

Agenda Item 16
Report PC10/18

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	18 January 2018
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) have successfully passed a community referendum, they become 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). They are also subsequently 'made' i.e. adopted by the National Park Authority (NPA). 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 It has been a very busy 3 months for neighbourhood planning across the National Park. Two more NDPs were made following successful examinations (Liss and East Meon), two NDPs successfully passed examination and have referendums set for early March (Patching and Bury) and a further two NDPs have entered the examination stage (Petworth and Ditchling, Westmeston & Streat). In addition, Stedham with Iping parish decided they would like to prepare an NDP and have had their neighbourhood areas designated. Furthermore, officers have provided comments and attended events relating to nine draft NDPs which cross the border of the National Park. A summary of the current status of NDPs across the National Park is provided in Table 1:

Table I
Status of NDPs as of Jan 2018

Stage	Total NDPs	SDNPA lead
Made	20	8
Examination	6	4
Pre-submission (Reg 14) draft	9	2
Designated neighbourhood area	51	20

- 1.4 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 October 2017 are set out in **Appendix I** of this report. Details of all the made NDPs are also provided in the appendix.

2. Planning Committee

- 2.1 In the period from 1 October until 31 December 2017 the following reports have been considered by Planning Committee:

- [Making of Liss Neighbourhood Development Plan](#)
- [Making of East Meon Neighbourhood Development Plan](#)
- [SDNPA Response to Submission \(Reg 16\) consultation on the Petworth NDP](#)

3. Resource implications

- 3.1 The SDNPA receives funding from DCLG to support work on neighbourhood planning. For each NDP the SDNPA leads on, the Authority can claim £20k (previously £30K) to cover the cost of the examination and referendum. The cost of Neighbourhood Planning to the SDNPA (excluding staff costs) is normally covered by the grants received from DCLG. This remains the case despite the reduction in grant from DCLG. There are 12 further emerging NDPs yet to be made in the National Park. With the exception of Lewes and Petworth, these are NDPs for villages where the cost of examination and referendum is unlikely to exceed the available grant.

4. Commercial Activity

- 4.1 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)
 - Thruxton Pre-submission (Reg 14) draft plan (Test Valley)
 - King's Somborne Landscape Assessment to inform site selection (Test Valley)

5. Other Implications

Implication	Yes/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	No
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	No

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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. 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.

6. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

6.1 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	<p>The Examiner's report was received in October which recommended the NDP could proceed to referendum with a number of modifications. A Decision Statement has been prepared which accepts all the modifications set out in the Examiner's report apart from two minor variations from the Examiner's recommendations. These are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minor variation to the wording BNDP Policy 3 – Allocation for New housing to allow for greater flexibility in how the site comes forward • To retain the designation of the Wharf and Common Land as a Parish Heritage Asset – BNDP Policy 8. <p>Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) regulations 2012 (as amended), if the Local Planning Authority proposes to make a decision which differs from that recommended by the Examiner, it must notify the: qualifying body, consultation bodies and those that made representations to the Examiner; of their proposed decision (and the reason for it) and invite representations on the variations. The closing date for representation is Friday 12 January 2018. A referendum date has been set for the 1 March 2018.</p>	<p>NDP: 6</p> <p>Emerging SDLP: 6</p> <p>Saved Policies from the Chichester Local Plan 1999: 0</p>	<p>Proposed Decision Statement</p> <p>Examiner's Report</p>
Ditchling, Westmeston & Streat	<p>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 QC was appointed to undertake the examination and provided his examination report for fact-checking at the end of December 2017.</p>	<p>NDP: 19</p> <p>Emerging SDLP: 15</p> <p>Lewes Joint Core Strategy: 15</p>	<p>Beacon Villages Submission NDP</p> <p>SDNPA response to consultation</p>

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 Plan¹	Links to relevant documents
East Meon	Following a successful examination, the East Meon NDP went to community referendum on the 9 November 2017. There was a 37% turnout with 83.9% voting in favour of the NDP. The East Meon NDP was subsequently 'made' at the SDNPA Planning Committee on 14 December 2017.	NDP: 17 Emerging SDLP: 15 East Hampshire JCS: 'a share of minimum of 100 dwellings at other villages in the National Park'	East Meon NDP – 'made' plan
Fittleworth	Fittleworth Parish Council are expected to start their Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) consultation in early January.	NDP: min 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	
Lewes	Following the Pre-submission (Regulation 14) consultation earlier in the summer the NDP group have been working on revising the Plan and compiling their evidence base. The group have commissioned additional work on viability and flood risk assessment for sites allocated in the Plan. Officer advice has been given regarding the overlap of allocations in the NDP and the Local Plan relating to the Wenban Smith site (part of the wider North Street Quarter strategic allocation). SDNPA officers had encouraged the group to submit the final Lewes NDP by Christmas, however the group are expected to receive agreement from the Town Council to submit on the 22 February 2018.	NDP: 220 + 10% Emerging SDLP: 835 ² Lewes JCS: Minimum 220 through NDP	SDNPA Pre-submission (Reg 14) response to Lewes NDP
Liss	Following a successful examination, the Liss NDP went to community referendum on the 9 November 2017. There was a 30% turnout with 87.2% voting in favour of the NDP. The Liss NDP was subsequently 'made' at the	NDP: 152 Emerging SDLP: 150 ³	Liss NDP – 'made' plan

² Includes North Street Quarter and Old Mall Farm

³ Includes West Liss and Liss Forest

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan¹	Links to relevant documents
	SDNPA Planning Committee on 14 December 2017.	East Hampshire JCS: 150	
Patching	Following submission and consultation on the Patching NDP, an examination was held in August. The Examiner has issued his final report and recommends the Patching NDP can proceed to referendum with a number of minor modifications. A Decision Statement has been prepared under delegated powers and a referendum set for the 1 March 2018.	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: 0 Arun 2003 Local Plan: 0	Decision Statement Examiner's Report Patching Reg 16 submission NDP
Petworth	The examination of Petworth NDP is currently underway. Some initial queries were received from the Examiner (Mr John Slater) and officers and the Town Council have responded to these. The Examiner has indicated that he does not consider a public hearing will be necessary. The Examiner's report is expected shortly and once received any recommended modifications will be presented to a future Planning Committee to agree the Decision Statement.	NDP: 150 Emerging SDLP: 150 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	SDNPA & PTC response to the Examiner's queries Petworth NDP submission version
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 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

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 September and subsequent Design Forum events in November.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a East Hampshire JCS: 175	
Boxgrove	A delegated officers response was made on the Pre-submission (Reg 14) version of the Boxgrove NDP in November. An objection was raised on the proposed village envelope for Halnaker (which would extend into the SDNP very slightly). Amendments were also recommended to policies on tourism and employment.	NDP: 6-8 (outside SDNP) Emerging SDLP: n/a Chichester Core Strategy: 25	SDNPA consultation response
Peacehaven & Telscombe	A Visioning event was attended by officers on 19 October. The parish council are in the early stages of preparing their NDP.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: 225	
Plaistow and Ifold	A delegated officers response was made on the Pre-submission (Reg 14) version of the Plaistow & Ifold NDP in October. Comments were made to the effect that greater specific reference to the National Park should be made in the NDP, particularly in regard to development constraints and the importance of protecting the landscape.	NDP: 11 (outside SDNP) Emerging SDLP: n/a Chichester Core Strategy: 10	SDNPA consultation response
Plumpton	The regulation 16 submission consultation ran from the 5 October to the 22 November. Officers made a response under delegated powers which was largely supportive of the submitted NDP. In particular the removal of a housing site at Plumpton Racecourse was welcomed as this proposal would	NDP: 87 Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS min 50	SDNPA consultation response Plumpton NDP Submission Version

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
	have been seen in views from and towards the SDNP.		
Seaford	Seaford Town Council are running a Pre-Submission (Reg 14) consultation on their draft NDP from 3 November to 2 January 2018. The draft NDP does not include any housing allocations in the SDNP. Officers will make a delegated response to the consultation.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: min 185	Pre-submission version of the Seaford NDP Designated Seaford Neighbourhood Area
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 were then invited to attend the examination hearing held in October to provide an opinion on the NDP gypsy and travellers policy which incorporates elements of the SDLP policy.	NDP: 28 (outside the SDNP) Emerging SDLP: n/a CDC Local Plan: 25	SDNPA consultation response Westbourne NDP – Submission Version

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

Made Plans	Date Made by SDNPA	Date of SDNPA Area Designation	Referendum Turnout	Cost
Clapham	12 May 2016	13 November 2014	52.7%	£3,664.98
East Meon	14 December 2017	14 August 2014	37%	£13,868.15
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 ⁴
Liss	14 December 2017	14 August 2017	30%	£26,069.84
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

⁴ 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 October to 31 December 2017:

SDNPA-Led	Other Authority-Led	
Findon Rogate Twyford	Henfield Hassocks Lynchmere Newhaven Pulborough	Rowlands Castle Rottingdean Sompting Steyning Storrington & Sullington West Chiltington Upper Beeding