

## **Additional information concerning the link element of the Senior Development Management Officer Role.**

We currently have a vacancy for a Senior Development Management Officer within the Authority which will involve a unique element of work alongside our host authorities in a “link officer” role.

The South Downs National Park Authority is unique in that we have a number of district Authorities within our boundaries who deal with a large number of applications on our behalf (known as ‘host authorities’).

Part of your role in the planning team will be to fulfil this ‘link officer’ role.

You will be the day to day contact between our host authority partner(s) and the National Park Authority. Working closely with colleagues across both organisations and other key agencies, you will be responsible for providing a high quality planning service across the National Park. The role requires you to identify major and potentially strategically significant applications to be “called in” by the National Park. For those applications remaining with our host authority partners, you will be responsible for:

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- Working closely with host authority officers and specialists to provide advice on policy, development management and enforcement matters;
- Promoting best practice to deliver our National Park Purposes and Duty;
- Attending site visits, meetings and planning committees with host authority officers as appropriate;
- Liaising with other stakeholders such as Parish Councils, residents, landowners and external agencies, including attending Parish Workshops, agents forum etc;
- Responding to queries and complaints;
- Providing advice and input in to neighbourhood plans, village design statements and Whole Estate Plans within your area of the National Park and advising host authorities on their implementation.
- Manage a caseload of applications alongside the link work with the host authorities.

You will become an expert in your area of the National Park and will work closely with internal partners in our Countryside and Management Directorate to develop shared knowledge and expertise.

You will also be responsible for responding to consultations on planning applications and local plans outside of the National Park which have the potential to impact on the Parks Purposes.

If you want to talk a little more about this unique role, please contact Rob Ainslie, Development Manager on 01730 819265 for an informal chat.