

# 1. Purpose of this SA Technical Note

- 1.1 This Technical Note has been prepared to inform the finalisation of the joint action plan for the Partnership Management Plan review (PMP).
- 1.2 To support the development of the PMP, a sustainability appraisal (SA) is currently being undertaken.
- 1.3 SA considers and communicates the likely significant effects of an emerging plan, and the reasonable alternatives considered during the plan making process, in terms of key sustainability issues. The aim of SA is to inform and influence the plan-making process with a view to avoiding or mitigating negative effects and maximising positive effects. Through this approach, the SA seeks to maximise the emerging PMP's contribution to sustainable development.
- 1.4 An SA is undertaken in line with the procedures prescribed by the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (the SEA Regulations). SA widens the scope of the assessment to explicitly include social and economic issues.
- 1.5 This Technical Note therefore comprises an important part of the SA process through presenting an appraisal of the actions recently developed for the PMP, with a view to informing the finalisation of the PMP for consultation.
- 1.6 In terms of next steps, a full SA Report will be prepared alongside the finalisation of the joint action plan for the PMP. The SA Report will subsequently be released for consultation alongside the PMP and will incorporate the relevant information required to meet the requirements of the SEA Regulations.

# 2. Approach to the appraisal presented in this Technical Note

- 2.1 The current appraisal identifies and evaluates the likely positive and negative effects of each potential PMP action on the baseline, utilising the SA Framework developed through scoping as a methodological framework. Findings have been presented through the eleven SA themes developed during scoping, reflecting the range of information being considered through the SA process. These are:
  - Landscape;
  - Climate Change Adaptation;
  - Biodiversity;
  - Cultural Heritage;
  - Cultural Activity;
  - Health and Wellbeing;
  - Vitality of Communities;
  - Accessibility and Transport;
  - Housing;

- Climate Change Mitigation; and
- Local Economy.

2.2 Under each of the above themes, appraisal findings have been discussed for each potential PMP action. In response to the appraisal findings, potential mitigation measures have also been proposed, and opportunities identified. This is with a view to informing the ongoing development of the actions.

### 3. Appraisal of the draft PMP actions: appraisal findings

3.1 The following table presents a summary of the appraisal findings relating to the actions currently proposed for the PMP. These actions have been grouped under the relevant PMP outcome, and associated priorities.

Table 3.1: Summary of appraisal of the draft PMP actions

Action	Landscape	Climate change adaptation	Biodiversity	Cultural heritage	Cultural activity	Health and wellbeing	Vitality of communities	Accessibility and transport	Housing	Climate change mitigation	Local Economy	Appraisal findings and mitigation measure and enhancement opportunities
<b>Outcome 1: Landscape and Beauty</b>												
<b>Priority 1.1: Landscape Character</b>												
Adopting a 'Landscape Led' approach – Develop our evidence base and our guidance so that the landscape character of the National Park can be fully understood and appreciated. Work with utility companies, developers and their agents to develop high quality schemes that don't just seek to minimise impacts, but contribute positively to the landscape and biodiversity value of the National Park.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Through initiating and supporting a landscape-led approach, the action will help facilitate amongst stakeholders an understanding of the Special Qualities of the National Park and support development proposals which place landscape considerations at the forefront of decision making. In addition to supporting the protection and enhancement landscape character, it will also have benefits for the setting of the historic environment and local distinctiveness, increase the National Park's resilience to the likely effects of climate change and support the visitor economy. The action will also have benefits for habitats, species and the resilience of the National Park's ecological networks through initiating a landscape-scale approach. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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Protecting Dark Skies and tranquil places- Providing advice and empowering individuals to value and take responsibility for the landscapes they love. Work with parishes and local communities to help to conserve and enhance tranquillity, peace and quiet and our amazing starry skies.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>Successful implementation of the programme is partly dependent on the incorporation of sensitive design techniques through new developments. Nonetheless, engaging the local community in activities which seek to protect the National Park's dark skies is likely to raise awareness and promote the understanding of the value of one of the South Downs key Special Qualities. More broadly, the action will support the setting of the historic environment, the quality of life and health and wellbeing of residents, and promote cultural activities and the visitor economy with regards to the opportunities provided by tranquil places and dark skies.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>Given that tranquillity and dark skies are different concepts (with tranquillity also being affected by elements such as noise quality and landscape character), there may be potential for the two elements to be individually addressed through different actions in the PMP.</p>
<b>Priority 1.2: Green Infrastructure</b>												
Infrastructure that works for people and places- Ensure large infrastructure projects benefit wider society, but not at the expense of the enormous benefit also provided to society by the National Park.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>Through proactively engaging with infrastructure providers, the action will help ensure that new infrastructure projects protect and enhance biodiversity assets, the historic environment and landscape character. The action also has the potential to support climate change mitigation and adaptation if it encourages the appropriate design of such projects. The action also recognises the benefits of large infrastructure projects for those living, working and visiting the National Park.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>
Active monitoring- Using the latest technology to monitor landscape scale changes applying data and evidence to prevent damage and effect positive change.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>Active monitoring of changes in landscape will help ensure that negative trends relating to landscape character are identified and appropriate mitigation and enhancement measures can be implemented. Whilst the action will in particular bring benefits in relation to landscape quality, it will also support the effective management of ecological networks, the setting of the historic environment, green infrastructure provision and measures to facilitate climate change mitigation and adaptation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>

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<b>Priority 1.3: Agri-environment</b>												
Payments for public and environmental goods- Work with land managers and funders to devise and test grant schemes that deliver sustainable benefits.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Exploration of opportunities for grant schemes which provide public and environmental goods will help support benefits over the longer term as such schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the vitality of the rural economy and rural businesses if designed appropriately. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Making best practice, common practice - enabling foresters, farmers and land managers to meet the highest standards in ways that are sustainable for business and environment.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the resilience of rural businesses. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Working together- Providing opportunities for land managers to collaborate, share best practice and increase positive influence beyond their own holding to the benefit of the special qualities of the National Park.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the resilience of rural businesses. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> Given the increasing prominence of Whole Estate Plans in the National Park, there may be potential for the action to include references to such plans. Also, there is potential for the action to support emerging the 'farm clusters' (i.e. groups of farmers, land managers, foresters and other local partners who join together to secure funding and benefit the environment) in the National Park.

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<b>Outcome 2: Increasing Resilience</b>												
<b>Priorities 2.1: Soil and Water and 2.2: Trees</b>												
Payments for public and environmental goods- Work with land managers and funders to devise and test public grant schemes that deliver sustainable benefits and recognise the hard work required to provide these.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Exploration of opportunities for grant schemes which provide public and environmental goods will help support benefits over the longer term as such schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the vitality of the rural economy and rural businesses if designed appropriately. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Payments for Ecosystem services. Targeted interventions to deliver environmental benefits funded through a PES scheme. This could include private organisations such as water companies and insurers.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Development of PES schemes have the potential to lead to a range of environmental benefits through payments to farmers or landowners in exchange for managing their land to provide ecosystem services. Given these have the potential to include the full range of ecosystem services, including supporting services, provisioning services, regulating services and cultural services, the approach offers opportunities for delivering significant environmental, social and economic benefits across the National Park. The effectiveness of the approach depends however on the design of PES schemes in the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Making best practice, common practice - enabling foresters, farmers and land managers to meet the highest standards in ways that are sustainable for business and environment.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the resilience of rural businesses. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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Wider partnership. Utilising skills from a wider range of organisations including rivers trusts, wildlife trusts, flood authorities.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as partnerships are developed. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also help promote employment and training opportunities in the National Park.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.</p>
Increasing diversity- Careful selection of a wider range of species and provenances, that are also appropriate for the location, and also greater diversity of age structure within our woodlands.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b> The approach will support habitats and ecological networks in the National Park through supporting biodiversity enhancements which are appropriate for the location and help to increase species diversity. This will also increase the resilience of biodiversity networks to the likely effects of climate change, and contribute to the distinctive landscape character of the National Park.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.</p>
Innovation in making space for trees- Creating conditions for trees to regenerate naturally to evolve with the changing climate, or seeking opportunities in rural and urban environments to plant new trees that are carefully and responsibly sourced and able to adapt, thrive and enhance their surroundings.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b> Support for an increase in high quality tree and woodland cover will bring significant benefits through providing a range of ecosystem services. This will support and enhance ecological networks, landscape character, the quality of the public realm and neighbourhoods and the setting of the historic environment.</p> <p>The action will also support climate change mitigation and adaptation. In terms of climate change mitigation, the action will increase carbon sequestration and help offset emissions from the National Park. The action will also support climate change adaptation through limiting the impacts of extreme weather events, including through regulating surface water run-off, creating shading and other mechanisms. The action will also support the resilience of ecological networks and the National Park's landscape to a changing climate.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.</p>

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Resilient markets- Pro-actively and sensitively managing our woodlands to provide a sustainable source of timber to a wide range of markets, taking care of trees to maximise the quality and benefits from woodlands, and having a strong base to act on pests and diseases.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support a sustainable forestry sector in the National Park. This will support the economic resilience of forestry in the National Park and provide benefits for biodiversity, landscape character and climate change mitigation and adaptation. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Planning and collaborating- Taking time to set objectives and plan for how we want our woods to be so that they provide the maximum benefits, using evidence from research and advances in technology and working with others will all help to build resilience.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will bring benefits for ecological networks, landscape character and the setting of the historic environment. This includes through supporting the effective management of woodlands and identifying the potential threats and opportunities relating to trees and woodlands in the National Park. The action will also support climate change mitigation and adaptation through helping to increase carbon sequestration and through helping to limit the impact of extreme weather events. The action will also support the resilience of ecological networks and the National Park's landscape to a changing climate. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Foresters of today and of the future- Equipping foresters of today to make the best plans and decisions for tomorrow, and investing in the future by bringing new entrants into the profession so that these skills and knowledge are not lost.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support a sustainable forestry sector in the National Park. This will support the economic resilience of forestry in the National Park and provide benefits for biodiversity, landscape character and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The action will also support employment and training opportunities, and support the economic vitality of rural areas. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.



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<b>Outcome 3: Habitats &amp; Species</b>												
<b>Priorities 3.1: Priority Habitats and 3.2: Priority and and Invasive species</b>												
Wider partnership. Utilising skills from a wider range of organisations including rivers trusts, wildlife trusts and species conservation groups to ensure targeted effort.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as partnerships are developed. In addition to supporting habitats, species and ecological networks, these benefits are likely to include in relation to landscape character and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes also have the potential to promote employment and training opportunities in the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Working together- Providing opportunities for land managers to collaborate, share best practice and increase positive influence beyond their own holding to the benefit of the special qualities of the National Park.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the resilience of rural businesses. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> Given the increasing prominence of Whole Estate Plans in the National Park, there may be potential for the action to include references to such plans.
Evidence based. Understanding the species issues, where to target for best impact. Utilising ecosystem service and habitat capability mapping tools.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will bring a range of benefits for habitats, species and ecological networks in the National Park, and will also have indirect positive effects for landscape character. This includes through supporting the effective management of ecological networks and identifying the potential threats and opportunities relating to biodiversity in the National Park. The action will also support climate change mitigation and adaptation through helping to support the resilience of ecological networks and the National Park's landscape to a changing climate. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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Payments for Ecosystem services. Targeted interventions to deliver environmental benefits funded through a PES scheme. This could include private organisations such as water companies and insurers.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Development of PES schemes have the potential to lead to a range of environmental benefits through payments to farmers or landowners in exchange for managing their land to provide ecosystem services. Given these have the potential to include the full range of ecosystem services, including supporting services, provisioning services, regulating services and cultural services, the approach offers opportunities for delivering significant environmental, social and economic benefits across the National Park. The effectiveness of the approach depends however on the design of PES schemes in the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Making best practice, common practice-enabling foresters, farmers and land managers to meet the highest standards in ways that are sustainable for business and environment.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. These benefits are likely to include in relation to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. Such schemes will also support the resilience of rural businesses. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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<b>Outcome 4: Arts &amp; Heritage</b>												
<b>Priorities 4.1: Heritage and 4.2: Contemporary Arts and Crafts</b>												
Cultural heritage organisations, at both a national and local level, are encouraged to network to form partnerships, sharing specialist support and expertise, to help the cultural heritage sector develop and deliver initiatives that align with the PMP.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as partnerships are developed and collaborative schemes implemented. This will support the historic environment resource of the National Park and local distinctiveness and townscape character. It will also help increase opportunities for cultural activities, expand training and educational opportunities in the cultural heritage sector and support the visitor economy. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Explore sustainable solutions for challenges in resourcing, monitoring and recording heritage at risk and related cultural heritage assets.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will bring a range of benefits for the National Park's cultural heritage resource and landscape character. This includes through supporting the effective management of historic environment assets, identifying the potential threats and opportunities relating to the historic environment and enabling the identification of the key opportunities for its conservation and enhancement. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Support new research using digital technology, or which unlocks hidden stories about the National Park and its cultural and material heritage.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Support for new research and techniques for research will help identify a robust baseline for the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment in the National Park. It will also help increase opportunities for cultural activities and expand training and educational opportunities in the cultural heritage sector. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Work collaboratively with expertise from across sectors including sustainable tourism, outreach, volunteering and learning to imbed cultural heritage as a facilitation tool for wider PMP outcomes and priorities, including health and wellbeing.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. Through taking a partnership approach across a range of sectors, benefits are likely to extend more widely beyond the conservation and enhancement of the historic environment. This includes relating to landscape character, health and wellbeing, training and employment opportunities, cultural activity and the vitality of local communities. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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Explore ways in which cultural heritage projects can deliver added social and community value through initiatives such as social prescribing.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>The action will enhance engagement with the National Park's cultural heritage resource. Initiatives such as social prescribing will also support health and wellbeing through increasing opportunities for social and cultural activities associated with the historic environment and recognising the opportunities afforded by National Park's cultural heritage resource for physical and mental health.</p> <p>The action will therefore support the historic environment's contribution to social and community value in the National Park, and also promote additional engagement with cultural activity. The action also has the potential to support the visitor economy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>
<b>Outcome 5: Outstanding experience for all</b>												
<b>Priority 5.1: Disadvantaged &amp; Hard to Reach Groups</b>												
New project officer, for a 2 year period, to increase the number of people achieving a John Muir Award in the South Downs National Park. The project officer will work in partnership with already established groups at support centres in towns and cities neighbouring the National Park, including Food Banks, Sure Start Centres and Social Services.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>The action will help increase social and cultural activities in the National Park through increasing engagement with the National Park's environmental and social resource. This will support training opportunities, promote health and wellbeing and support community vitality.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>

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<b>Priority 5.2: Sustainable Transport</b>												
The Joint Accord with four local highways authorities supporting the delivery of projects across the access network including The South Downs Way National Trail Partnership, Community Rail Partnerships improving the station environments, encouraging visits by rail and introducing new audiences to 'Try the Train' with support from rail operators and Community led groups promoting the development of new NMU routes such as Rother Valley Way and helping to maintain existing routes.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>The action sets out provisions for enhancing sustainable transport networks and promoting public transport use and walking and cycling in the National Park. This will support accessibility, contribute to climate change mitigation through supporting lower carbon modes of transport, support air and noise quality and help limit the impact of the private car on landscape and townscape quality.</p> <p>Through promoting active travel modes, the action will also support healthier lifestyles and the health and wellbeing of residents and visitors to the National Park. The action will also support opportunities for enhancing the visitor offer of the National Park, and help boost the rural economy.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>
<b>Outcome 6: Lifelong learning</b>												
<b>Priority 6.1: Outdoor learning for young people</b>												
Collaborate, network, share best practice and promote opportunities for Learning Outside of the Classroom across the SDNP.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>The action will support an expansion of educational opportunities associated with the South Downs National Park, including outdoor activities. This will increase understanding of the Special Qualities of the National Park, support health and wellbeing and promote cultural activities. Whilst benefits are likely to be focused on younger people, training and educational opportunities are also likely to be supported for other age groups.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>
Work with schools to embed locally relevant learning outside the classroom into school curriculum topics using Ambassador Schools as a model for driving this ambition.												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>The action will support an expansion of educational opportunities associated with the South Downs National Park, including outdoor activities. This will increase understanding of the Special Qualities of the National Park, support health and wellbeing and promote cultural activities.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>

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Use the John Muir Award as a mechanism for promoting the multiple benefits of outdoor learning to schools, including promoting health and wellbeing for pupils and teachers.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support an expansion of educational and recreational opportunities associated with the South Downs National Park, including outdoor activities. This will increase understanding of the Special Qualities of the National Park, support health and wellbeing and promote cultural activities. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Work collaboratively with expertise from across sectors to reach key audiences of young people in support of wider PMP outcomes and priorities.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will help increase social and cultural activities in the National Park through increasing young people's engagement with the National Park's environmental and social resource. This will support training opportunities, promote health and wellbeing and support community vitality. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
<b>Outcome 7: Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>												
<b>Priority 7.1: Health and Wellbeing</b>												
Focus on the highest priority groups and themes identified by the Health and Well-Being Boards across the National Park.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> A focus on the highest priority groups for health and wellbeing enhancements will help ensure that key interventions are targeted towards these groups. This has increased potential to support the quality of life of those with the most significant health issues and the groups most at risk. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Build on existing pilot initiatives that have been successful and scale them up into sustainable long term activities.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will help deliver benefits for health and wellbeing through building on existing successful pilots and implementing appropriate longer term activities. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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Support the development of new projects and approaches to support access to the National Park for stress relief and wellbeing, promoting physical activity, improving mental health and wellbeing.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Recent studies that highlight that access to high quality greenspace reduces the risk of type II diabetes, cardiovascular disease, premature death, preterm birth, stress, and high blood pressure. The action will therefore bring a range of benefits for the physical and mental health and wellbeing and quality of life of residents and visitors through promoting activities which promote physical activity and social interaction and enhance access to the assets of the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Develop an approach to branding and marketing the SDNP to public health sector professionals.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Through engaging health sector professionals, the action will increase awareness of the opportunities afforded by the National Park for health and wellbeing initiatives and interventions. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Create health based partnerships to progress the aims of the National Park Authority Health and Well-Being Strategy.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits for health and wellbeing over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and initiated to implement the Health and Well-being Strategy. A partnership approach will help identify key opportunities for delivering these benefits. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Define spatial priorities for health and well-being.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The definition of spatial priorities for health and wellbeing will support targeted and location-specific interventions for supporting physical and mental health in the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> The Local Plan sets the strategic and development management spatial policies for the National Park. As such, there may be additional scope for the proposed PMP action to further recognise the need to integrate effectively with the relevant policies of the Local Plan including, for example, relating to the Green Infrastructure, Homes and Infrastructure categories of policies presented in the Local Plan. It should be noted though that many of the spatial targeting tools used for defining spatial priorities (such as EcoServ and Habitat Connectivity mapping) were developed as a shared evidence base for both the PMP and the Local Plan.

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Seek to create healthy towns and developments and targeting specific areas with the highest levels of health inequality.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> A focus on the areas with the highest levels of health inequalities will help ensure that key interventions are targeted towards these locations. This has increased potential to support the quality of life of those with the most significant health issues and the groups most at risk. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Work with communities to identify initiatives they can take to support H&WB and help them achieve them.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> Working with local communities to identify initiatives will support targeted and location-specific interventions for supporting physical and mental health in the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Working collaboratively with local authorities, the health sector and providers												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits for health and wellbeing over the longer term as collaborative schemes are developed and implemented. A partnership approach will help identify key opportunities for delivering these benefits. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Develop the National Park as a hub of excellence for promoting Health and Well-Being												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits for health and wellbeing through helping to stimulate initiatives for promoting physical and mental health. This will support the quality of life of residents and visitors. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Provide information about the types of activity and opportunity that are available in the National Park.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will lead to benefits for health and wellbeing through helping to promote the National Park's offer. This will support the quality of life of residents and visitors and support the visitor economy. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.



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<b>Outcome 8 - Creating Custodians</b>												
<b>Priority 8.1: Volunteering</b>												
Working with SDNP Volunteer Network to provide a cohesive promotional offer to volunteers, to support innovation and training and to collaborate on joint initiatives that create wider benefit to the SDNP.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support training and educational opportunities through developing the volunteer offer of the National Park. In addition to supporting cultural activity, health and wellbeing and the vitality of communities, the action is likely to support enhancements relating to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Engaging new volunteers through targeted promotion and recruitment to a diversity of roles.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support training and educational opportunities through developing the volunteer offer of the National Park. In addition to supporting cultural activity, health and wellbeing and the vitality of communities, the action is likely to support enhancements relating to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Support individuals to make small changes and incremental difference through behaviour change campaigns and promoting micro-volunteering ideas												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will encourage volunteering in the National Park. In addition to supporting cultural activity, health and wellbeing and the vitality of communities, the action is likely to support enhancements relating to biodiversity, landscape character, the historic environment and climate change mitigation and adaptation. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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<b>Outcome 9 - Great places to live</b>												
<b>Priorities 9.1: Affordable Housing and 9.2: Vibrant Communities</b>												
Support the production, review and implementation of Neighbourhood and Community Led Plans												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>An encouragement of Neighbourhood Planning in the South Downs National Park has the potential to bring a range of benefits across all SA themes.</p> <p>In terms of housing provision, Neighbourhood Plans will help deliver housing which is of a type and tenure which meets local needs. This will support the delivery of housing which meets the needs of all ages, those with families, and those with specialist needs, including older people. Neighbourhood Plans will also help deliver employment provision which reflects local economic needs, and help encourage the provision of infrastructure which meets local requirements. In this respect the action will support the vitality and viability of communities in the National Park through delivering a locally-led 'bottom up' approach to spatial planning.</p> <p>A locally-led approach to the protection and enhancement of the environment facilitated through Neighbourhood Planning also has the potential to lead to a range of benefits for the National Park. This includes through the development of locally-specific policies relating to local distinctiveness and the quality of the public realm, landscape character, the historic environment, green infrastructure provision (including through the designation of Local Green Spaces) and environmental net gain.</p> <p>In this context the action has the potential to support a range of significant positive environmental and socio-economic effects.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>Given Neighbourhood Plans have significant weight in the planning system, and were introduced through legislative provisions (i.e. the Localism Act 2011), is there an additional need to differentiate them from the vaguer 'Community Led Plans' referenced through the action?</p>
Facilitate a partnership approach to delivering initiatives identified by local communities which create more sustainable communities which have an appropriate provision of affordable housing to address local needs and improved access to essential services and facilities												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b></p> <p>The action will help deliver affordable housing which is of a type and tenure which meets local needs. This will support the delivery of affordable housing which meets the needs of all ages, those with families, and those with specialist needs, including older people. The action will also help maintain and enhance access to services, facilities and amenities, with benefits for the quality of life and health and wellbeing of residents and community vitality.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b></p> <p>None proposed.</p>

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Work with local communities, partner organisations and other stakeholders to make best use of the Community Infrastructure Levy to contribute to achieving the outcomes set out in the Partnership Management Plan												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b> Through helping to effectively target monies from the Community Infrastructure Levy, the action will help support the delivery of new community infrastructure and maintain and enhance access to services, facilities and amenities. This will have benefits for the quality of life of residents, health and wellbeing and community vitality.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed. However there may be further potential to link this to the Neighbourhood Plan action, given that those parishes with 'made' Neighbourhood Plans are eligible to receive 25% of the levy collected from development as opposed to 15% of the levy received elsewhere.</p>
<b>Priority 9.3: Digital Infrastructure</b>												
Working with public sector partners to deliver digital infrastructure across the National Park, working with private sector partners to deliver digital infrastructure across the National Park, and supporting community groups with aspirations to form local self-build co-operative groups to tackle the 'not spots' in their areas												<p><b>Appraisal findings</b> The action seeks to support the delivery of enhancements to digital infrastructure across the National Park, including high speed broadband and mobile phone reception. This will promote the economic vitality of the National Park through enabling digital connections which provide businesses with the digital infrastructure they require. It will also support working from home and running a business from home.</p> <p>The action will also promote accessibility to economic opportunities and community infrastructure and help reduce the need to travel to access key services, facilities and opportunities. In addition to contributing to accessibility and the quality of life of residents, this will support climate change mitigation.</p> <p><b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.</p>

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<b>Outcome 10 - Great places to work</b>												
<b>Priority 10.1: Enterprise</b>												
Through endorsement of Whole Estate Plans, estates can implement their action plans whilst simultaneously delivering on SDNPA PMP Outcomes providing multiple benefits.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The endorsement of Whole Estate Plans (WEP) through the action will encourage landowners to prepare WEPs. WEPs will encourage landowners to identify their assets, and the opportunities and risks in relation to these assets, with a view to encouraging open dialogue between landowners and the National Park. WEPs will carry 'material weight' in the consideration of planning applications. Natural capital and ecosystem services are a core focus of the WEP approach, and landowners will be asked through WEPs asked to explain their overall ambitions and their contribution to the conservation and enhancement of the National Park, its Special Qualities, and the ecosystem services it provides. Given this focus, the action has the potential to support a range of environmental benefits through encouraging landowners to manage their land to provide ecosystem services. As these have the potential to include the full range of ecosystem services, including supporting services, provisioning services, regulating services and cultural services, the approach offers opportunities for delivering significant environmental, social and economic benefits on estates covered by WEPs, supporting rural vitality. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Promote diversification that supports the appropriate re-use of redundant or neglected traditional buildings and recognises that new crops, varieties and technical advances in agriculture could have an impact on the landscapes and special qualities.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will help conserve and enhance the quality of the historic environment through supporting the reuse and revitalisation of existing heritage assets in rural areas. The action will also support landscape character and biodiversity in the National Park through helping to manage potential changes in farming practices which may affect the Special Qualities of the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Support the economic value of forestry within the National Park both for the construction industry and wood fuel, and to improve connectivity between markets, contractors and owners.												<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support a sustainable forestry sector in the National Park. This will support the economic resilience of forestry in the National Park and provide benefits for biodiversity, landscape character and climate change mitigation and adaptation. The action will also support employment and training opportunities, and support the economic vitality of rural areas. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.

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Priority 10.2: Destination Awareness														
Shared Identity Toolkit for the National Park, this highlights the special qualities of the Park using a brand story with images, text and visual language, to enable businesses, attractions and other organisations to include alongside their own marketing and interpretation.														<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support the effective marketing of the National Park as a place to visit and invest. This will support the vitality of the National Park’s towns and villages and rural economy, including through supporting the visitor economy of the National Park. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Priority 10.3: Sustainable Tourism														
Working with a combination of partners including tourism businesses and operators, other UK National Park Authorities, Visit England and Visit Britain and local destination partners, to build on existing projects and develop new projects which support a resilient sustainable tourism economy in the South Downs National Park, in line with the South Downs Local Plan and the Sustainable Tourism Strategy.														<b>Appraisal findings</b> The action will support the National Park’s tourism and visitor economy. This will support the economic and community vitality of the National Park, promote cultural activity and support health and wellbeing. The action also has a focus on sustainable tourism, which will help enhance accessibility for visitors, support climate mitigation and promote the protection of the National Park’s Special Qualities. <b>Mitigation measures and enhancement opportunities</b> None proposed.
Key														
Likely adverse effect (without mitigation measures)													Likely positive effect	
Neutral/no effect													Uncertain effects	

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