



Report to	:	Lyminster and Crossbush Parish Council
Title of Report	:	Parish Priorities Statement
Purpose of Report	:	To provide information
Report	:	October 2023

1. Background

1.1 A communication was received from the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) relating to community input into their Local Plan Review (LPR).

1.2 The process for this is the preparation of a Parish Priority Statement (PPS) which is the South Downs National Park's version of the Neighbourhood Priority Statement introduced in the Levelling Up Regeneration Bill in May 2022. It allows parish councils to set out their aspirations for the future and identify any local issues which will be relevant to the South Downs LPR. Community engagement must underpin the development of PPSs.

2. The position at Lyminster and Crossbush

2.1 The Lyminster and Crossbush Neighbourhood Plan (LYCBNP) was 'made' in November 2022 following a public referendum at which 86.88% of residents voted Yes.

2.2 The creation of the Plan followed significant public engagement.

2.3 The Plan contains robust policies that form part of the SDNP Development Plan.

3. SDNPA position

3.1 Confirmation has been received from the SDNPA (copy attached) that they will take the contents of the neighbourhood plan into account when preparing the Local Plan Review.

3.2 It should be noted that this does not prevent the Local Plan containing policies and allocations which conflict with existing neighbourhood plans. There is no requirement for local plans to be in general conformity with neighbourhood plans and the latest plan to be adopted always takes precedence where there is a conflict.

4. Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that the PC does not create a PPS but responds to the SDNPA stating that the LYCBNP contains current and up to date policies which set out the aspirations of the residents of the Parish and which form part of the current Local Plan and it is hoped that these aspirations are reflected in the Local Plan review.

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your phone call and email. As you have an up to date neighbourhood plan you may just wish to rely on that as expressing your parish's views and priorities. Please confirm if that is the case.

We will take the contents of neighbourhood plans into account when preparing the Local Plan Review, but please be aware that this does not prevent the Local Plan containing policies and allocations which conflict with existing neighbourhood plans. There is no requirement for local plans to be in general conformity with neighbourhood plans and the latest plan to be adopted always takes precedence where there is a conflict.

Regards,

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Hi James thank you for your prompt response to my call.

Lyminster and Crossbush Parish Council have asked me to respond to the request made by Chris Patterson to produce a Parish Priorities Statement.

The Parish Council completed its Neighbourhood Plan which was adopted by Arun DC in November 2022. More than half its land area lies within the SDNP. Can I assume that they do not need to complete a PPS because their NP policies already

form part of the SDNP Development Plan?

Regards

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