

**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK - LOCAL PLAN EXAMINATION
REPLY BY THE INSPECTOR TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY THE NPA
IN SDNPA.1, RESPONDING TO INSP.2**

Re Documentation and Q2

1. I would prefer Option 2 as the best compromise between the very detailed responses provided by some authorities and responses merely focussed on issues ie add sections for each policy and supporting text and site to App 4 of the Consultation Statement.
2. I would add, in terms of amount of work, that SDNPA has moved ahead in providing helpful summarising background papers on many topics which will probably obviate further position statements from the NPA, other than exceptionally for any detailed matters or updates arising.

Re Post-Submission Changes and Q3

3. No apology is necessary as para 5.20 of the PP needs to be read alongside paras 1.1 and 3.3 that I quote.
4. Erring on the side of caution, where a change could affect soundness by way of justification, effectiveness or consistency with national policy, it should ultimately be in a MM Schedule for consultation, separate from minor changes. Whether or not such changes are regarded as an addendum to the submitted plan or as proposed MMs is unlikely to make much practical difference in this case but before 6 July I will give more consideration to the content of the changes put forward and confirm my response..

Main Modifications

5. The request by the NPA for MMs under section 20(7C) is duly noted, as already contained in the submission letter – with my own apologies for any confusion.

Timing

6. I look forward to receiving:

Amended representations database sortable by policy (agreed separately via the PO)

By 6 July - List of representors who have indicated attendance at hearings (final attendance still subject to confirmation)

By 27 July - NPA responses to reps by policy and site

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29 June 2018