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Subject: Lyminster & Crossbush Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 15 Submission consultation

Thank you for consulting the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) on the Regulation 15 Submission version of the Lyminster and Crossbush Neighbourhood Plan (LCNP).

This representation sets out the South Downs National Park Authority's (SDNPA) response to the Submission version of the LCNP. These are officer level comments prepared by SDNPA Planning Policy officers

The National Park Authority welcomes the publication of this plan, which is a result of a considerable amount of hard work by the parish council and the local community. The SDNPA have a number of specific points which are set out below.

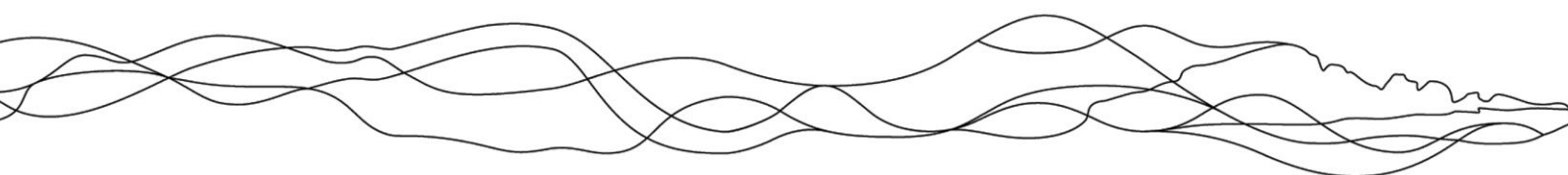
Paragraph 2.5 of the LCNP refers to the adoption of the South Downs Local Plan in spring 2019, a more specific reference to the South Downs Local Plan being adopted in July 2019 may be helpful.

The LCNP allocates one site to meet the housing requirement of the Arun Local Plan. With regards to the South Downs Local Plan, there is no housing requirement for the part of the Parish within the South Downs National Park (SDNP). Whilst the proposed allocated site is outside the SDNP, we would like to draw your attention to paragraph 176 of the NPPF 2021 which states (our emphasis added):

176. Great weight should be given to conserving and enhancing landscape and scenic beauty in National Parks, the Broads and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, which have the highest status of protection in relation to these issues. The conservation and enhancement of wildlife and cultural heritage are also important considerations in these areas, and should be given great weight in National Parks. The scale and extent of development within these designated areas should be limited, while development within their settings should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated landscapes.

This paragraph is relevant to development proposals within the setting of the SDNP. Furthermore, we note and support the inclusion of LCNP Policy EH9: South Downs National Park but would add that the setting of the National Park is also important and can extend beyond land, which is immediately adjacent to the SDNP.

It would be helpful if one of the Proposals Maps could identify the South Downs National Park boundary where this would appear on the map, alternatively it may be appropriate to include an overall policies maps with insets for the more details proposals maps.



The map of Agricultural Land Classification is included in the LCNP, however Grade 3a is not distinguished on the Policy Map EH2 and this can require site specific surveys to establish the classification.

We suggest that the buildings listed in Policy EH6: Conserving and enhancing local heritage assets are shown on the Proposals Map.

Given the timeline for ending sales of new petrol and diesel vehicles, Policy GA3: Parking and new development, could also helpfully make reference to requirements for electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

Please do get back to me if you have any queries on these comments or if you need any further information as you prepare to submit the LCNP.

Yours Sincerely

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