

Report to	<b>Planning Committee</b>
Date	<b>13 April 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 development plan for the South Downs National Park. Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) form a part of the development plan for the National Park once they are made by the National Park Authority (NPA) alongside joint core strategies, saved Local Plan policies, minerals and waste plans and the emerging South Downs Local Plan.
- I.2 Many responses on NDPs are made by officers under delegated powers, and Members need to be aware of the work officers of the NPA are doing across the National Park. These reports are produced quarterly for presentation at Planning Committee. These reports will then feed into the Authority Monitoring Report published at the end of the year. This is the fourth quarterly report presented to Planning Committee, highlights of the year are provided below:

Neighbourhood Planning in the SDNP 2016-17 Highlights
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 16 made (adopted) NDPs</li> <li>• 1,060 total housing allocations in made NDPs</li> <li>• 10 draft NDPs consulted on</li> <li>• 673 draft housing allocations in emerging NDPs</li> </ul>

- 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 done under delegated powers by the Authority since 1 January 2017 are set out in Appendix I of this report. Key milestones reached by NDPs are also set out in the appendix. All groups are aware of the importance of progressing their draft plans ahead of the South Downs Local Plan. The following NDP groups will reach submission stage by the 1st April 2017; Lavant, Liss, and East Meon. Furthermore the following NDPs will have started or completed their pre-submission consultation on or around the 1st April; Bury, Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat, Patching, Petworth and Rogate.
- 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. This has implications for housing numbers in that area and Habitats Regulations Assessments that have been undertaken for a number of NDPs. Our current advice is for affected groups to carry on in the short term to enable us time to understand the implications and solutions.

## 2. Planning Committee

2.1 In the period from 1 January to 31 March the following reports have been considered by Planning Committee:

- [Response to Submission \(Reg 16\) consultation on the Lavant NDP](#) (Feb 2017)
- [Response to Submission \(Reg 16\) consultation on the Liss NDP](#) (Feb 2017)
- [Making of the Walberton NDP](#) (March 2017)
- [Decision Statement for Amberley NDP](#) (March 2017)
- [Response to Submission \(Reg 16\) consultation on the East Meon NDP](#) (March 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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Appendices 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/planning-policy/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 <sup>1</sup>	Links to relevant documents
Amberley	The independent examiner of Amberley NDP published her report in February. She recommended that the Amberley NDP could proceed to referendum with a number of modifications. The SDNPA's Planning Committee then agreed the Decision Statement on 9 March 2017. A referendum will be held on 4 May 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>
Ditchling, Westmeston & Streat	The Beacon Villages NDP ran a second Regulation 14 pre submission consultation, from the 7 December to the 28 January 2017. This second consultation relates to new housing sites and Local Green Spaces only. Officers prepared a response to the consultation under delegated authority, which is available on the website.	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	Following submission of the East Meon NDP, the SDNPA published the East Meon NDP for consultation from the 27 January to the 10 March 2017. The SDNPA response to the Reg 16 Submission consultation was agreed by Planning Committee in March. John Slater MRTPI has been appointed as independent examiner for the East Meon NDP.	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>

<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

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
Fittleworth	Commencement of the Reg 14 pre submission consultation has been delayed as the SEA / SA and Habitats Regulations Assessment need to be completed before it can proceed. Work is underway on the HRA, which is being prepared by consultants AECOM. The SEA / SA scoping report has been consulted on and the next stage of assessment is outstanding. It is anticipated that the Reg 14 pre submission consultation will be underway by June.	NDP: min 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	
Lavant	Following submission of the Lavant NDP, the SDNPA publicised the NDP for Reg 16 Submission consultation from 10 Jan to 21 February. Planning Committee agreed the SDNPA's response to this consultation in February. John Slater MRTPI was appointed independent examiner of the Lavant NDP and the examination is underway. The examiner has indicated that he doesn't think a public hearing is necessary.	NDP: min 75 (10 of which are outside the SDNP) Emerging SDLP: 20 <sup>2</sup> Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	<a href="#">Lavant NDP submission version and supporting documents.</a> <a href="#">SDNPA's response to the submission consultation</a>
Lewes	Having established a long list of sites, the NDP group are now undertaking their site assessment. A timetable has been agreed with the NDP group which sets out tasks to be completed ahead of pre submission (Reg 14) consultation starting in May. SEA / SA is being progressed alongside the drafting of the pre submission Lewes NDP. A meeting has been arranged to discuss the emerging historic environment policies with input from Historic England, the SDNPA and East Sussex County Council archaeology.	NDP: 220 + 10% Emerging SDLP: 835 <sup>3</sup> Lewes JCS: Minimum 220 through NDP	
Liss	Following submission of the Liss NDP, the SDNPA publicised the NDP for Regulation 16 Submission consultation from 16 Dec to 10 Feb 2017. The SDNPA response to this consultation was agreed by Planning Committee in February. Robert Bryan MRTPI has been appointed an independent examiner of the Liss NDP.	NDP: 152 Emerging SDLP: 150 <sup>4</sup> East Hampshire JCS: 150	<a href="#">SDNPA Planning Committee report</a> <a href="#">SDNPA Response Liss NDP website</a>

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

<sup>3</sup> Includes North Street Quarter and Old Mallig 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>
Petworth	The NDP group will be launching their pre submission (Reg 14) consultation at a public event to be held on the 31 March. The consultation will run from 3 April to 15 May 2017.	NDP: 150 Emerging SDLP: 150 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	<a href="#">Petworth NDP website</a>
Twyford	Commencement of the Reg 14 pre-submission consultation has been delayed as the SEA / SA needs to be completed before it can start. Horsham District Council are acting as consultants to prepare the SEA / SA for the Twyford NDP. It is anticipated that the Reg 14 pre submission consultation will be underway by early June.	NDP: minimum 20 Emerging SDLP: 20 Winchester JCS: 0	<a href="#">Twyford NDP</a>

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
Plaistow and Iford	SDNPA have been consulted on a revised SEA Screening Opinion for the Plaistow and Iford NDP. This is due to changes to the NDP including a different proposed site allocation and removal of several Local Green Spaces.	NDP: 10, none in SDNP area Emerging SDLP: n/a Chichester Local Plan: 10	
Seaford	SDNPA officers met with the NDP group in January to discuss progress on the Seaford NDP. The group are currently gathering evidence and considering sites, which includes some sites within the National Park.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: n/a	
Sompting	Sompting Parish Council submitted the Sompting NDP to Adur and Worth District Council, who have since advised the Parish Council they should undertake a further Reg 14 pre submission consultation on the Housing and Estate Design Guide attached to the Sompting NDP.	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: n/a Adur Local Plan 1996: n/a	
Walberton	The Walberton NDP went to referendum on the 1 February 2017. There was a 48% turnout, with 95.66% voting in favour of the Walberton NDP. The SDNPA subsequently made (adopted) the NDP on the 9 March 2017.	NDP: 48, none in SDNP area Emerging SDLP: n/a Arun 2003 Local Plan: n/a	<a href="#">Made Walberton NDP</a>
Woodmancote	The independent examiners report was received for the Woodmancote NDP and on the 6 March Horsham DC agreed the Decision Statement. A referendum will be held on the 4 May 2017.	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: n/a Horsham District Planning Framework: 0	<a href="#">Woodmancote Decision Statement</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
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

## Neighbourhood Development Plans not currently being progressed:

Sheet, Singleton



**Plans where there is nothing to report in the period 1 January to 31 March 2017:**

<b>SDNPA-Led</b>	<b>Other Authority-Led</b>		
Patching Rogate	Bramshott & Liphook Boxgrove Hassocks Henfield Lynchmere Newhaven Peacehaven & Telscombe	Plumpton Rottingdean Storrington, Sullington & Washington	Steyning Upper Beeding Westbourne

