

08 June 2018

Boxgrove Parish Council
By email

Dear Sirs,

Subject: South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) response to the submission version of the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan

The SDNPA would like to commend the hard work and effort of the Neighbourhood Planning group in the preparation of the Boxgrove Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP) and have the following comments.

Page 5, 2nd paragraph, last bullet point

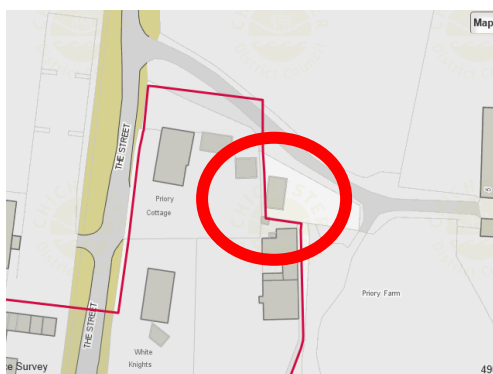
Refers to the SDNP Local Plan (due to be adopted September 2018). It would be better to refer just to the emerging South Downs Local Plan.

Page 10, 2.1.2 Local Planning policy Still refers to “the secondary planning authority of South Downs National Park”. Referring back to our response to the pre-submission NDP of 1st November 2017. It would better to describe the parish as falling within two planning authority areas rather referring to the SDNPA as ‘secondary’.

Policy SBI Settlement boundary

The settlement boundary for Boxgrove has been identified by Chichester District Council to include three buildings running left to right along the adjacent lane, in the neighbourhood plan, it includes four buildings. Please correct map so that it is consistent with Chichester Local Plan.

Boxgrove Settlement Boundary differences:
from Chichester DC



from Boxgrove NDP



Policy EH1 Protection of trees and hedgerows, EH1.1

The value of trees and hedgerows goes beyond an open and pleasant feel. Trees and woodland are a significant asset with regard to ecosystem services, contributing to many supporting, provisioning, regulating, and cultural ecosystem services, including for

example carbon storage, biodiversity, air quality, and tranquility (South Downs Local Plan presubmission, 2017). Please add in their key roles in reducing the worst effects of a changing climate and biodiversity benefits.

Policy EH5 Development on Agricultural Land

SDNPA note the removal of the Agricultural grading map, however we refer you back to our letter responding to the Boxgrove Pre-Submission Draft of 1st November 2017 regarding safeguarding the most fertile agricultural land from development and reiterate the need to be in accordance to the NPPF.

Policy EH6 Landscape character and important views

It should be made clear that “positive ‘unlisted’ buildings” are also identified on the map - Appendix 3.

Policy EH8 Landscape & Heritage Environment

Landscape and wildlife have been included into a largely heritage related policy. Suggest that references to Landscape are kept within EH6.

Policy EE2 Tourism

Refers to the “built up area boundary” – suggest this should be amended to “settlement boundary”.

Policy GA4 Promoting Sustainable Movement

SDNPA previously suggested that the section of the policy referring to how CIL money will be spent, may be better in the supporting text rather than the policy itself.

We hope you find these comments helpful and please do get in touch if you would like to discuss any of the above or require any clarifications.

Yours faithfully,

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