

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	12 October 2017
By	Director of Planning
Title of Report	Quarterly Update on the Progress of Neighbourhood Planning
Purpose of Report	To update Members of the progress of Neighbourhood Development Plans across the South Downs National Park

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 Support for 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 NDP's 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 NDP's 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 section 2 of this report. Key areas of work carried out under delegated powers by the Authority since 1 July 2017 are set out in **Appendix 1** of this report. Important milestones reached by NDPs are also set out in this appendix. All of the designated NDP's 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. Once this work is completed, these NDP's should be able to proceed to Regulation 14 shortly.
- I.4 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 has been working with our HRA consultants on further traffic modelling and air quality calculations for the HRA of the Pre-submission Local Plan (which includes numbers of homes apportioned to settlements to be allocated through NDPs). The methodology of this work addresses the legal judgement relating to in-combination effects on International sites. The

HRA is now published on the NPA website as part of the consultation of the Pre-Submission South Downs Local Plan. The HRA concludes that, with regard to air quality, no adverse effects on the integrity of any international sites are expected, alone or in combination with other projects and plans. Therefore this matter can be screened out as part of the HRA screening for NDPs. The NPA will continue to work with NDP groups on any HRA matters that arise.

2. Planning Committee

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

- [Making of the Lavant Neighbourhood Development Plan](#)
- [Liss Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement](#)
- [East Meon Neighbourhood Development Plan Decision Statement](#)
- [SDNPA response to the Pre-Submission \(Regulation 14\) Consultation on the Rogate & Rake Neighbourhood Development Plan](#)

3. Commercial Activity

3.1 Since April 2017, officers have been undertaking external work for parishes and local planning authorities outside the National Park. To date this has included the following work:

- Local Green Space Report for Storrington NDP (Horsham)
- Thruxton Local Green Space Report (Test Valley)
- Rudgwick Neighbourhood Planning Support (Horsham)

We have also been commissioned to do further work for Thruxton Parish Council and landscape assessment and site selection work for King's Somborne (Test Valley).

4. 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	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

Implication	Yes/No
Strategy?	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.

5. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

5.1 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 <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/community-planning/neighbourhood-development-plans/>

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan ¹	Links to relevant documents
Bury	A six week Regulation 16 Submission consultation was undertaken by the SDNPA and which closed on the 23 rd August. Officers made a response to the consultation under delegated powers. John Slater MRTPI was appointed to undertake the Examination which took place in September. The Examiner's report is expected shortly.	NDP: 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Saved Policies from the Chichester Local Plan 1999: 0	SDNPA response on Reg16 Consultation
Ditchling, Westmeston & Streat	Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat Parish Councils formally submitted the Beacon Villages NDP to the SDNPA in May. A Regulation 16 Submission consultation was undertaken by the SDNPA from 5 July to 28 August. Officers made a response to the consultation under delegated powers. The response largely related to minor corrections and amendments, with just a couple of more significant issues outstanding. These included how affordable housing is dealt with within the plan and ensuring the allocation of land at Park Barn Farm has an acceptable landscape impact. Mr Christopher Lockhart-Mummery has been appointed to undertake the examination.	NDP: 19 Emerging SDLP: 15 Lewes Joint Core Strategy: 15	Beacon Villages Submission NDP SDNPA response to consultation
East Meon	The Examiner's report has been published and in September the SDNPA Planning Committee agreed the Decision Statement which sets out the modifications to be made to the NDP. A referendum will be held on the 9 November 2017.	NDP: 17 Emerging SDLP: 15 East Hampshire JCS: 'a share of minimum of 100 dwellings at other villages in the National Park'	SDNPA Decision Statement

¹ 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

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan ¹	Links to relevant documents
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 October. Pre Submission consultation will follow immediately after.	NDP: min 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	
Lavant	A referendum on the Lavant NDP was held on 18 July 2017. 86% of those voting, voted in favour of the neighbourhood plan. The Neighbourhood Plan was made by the SDNPA Planning Committee in August.	NDP: min 75 (10 of which are outside the SDNP) Emerging SDLP: 20 ² Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	Made Lavant NDP
Lewes	Lewes held their Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation from 8 th May until 21 st June 2017. The SDNPA's Planning Committee agreed the Authority's response to the consultation on the 15 th June. The NDP group have been going through the comments received (220 completed questionnaires and 19 responses from statutory bodies and organisations). The NDP group have decided to commission viability work on the proposed Lewes Low Cost Housing policy approach. Further work on additional evidence base is also required including on site selection and flood risk. SDNPA officers have encouraged the group to submit the final Lewes NDP by Christmas.	NDP: 220 + 10% Emerging SDLP: 835 ³ Lewes JCS: Minimum 220 through NDP	SDNPA response to Lewes NDP
Liss	The Examiner's report has been published and in September the SDNPA Planning Committee agreed the Decision Statement which sets out the modifications to be made to the NDP. A referendum will be held on the 9 November 2017.	NDP: 152 Emerging SDLP: 150 ⁴ East Hampshire JCS: 150	SDNPA Decision Statement

² Includes Mid Lavant and East Lavant

³ Includes North Street Quarter and Old Mall Farm

⁴ Includes West Liss and Liss Forest

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan ¹	Links to relevant documents
Patching	Following submission of the Patching NDP to the SDNPA in May, a six week Submission (Regulation 16) consultation was held from 12 June to 24 July 2017. Officers made a response to the consultation under delegated powers. John Slater MRTPI was appointed to undertake the examination. The Examiner has issued his final report and recommends the Patching NDP can proceed to referendum with a number of minor modifications. Officers will prepare a Decision Statement under delegated powers setting out the modifications which will be made to the NDP. A referendum will be held on the 7 th December 2017.	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: 0 Arun 2003 Local Plan: 0	Examiner's Report Patching Reg 16 submission NDP
Petworth	Following agreement by Petworth Town Council, the NDP group submitted the Petworth NDP to the SDNPA in July. The SDNPA has published the submitted Petworth NDP for consultation from 4 September to 16 October 2017. The SDNPA's comments are being presented to the October Planning Committee. The SDNPA has undertaken a major development test on the proposed allocations in the Petworth NDP.	NDP: 150 Emerging SDLP: 150 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	Petworth NDP submission version
Rogate	Rogate NPD undertook their second Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation plan as they have included allocated housing sites within their plan. The consultation ran until the 18 August. The SDNPA response to the consultation was considered by Planning Committee in September.	NDP: 25 Emerging SDLP: 11 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	Rogate Pre-submission draft June 2017 SDNPA response to consultation
Stedham with Iping	Stedham with Iping made an application to designate the parish as a Neighbourhood Area for the purposes of preparing a Neighbourhood Plan. The Neighbourhood Area was designated by the SDNPA on the 1 st August 2017 under delegated powers. The NDP group are in the early stages of preparing their draft plan.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: 18 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	Designated Neighbourhood Area
Twyford	Commencement of the Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation has been delayed as result of the need for further work on SEA / SA.	NDP: minimum 20 Emerging SDLP: 20 Winchester JCS: 0	Early draft Twyford NDP

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
Bramshott & Liphook	SDNPA officer attended a Parish Council meeting regarding the NDP on the 25 th September. A series of Design Forum events are planned for early November with a feedback event at the end of November.	NDP: n/a Emerging SDLP: n/a East Hampshire JCS: 175	
Plumpton	Second Pre-submission (Reg14) consultation ran from 19th June to 31st July. Officers provided comments under delegated powers. These included comments regarding the proposed housing site at Lewes Racecourse to the south of the railway line. Plumpton Parish Council have submitted their final draft NDP to the SDNPA and Lewes District Council. The regulation 16 submission consultation will run from the 5 October to the 22 November.	NDP: 87 Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS min 50	Plumpton Regulation 14 Pre-submission consultation NDP SDNPA Consultation response
Seaford	Seaford Town Council continue to prepare a draft of their neighbourhood plan and a Reg 14 pre-submission consultation is expected shortly. The neighbourhood plan group have considered sites both in and outside the National Park. Currently the neighbourhood plan group have indicated they do not intend to allocate in the National Park.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: min 185	Designated Seaford Neighbourhood Area
Steyning, Wiston, Ashurst and Bramber	Ashurst, Bramber and Wiston Parish Councils have decided to separate from the cluster and each has issued a withdrawal statement. They are in the process of deciding whether to prepare individual NDP's. If they do decide to proceed all former members of the group will need to apply to re-designate their NDP area.	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'	

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
Storrington, Sullington & Washington	The Storrington, Sullington & Washington NDP failed at examination in March 2016. Further work has been undertaken and a new Pre-submission Regulation 14 consultation was undertaken from 6 July to 17 August 2017. Officers responded to the consultation under delegated powers. These included comments relating to the proposed large housing site at Ravenscroft Allotments which adjoins the National Park boundary and includes the relocation of the allotments into the National Park.	NDP: 229 Emerging SDLP: n/a Horsham 2007 CS: Storrington/ Sullington & Washington amongst a number of settlements felt to be 'suitable...for varying levels of residential development'	Storrington, Sullington & Washington Pre-submission consultation NDP SDNPA Regulation 14 consultation response
Westbourne	Chichester District Council published the submitted Westbourne NDP for a six week Regulation 16 consultation until 24 July 2017. Officers provided a response to the consultation through delegated powers. SDNPA officers have been requested to attend the examination hearing which will be held in October.	NDP: 28 (outside the SDNP) Emerging SDLP: n/a CDC Local Plan: 25	Westbourne NDP – Submission Version
Upper Beeding	A Housing Needs Assessment has been undertaken on behalf of the NDP group. SDNPA officer will attend a meeting to discuss the findings of the assessment on the 9 th October.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: Shoreham Cement Works Strategic Site Horsham 2007 CS: Upper Beeding amongst a number of settlements felt to be 'suitable...for varying levels of residential development'	

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
Ferring	12 March 2015	14 March 2013	45.2%	N/A
Findon	8 December 2016	12 October 2012	25.5%	£35,518.40
Hamsey	14 July 2016	13 September 2012	28.0%	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
Lavant	10 August 2017	18 March 2013	24%	£15,926 ⁵
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

⁵ Excluding referendum costs which Chichester DC have yet to invoice SDNPA for.

Neighbourhood Development Plans not currently being progressed:

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Plans where there is nothing to report in the period 1 July to 30 September 2017:

SDNPA-Led	Other Authority-Led	
Findon	Boxgrove Henfield Hassocks Lynchmere Newhaven Peacehaven & Telscombe Plaistow and Ifold Pulborough	Rowlands Castle Rottingdean Sompting West Chiltington