

Agenda Item X
Report PCXX/16

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	11 October 2018
By	Director of Planning
Title of Report	Local Development Scheme
Purpose of Report	To seek approval of the updated Local Development Scheme (Sixth revision)

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to

- 1) Approve the Local Development Scheme (Sixth Revision) as set out in Appendix I**

1. Introduction and Summary

- 1.1 The sixth revision of the Local Development Scheme (LDS) (Appendix I) sets out the National Park Authority's latest timetable and key milestones for the preparation of all the development plan documents (DPD) and supplementary planning documents (SPD) in the South Downs National Park. It replaces the fifth revision adopted in March 2018.
- 1.2 An LDS is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). This revision has been requested by the Local Plan Inspector, Mr Sims, due to the extended timetable for the Local Plan examination. This revision gives us the opportunity to update the LDS in regard to all the emerging plans and SPDs. The revised LDS will then be published as part of our Core Document Library on our Examination website.

2. Local Development Scheme

- 2.1 This revision of the LDS sets out the programme with key milestones looking forward to December 2020. It sets out an updated programme for the following emerging plans and SPDs:
- South Downs Local Plan
 - Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP)
 - Design SPD
 - Affordable Housing SPD
 - West Sussex Soft Sand Single Issue Review
 - East Sussex Joint Waste & Minerals Local Plan Review
- 2.2 The timetable for the South Downs Local Plan has been updated to reflect the current examination. The Local Plan was submitted for examination on 27 April 2018. The hearings are scheduled for November and December 2018. Subject to

the findings of the Inspector it is likely that a consultation on the Main Modifications will take place over an eight week period early in 2019. Following on from this consultation and the receipt of the Inspector's final report the National Park Authority anticipate adopting the Local Plan in late spring 2019.

- 2.3 The timetable for the Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP) has been amended. Work has started on the AAP, including the commissioning of baseline evidence. Consultation is also currently underway with the statutory bodies and other interested parties on the Scoping Report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) / Sustainability Appraisal (SA) and the Habitats Regulations Assessment screening (HRA). It is intended to publish a draft AAP (under Regulation 18) for public consultation in June 2019. The Authority will consider the responses on this consultation alongside the findings of the Local Plan Inspector on the draft Shoreham Cement Works policy. It is intended to consult under Regulation 19 in June 2020 and work towards adoption later in that year.
- 2.4 Two SPDs are being prepared to support the Local Plan on Design and Affordable Housing. Work has started on the Design SPD and it is intended to publish it for public consultation under Regulation 13 between May and June 2019. The intention is to adopt the final version in October 2019. Work on the Affordable Housing SPD has been put on hold pending the initial findings of the Local Plan Inspector in regard to Policy SD28: Affordable Homes. It is intended to consult on the draft SPD between May and June 2019 and work towards adoption in October 2019.
- 2.5 Work has now started on the West Sussex Soft Sand Single Issue Review arising from the deletion of the soft sand strategy from the Joint Minerals Plan. The SDNPA is working with East Sussex County Council and Brighton & Hove City Council on the East Sussex Joint Waste & Minerals Local Plan Review. Regulation 19 consultation is scheduled for winter 2018. The SDNPA, Hampshire County Council, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils and the New Forest NPA are currently considering whether a review of the waste and minerals policy in Hampshire is required.
- 2.7 Two documents have been adopted and thus removed from the LDS timetable. Firstly, the Wealden Heath Phase 2 Special Protection Area (SPD), which was adopted by both the NPA and East Hampshire District Council in July 2018. Secondly, the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan was adopted by the NPA and West Sussex County Council in July 2018.

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, where relevant, will be taken to the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equalities Act 2010. For example, an Equalities Impact Assessment will be prepared for the whole Local Plan.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the	No

proposal?	
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 (5 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 Fifth Revision (March 2018)

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
Documents

Pre-Submission South Downs Local Plan

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/national-park-local-plan/>