

West Sussex Parish Workshop

Roads and traffic in the South Downs National Park



Before we start....

- The SDNPA is not the highways authority
- The County Councils are the LHAs
- Other organisations also have responsibilities eg; police, districts, and planning authority (SDNPA)



Purpose for tonight

- What is the role of the SDNPA;
- Policy and design guidance by Partners and SDNPA;
- Assisting with Community-led projects;
- National Park signs;
- Simple survey.



National Park Purposes and Duty



Seven Special Qualities

Distinctive towns and villages, and communities with real pride in their area

Well-conserved historical features and a rich cultural heritage

Great opportunities for recreational activities and learning experiences

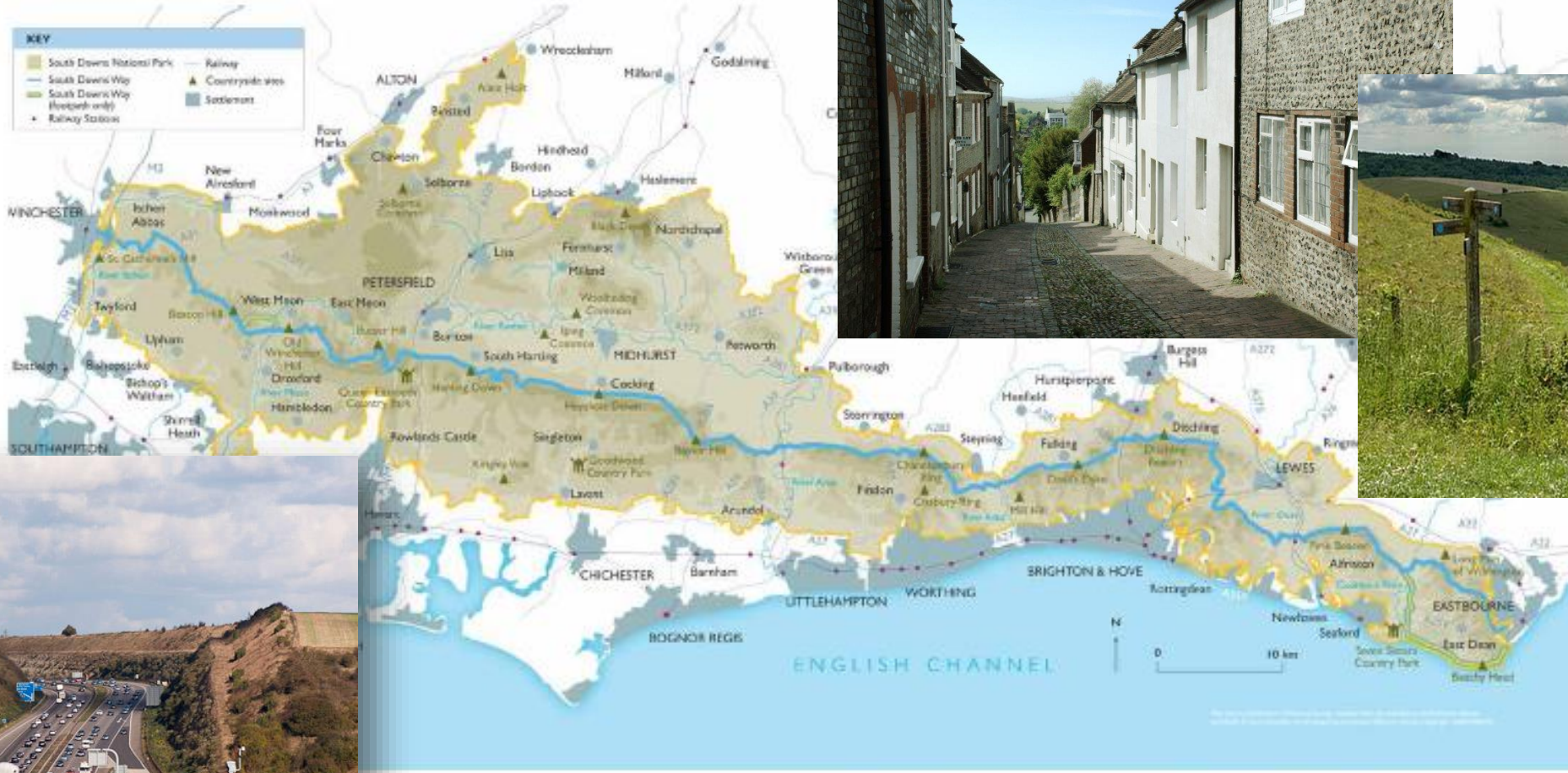
Diverse, inspirational landscapes and breathtaking views

A rich variety of wildlife and habitats including rare and internationally important species

An environment shaped by centuries of farming and embracing new enterprise



SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK



How is the SDNPA involved in highways?



- Not the highways authority
- Joint guidance 'Roads in the South Downs'
- Entry Signage / shared identity
- Promote and encourage sustainable transport
- Planning policies
- Represent protected landscapes of SE on Transport for South East – sub national transport body



ROADS IN THE SOUTH DOWNS

ENHANCING THE SAFETY AND QUALITY OF ROADS AND PLACES IN THE NATIONAL PARK

- Streets in villages
- Public spaces
- Spatial hierarchy
- Positive character features
- Protecting existing structures
- Spaces for all
- Controlling speed through design
- Case Studies





Unlined roads introduce a sense of uncertainty and motorists drive more cautiously

Removing the central white line can cut the average speed of vehicles by 13 per cent

Protect local distinctiveness



Milestone on A272
at Trotton



River Rother bridge,
Woolbeding



Finger post nr Pulborough

Historic routes & geology



Causeway at Elsted



Sunken lane
near Woolbeding

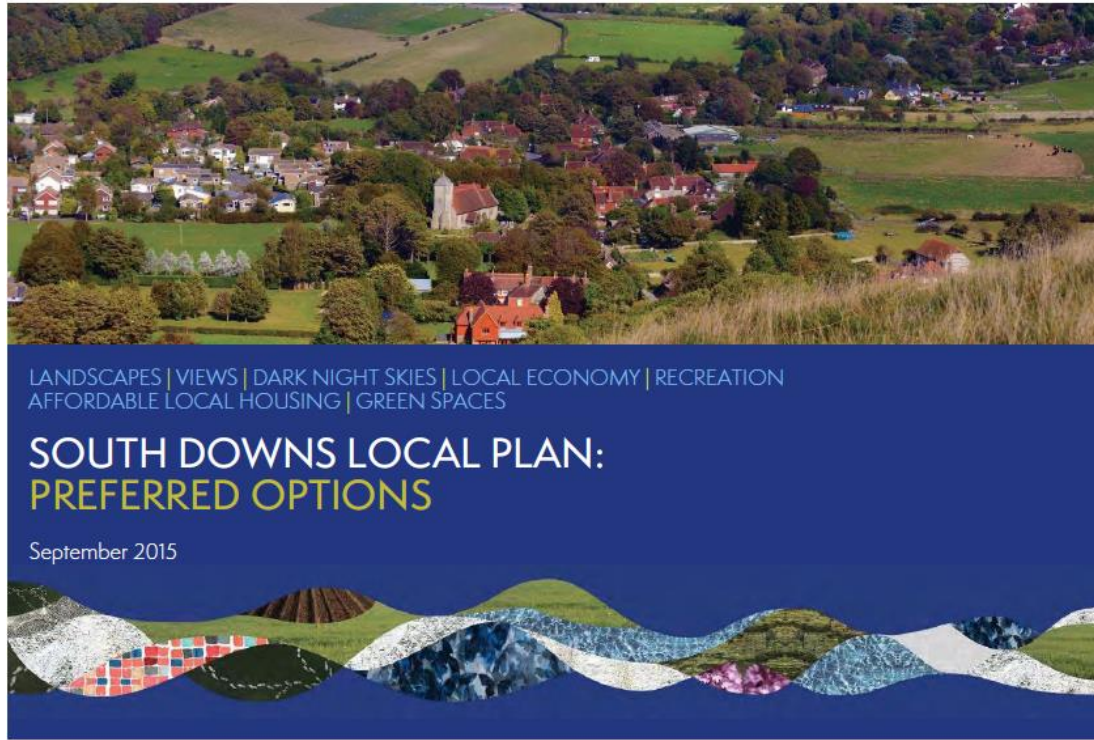


Singleton in the Lavant Valley

Worthy of a National Park?



SDNP Draft Local Plan



Sets out Spatial Planning in the SDNP up to 2032 shaping growth and new development

Development Management Policy
SD21: Public Realm, Highway
Design and Public Art:

- Maintain biodiversity, landscape, character of historic roads including verges, banks, walls,
- Design for Safety
- Context sensitive design
- Follow principles of RITSD

SDNP PMP 2014 -2019



Policy 40

Manage the highway network and its infrastructure to integrate it more effectively into the landscape and reduce the impact of traffic on communities and visitors

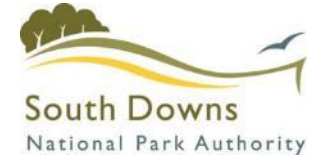
Assisting with Community led traffic projects



- Traffic projects can take a really long time to develop
- A local group is better than just an individual
- Gather evidence for the need
- Talk to the local highway authority - WSCC has a community highways scheme
- The Parish Council, Local district and County Councillors, County Local Committees, MP and the Cabinet Portfolio holder for Transport in the County Council would be points of contact to approach for advice and to seek their support for any scheme.
- The SDNPA Infrastructure Business Plan is reviewed yearly and sets out the range of infrastructure projects to which Community Infrastructure Levy funds will be provided. Parish Councils and other organisations can apply to have schemes included on the IBP list.



Some sources of online information & evidence



Operation Crackdown

Sussex Safer Roads
PARTNERSHIP



Home Report incident FAQs Check progress More

Sussex Safer Roads

PARTNERSHIP

DATA PORTAL

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COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH Online

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Roads and travel

Report problems and find travel, parking and highway maintenance information.

- Report a problem with a road or pavement
- Make an enquiry about a road or pavement
- Roadworks and projects
- Maintaining roads, verges and pavements
- Travel and public transport
- Parking
- Traffic management
- Traffic Regulation Orders
- Information for developers
- Road safety
- West Sussex Highways Twitter
- Highway licences

COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Community Speedwatch (CSW) is a national initiative where active members of local communities join with the support of the Police to monitor speeds of vehicles using speed detection devices.

Vehicles exceeding the speed limit are referred to the Police with the aim of educating drivers to reduce their speeds. In cases where education is blatantly ignored and evidence of repeat or excessive offences is collated (even across county borders), enforcement and prosecution follow.

What is Community Speedwatch?

• CSW groups and Neighbourhood Policing Teams cooperate

Road verges and biodiversity

WSCC has a designation of 'notable road verges' which seeks to maintain and enhance the biodiversity of the road verge habitat.

Over 1.2m sq metres in SDNP in WSCC most are only cut once a year, (normal maintenance is 3 times a year)



National Park entry markers



- A pilot programme of 20 signs
- Part of a much wider project to raise awareness of the National Park, increase and improve sense of place and add value to the Park, its communities and businesses
- Based on shared identity for the place
- Working with parishes/communities on village signs
- Hope to have first signs going up by end of the year



Location of West Sussex signs



Different sizes and shapes to suit each location



How can we help?

- We want to understand the range and scale of traffic and highway issues within the park from the Parish councils perspective
- What are the most important issues for your parish ?
- We have listed the ones we know about & the ones that are related to SDNPA purposes and duties



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Thankyou

