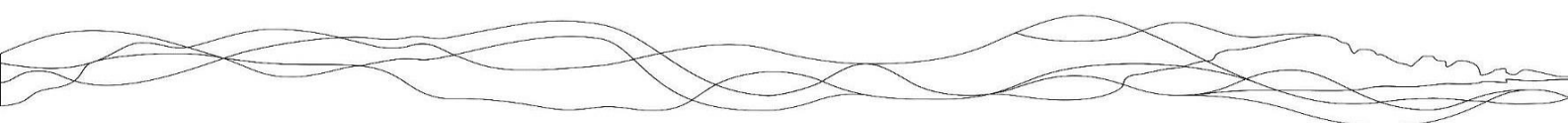




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# I. INTRODUCTION

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- I.1** The Local Development Scheme (LDS) sets out the timetable that the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) will follow in the preparation and adoption of planning policy documents.
- I.2** An LDS is required under section 15 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011). Paragraph 9 of the Planning Practice Guidance states that it must specify (among other matters) the documents which, when prepared, will comprise the Local Plan for the area. It must be made available publically and kept up-to-date. It is important that local communities and interested parties can keep track of progress. Local planning authorities should publish their Local Development Scheme on their website.
- I.3** This updated LDS provides a revised programme for the production of the following Local Plan Documents:
- South Downs Local Plan
  - Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP)
  - Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
  - Minerals and Waste Plans undertaken jointly with County Councils,
- I.4** Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are also obliged to keep their LDS under review. This sixth iteration of the LDS covers the period up to December 2020 and updates the South Downs Local Development Scheme published in March 2018.
- I.5** 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

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### National

- 2.1** The Government published the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) in July 2018. 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 for English National Parks and the Broads.

### 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 Strategy<sup>1</sup> (2016)
- Worthing Core Strategy (2011)
- Winchester Local Plan Part 1 – 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)
- 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)

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<sup>1</sup> Policies SPI 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

- 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 Joint Minerals Local Plan (2018)

**2.3** The emerging South Downs Local Plan takes full account of other relevant strategies and plans, having regard to conformity requirements, including:

- State of the South Downs National Park (2012)
- Partnership Management Plan (2014);
- Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (2017);
- Adopted Joint Core Strategies

**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. The SDNPA is currently working on two SPDs on Design and Affordable Housing.

### **Neighbourhood Development Plans**

**2.5** 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 October 2018 there were a total of 52 NDPs that are made or are in various stages of preparation in the National Park.

**2.6** 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.

## **3.0 PROGRAMME FOR LOCAL PLAN DOCUMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

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### **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 March 2018; these changes are explained below. The LDS and its key milestones are set out in appendix I of this document.

### **South Downs Local Plan**

- 3.2** The South Downs Local Plan is the first development plan document to cover the National Park in its entirety. On adoption it will supersede all the planning policies set out in paragraph 2.2 of this document excluding those relating to minerals and waste.
- 3.3** The 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 May 2019

### **Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP)**

- 3.4** Draft policy SD56: Shoreham Cement Works of the Submission 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 geographical area covered by the AAP is defined by draft policy SD56 of the Local Plan and the Policies Map.
- 3.5** 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.

### **Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)**

- 3.6** Two SPDs are being prepared to support the Local Plan on Design and Affordable Housing. They both cover the National Park in its entirety. 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.

### **West Sussex and South Downs National Park Soft Sand Single Issue Review (SIR)**

- 3.7** Work has now started on the West Sussex Soft Sand SIR of the Joint Minerals Local Plan (JMLP) arising from the deletion of the soft sand strategy from the JMLP. The SIR is being prepared jointly with West Sussex County Council. It will cover the whole of the County both inside and outside the National Park.
- 3.8** A consultation ran from 10 September 2018 to 28 September 2018 with the statutory bodies and other interested bodies on the Scoping Report for the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). A call for potential soft sand sites ran from 24 August 2018 to 14 September 2018. The public consultation under Regulation 18 is scheduled to run for eight weeks from January to March 2019 followed by the Regulation 19 consultation running for eight weeks from August 2019. Depending on the outcome of the examination the Authority anticipate adopting the SIR with the County Council in July 2020.

### **East Sussex, South Downs National Park and Brighton & Hove Waste & Minerals Local Plan Review**

- 3.9** The SDNPA are working jointly with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Brighton & Hove City Council (B&HCC) on a Waste & Minerals Local Plan Review. It will cover the whole of the County and the administrative area of Brighton & Hove both inside and outside the National Park.
- 3.10** Following the Call for Sites, a consultation on the scope of the Sustainability Appraisal was undertaken from 6 March 2018 until Tuesday 17 April 2018. The Authorities are currently working on the Regulation 19 consultation which is due to take place in winter 2018 and will update a number of waste and minerals policies from the Waste and Minerals Core Strategy and Site Allocation Plans. Submission is planned for spring next year, followed by examination and hopefully adoption summer 2019.

### **Hampshire**

- 3.11** The Authorities are currently considering whether a review of the waste and minerals policies in Hampshire is necessary and what the scope of such a review would be. The LDS will be updated as necessary.

### **Adopted documents**

- 3.12** Finally, it should be noted that two documents have been adopted and thus removed from the LDS. Firstly, the Wealden Heath Phase 2 SPA SPD, which was adopted by both the NPA and East Hampshire District Council in July 2018. Secondly, the West Sussex Joint Minerals Local Plan, which was adopted by the SDNPA and West Sussex County Council in July 2018.



## **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.

## APPENDIX I: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

	2018								2019								2020																
	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
South Downs LP	S	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	M	M	M	A																				
Shoreham Cement Works AAP															18	18	18										19	19		S			A
Design SPD														13	13						A												
Affordable Housing SPD														13	13						A												
WS Soft Sand SIR										18	18	18					19	19		S	E	E	E	E	E	E		A					
ES LPR	18	18					19	19				S	E	E	E		A																

### Key to Local Development Scheme

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Stage in document preparation</b>
<b>S</b>	Submission of documents and information to the Secretary of State
<b>E</b>	Independent examination
<b>M</b>	Consultation on proposed modifications
<b>A</b>	Adoption

<b>Symbol</b>	<b>Stage in document preparation</b>
<b>I3</b>	Representations on a supplementary planning document
<b>I8</b>	Representations on the preparation of a local plan
<b>I9</b>	Representations on a local plan