

Appendix 5 - Parish Priorities Statements

Introduction

The new planning system introduced under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 (LURA) introduces the idea of 'Neighbourhood Priority Statements'. These are statements prepared by local communities that summarise the principal needs and prevailing views for their local area, and are intended to provide a lighter touch alternative to Neighbourhood Plans. Whilst they will not carry the same weight as Neighbourhood Plans, the legislation requires local planning authorities to 'have regard' to Neighbourhood Priorities Statements in preparing their Local Plans under the new planning system. Further information about these statements will be provided through secondary legislation and regulations due this year.

As an informal pilot of this approach in February 2023 we invited all our town and parish councils to prepare 'Parish Priorities Statements' (PPS) to inform the Local Plan Review. A template was provided which followed the format and content of Neighbourhood Priorities Statements as set out in the LURA, to enable any PPS to be evolved into Neighbourhood Priorities Statements as legislation and guidance is provided by Government. This template includes the following sections:

- Details – including contact details and how public consultation and engagement was used in the preparation of the PPS;
- The vision for the future;
- Development and management of land:
 - What type and level of development would you like to see in the parish?
 - Are there any areas of the Parish you would like to see developed?
 - Are there any specific areas you want protected for other uses?
- Homes:
 - What type of homes would you like to see in your local community?
 - What size of home is needed locally?
 - Any other requirements?
- Design
 - Are there any areas of local character which are particularly important to the local community?
 - Particular features of buildings of local character.
- The natural environment:
 - Opportunities to make nature bigger, better and more joined up.
- Jobs
 - Information about business you would like to protect and business opportunities that should be provided.
- Public spaces
 - Public Open Space, Public realm, Pocket Parks.
- Infrastructure
 - Active travel priorities, roads / parking, community buildings needs, waste / water infrastructure, broadband, renewable energy.

Parish Priorities Statements Submitted

The following 38 Parish Priorities Statements have been submitted to SDNPA and are available to view on the website at [Parish Priorities Statements - South Downs National Park Authority](#)

Bepton	East Chiltington	Kingston
Binsted	East Dean and Friston	Liss
Bramdean and Hinton Ampner	East Meon	Lyminster & Crossbush
Buriton	East Tisted	Madehurst
Bury	Fernhurst	Newton Valence
Chawton	Findon	Selbourne
Cheriton	Firle	Sheet
Clapham	Harting	Slindon
Coldwaltham	Hassocks	Soberton
Compton	Heyshott	Tichborne
Corhampton and Meonstoke	Houghton	Trotton
Ditchling	Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common	Warnford
Easebourne	Iford	Worldham

PPS in Preparation

Droxford
Parham
Upham