	These risks are significantly reduced through the preparation of sound Local Development Documents for the SDNP.

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Appendices I. Local Development Scheme Fourth Revision (August 2017)
SDNPA Consultees Chief Executive Officer; Legal Services; Chief Finance Officer;
Monitoring Officer; Director of Planning; Planning Policy
Manager; Director of Countryside Policy & Management
External Consultees None
Background Local Development Scheme (December 2016)
Documents <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/meeting/planning-committee-19-january-2017/>