



South Downs National Park
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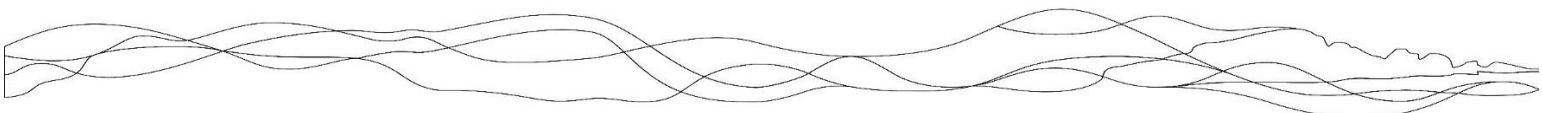
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I. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** We endeavour to ensure that all our planning documents that we have, or are in the process of developing, are known about and clearly programmed. The process for doing this is known as a Local Development Scheme (LDS) – effectively a project plan for formal Planning Documents. This updated LDS provides a revised programme for the production of Local Development Documents. The timelines are set out in appendix I of this document. This includes the proposed programmes for:
- South Downs Local Plan
 - Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP)
 - various Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) and
 - various Minerals and Waste Plans undertaken jointly with County Councils,
- 1.2** Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are also obliged to keep their LDS under review. This fifth iteration of the LDS covers the period up to December 2020 and updates the South Downs Local Development Scheme published in August 2017.
- 1.3** The aim of this updated LDS is to accurately reflect the current position in the plan making process and provide public information of the process and timetable for the preparation and review of local development documents.

2. HIERARCHY OF POLICY AND PLAN-MAKING

National

- 2.1** The Government published the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in March 2012. The Government published a Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) (as amended) in March 2012. The Government provided in March 2014 a website based resource, the Planning Practice Guidance (PPG), which supports interpretation of the NPPF and PPTS through further detailed guidance. LPAs must have regard to the NPPF, PPTS and PPG in preparing its Local Plan. National Park Authorities also have to have regard to the DEFRA Vision and Circular.

Development Plan for the South Downs National Park

- 2.2** Until the emerging South Downs Local Plan is adopted by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) the Development Plan for the National Park consists of the following adopted development plan documents (DPDs) along with a number of made neighbourhood development plans (NDP):

Adopted Core Strategies:

- East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy (2014)
- Horsham Core Strategy (2007)
- Lewes Joint Core Strategy¹ (2016)
- Worthing Core Strategy (2011)
- Winchester Local Plan Part I – Joint Core Strategy (2013)
- Wealden Core Strategy Local Plan (2013)
- East Sussex Joint Waste and Minerals Plan (2013)
- East Sussex Joint Waste and Minerals Sites Plan (2017)
- Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2013)
- West Sussex Waste Local Plan (2014)

Saved Local Plan policies for districts where these policies have not yet been superseded by an adopted Core Strategy:

- Adur District Local Plan (1996)
- Arun District Local Plan (2003) and Submission Draft Arun District Local Plan (2011-2031)

¹ Policies SP1 and SP2 of the Lewes JCS insofar as they relate to the South Downs National Park were quashed on 20 March 2017 at the High Court

- Brighton & Hove Local Plan Adopted (2005) (retained policies March 2016)
- Chichester District Local Plan First Review (1999)
- Eastbourne Borough Plan (2003)
- Mid Sussex Local Plan (2004)
- Wealden Local Plan (1998)
- Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
- Worthing Local Plan (2003)
- East Sussex Minerals Local Plan (1999), East Sussex Waste Local Plan (2006) – for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove part of the National Park – saved policies that were not deleted following the adoption of the East Sussex Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan (2013)
- West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003)

2.3 When adopted the South Downs Local Plan will contain planning policies designed to help deliver the statutory National Park purposes and duty. Work on preparing the local plan will take full account of other relevant strategies and plans, having regard to conformity requirements, including:

- Partnership Management Plan (2013);
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (August 2017);
- The Sustainable Community Strategies prepared by the constituent authorities and;
- The Local Plans being prepared by neighbouring LPAs that impact on the National Park.

2.4 Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide more detailed guidance to explain policies and proposals set out in the Local Plan. They cannot introduce new policies. Unlike DPDs they are not subject to an independent examination and as such can be produced quicker.

2.5 The SDNPA is currently preparing three SPDs. The Wealden Heath Phase 2 SPA SPD is being prepared jointly with East Hampshire District Council. The SDNPA is also working on a Design Guide SPD and an Affordable Housing SPD to support draft policies SD5 and SD28 respectively of the emerging Local Plan.

Neighbourhood Development Plans

2.6 Through the provisions of the Localism Act (2011), Town and Parish Councils are now able to prepare Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) and / or Orders. The production of an NDP or Order has to be instigated by the relevant Town or Parish Council and, as such, does not form part of this LDS. As of March 2018 there were a total of 52 NDPs in various stages of preparation in the National Park.

2.7 It is important that all of the National Park is planned for. The emerging Local Plan does not generally allocate any development in parishes with an NDP. It is necessary for NDPs to proceed in a timely fashion in order to avoid there being any policy gaps. In order to provide some flexibility should unexpected delays occur to NDPs, further

DPDs may be programmed. These will allocate sites as necessary to accommodate the levels of growth set out in this plan. Additional DPDs may be taken forward if NDPs have not progressed in a timely fashion. This will be monitored and reported in the yearly Authority Monitoring Report.

3. PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

Reasons for updating the LDS

- 3.1** The programmes for some of the development plan documents (DPD) that make up the development plan for the National Park have changed for a number of reasons since the previous iteration of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) was published in August 2017. These changes are explained below. The LDS and its key milestones are set out in appendix I of this document.
- 3.2** The timetable for the emerging South Downs Local Plan remains unchanged. Consultation on the Pre-Submission Local Plan took place between 26 September and 21 November 2017. The plan is due to be submitted for examination at the end of March 2018.
- 3.3** Draft policy SD56: Shoreham Cement Works of the emerging South Downs Local Plan identifies the strategic site as an area of significant opportunity for an exemplar sustainable mixed use development. The policy states that the National Park Authority (NPA) will prepare an Area Action Plan (AAP) for the site. The NPA commissioned the necessary evidence base to support the AAP in early 2018. Building on the findings of the new evidence and the outcomes of the Local Plan examination, the intention is to run a Regulation 18 consultation on the draft AAP in autumn 2018. This will be followed by a Regulation 19 consultation on the Pre-Submission version of the AAP starting in April 2019 followed by submission in August 2019.
- 3.4** Work has started on a number of supplementary planning documents (SPD). The Wealden Heaths Phase II Special Protection Area SPD is being prepared jointly with East Hampshire District Council (EHDC). It will provide guidance for applicants where development proposals will result in a net increase in residential development (including Traveller Accommodation) within 400 metres of the Wealden Heaths Phase II Special Protection Area (SPA). Work on a Design Guide and an Affordable Housing SPD is also underway.
- 3.5** The public hearings for the examination of the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan (MLP) took place in September 2017 and a consultation on the proposed modifications ran from 15 January to 09 March 2018. The plan is scheduled for adoption in May 2018 by the NPA.
- 3.6** The main modification to the MLP was the deletion of the submitted strategy for soft sand, Policy M2, and the allocation of Ham Farm (under Policy M11). The Inspector considered that the most appropriate approach to address this matter was for the authorities to undertake a focused single issue soft sand review of the Plan to be completed as soon as possible after the adoption of the Plan. Policy M2, as modified, of the MLP sets out the timeframe for the commencement and submission of the Soft Sand Plan Review. This is that a Regulation 18 consultation of the review should

commence within six months of adoption of the MLP, and that the plan will be submitted for examination within two years of the commencement of the review.

- 3.7** Finally, it is proposed to work jointly with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Brighton & Hove City Council (B&HCC) on a Waste & Minerals Local Plan Review. The Authorities sought submissions on potential minerals infrastructure and minerals sites and evidence on the scope of the review in a Regulation 18 consultation in autumn 2017. A Preferred Strategy consultation will take place in spring 2018 followed by Pre-Submission in autumn/winter. The intention is to submit the plan for examination in early 2019 and adopt in summer of the same year.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 4.1 The Authority produces an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) annually. The AMR will report on progress with Local Plan preparation, report activity relating to the duty to cooperate and how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing. The latest iteration of the AMR is available to view on the SDNPA website.
- 4.2 Progress on joint minerals and waste local plans since April 2014 and monitoring of already adopted plans will be reported in the Monitoring Reports produced by Hampshire County Council, East Sussex County Council and West Sussex County Council. Further information is available on their websites.

Key to Local Development Scheme

| Symbol | Stage in document preparation |
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| S | Submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State |
| E | Independent examination |
| M | Consultation on proposed modifications |
| A | Adoption |
| I3 | Representations on a supplementary planning document |
| I8 | Representations on the preparation of a local plan |
| I9 | Representations on a local plan |

