

Report to	Planning Committee
Date	19 January 2017
By	Director of Planning
Title of Report	Quarterly Update on the Progress of Neighbourhood Planning
Purpose of Report	To update Members of the progress of Neighbourhood Development Plans across the South Downs National Park

Recommendation: The Committee is recommended to note the progress to date on the preparation of Neighbourhood Development Plans across the National Park.

1. Summary

- 1.1 Neighbourhood planning is a very important aspect of the development plan for the South Downs National Park. Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs) form a part of the development plan for the National Park once they are made by the National Park Authority (NPA) alongside joint core strategies, saved Local Plan policies, minerals and waste plans and the emerging South Downs Local Plan.
- 1.2 Many responses on NDPs are made by officers under delegated powers, and Members need to be aware of the work officers of the NPA are doing across the National Park. These reports are produced quarterly for presentation at Planning Committee. These reports will then feed into the Authority Monitoring Report published at the end of the year.
- 1.3 Reports relating to NDPs presented to Planning Committee are listed in the following section of this report. Key areas of work done under delegated powers by the Authority since 1 October 2016 are set out in **Appendix I** of this report. Key milestones reached by NDPs are also set out in the appendix. All groups are aware of the importance of progressing their draft plans ahead of the South Downs Local Plan. The following NDP groups will reach submission stage by the 1 April 2017; Lavant, Liss, and East Meon. Furthermore the following NDPs will have started or completed their pre-submission consultation on or around the 1 April; Bury, Ditchling, Westmeston and Streat, Lewes and Twyford.

2. Planning Committee

- 2.1 In the period from 1 October to 31 December the following reports have been considered by Planning Committee:
 - [Making of Albourne Neighbourhood Development Plan](#) (Oct 2016)
 - [Response to Submission \(Reg16\) consultation on the Amberley Neighbourhood Development Plan](#) (Oct 2016)
 - [Making of the Findon Neighbourhood Development Plan](#) (Dec 2016)
 - [Making of the Aldingbourne Neighbourhood Development Plan](#) (Dec 2016)

3. Other Implications

Implication	Yes/No
Will further decisions be required by another committee/full authority?	No
Does the proposal raise any Resource implications?	No
Has due regard has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equality Act 2010?	Due regard has been taken of the South Downs National Park Authority's equality duty as contained within the Equalities Act 2010. The qualifying body with responsibility for preparing the neighbourhood plan must prepare a Consultation Statement demonstrating how they have consulted the local community and statutory consultees. The examiner who assesses the plan will consider whether the Consultation Statement meets regulatory requirements.
Are there any Human Rights implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Crime & Disorder implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Health & Safety implications arising from the proposal?	None
Are there any Sustainability implications based on the 5 principles set out in the SDNPA Sustainability Strategy?	The qualifying body with responsibility for preparing the neighbourhood plan must demonstrate how its plan will contribute to the achievement of sustainable development. This is set out in the Basic Conditions Statement. The examiner who assessed the plan considered that it met the requirements. Please note that the sustainability objectives used by qualifying bodies may not be the same as used by the SDNPA, but they will follow similar themes.

4. Risks Associated with the Proposed Decision

4.1 No risks have been identified.

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Appendices I. Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

SDNPA Consultees Legal Services; Chief Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer

External Consultees None

Background Documents All plans referred to and the responses made by the SDNPA are available on <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/neighbourhood-development-plans/>

Neighbourhood Development Plan Update

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan ¹	Links to relevant documents
Amberley	Amberley Parish Council have submitted their plan to the SDNPA, and the Reg 16 Submission Consultation ran from 6 September to 18 October 2016. The SDNPA Reg 16 Submission response was approved at Planning Committee (13 October 2016). The SDNPA appointed Rosemary Kidd MRTPI as Independent Examiner. The Examination started but has now been paused while Natural England are consulted regarding the need or otherwise for Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitats Regulation Assessment.	NDP: 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Horsham Core Strategy 2007: one of a number of settlements felt to be 'suitable...for varying levels of residential development'	Amberley Submission Plan
Bury	Bury started their Regulation 14 pre submission consultation on 12 November running until 24 December 2016. The draft NDP includes 21 policies and one allocation for 6 new dwellings. Officers prepared a response to the consultation under delegated authority and have placed it on the website.	NDP: 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Saved Policies from the Chichester Local Plan 1999: 0	Bury pre submission plan
Ditchling, Westmeston & Streat	The Beacon Villages NDP has been published for a second Regulation 14 pre submission consultation, running from the 7 December to the 28 January 2017. This second consultation relates to new housing sites and Local Green Spaces only. Officers will prepare a response to the consultation under delegated authority and place it on the website.	NDP: 20 Emerging SDLP: 15 Lewes Joint Core Strategy: 15	Beacon Villages pre submission plan
East Meon	The Submission version of the East Meon NDP has been drafted and agreed by the Parish Council for submission to the SDNPA. The NDP now contains site specific policies in response to the SDNPA's comments at the Regulation 14 Pre Submission consultation. The SDNPA response to the Reg 16 Submission consultation may be presented to Planning Committee in February.	NDP: 17 Emerging SDLP: 15 East Hampshire JCS: 'a share of minimum of 100 dwellings at other villages in the National Park'	East Meon Parish website

¹ Where information is available; some saved Local Plans (and associated housing numbers) have been superseded by more recent versions that do not include the National Park

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan ¹	Links to relevant documents
Findon	The Findon NDP successfully passed referendum on the 3 November 2016. There was a 25.5% turnout with 93% of votes in favour of the Findon NDP. The Findon NDP was made (adopted) by the SDNPA at Planning Committee on the 8 December 2016. The settlement policy boundary and housing sites will be in allocated in the Pre-Submission South Downs Local Plan.	NDP: None Emerging SDLP: 20 Arun 2003 Local Plan: 0	Findon NDP Referendum Version
Fittleworth	A consultant has been working on behalf of the NPA with the steering group to draft a Reg 14 pre submission version of the Fittleworth NDP. The draft NDP is currently with the steering group for approval prior to the pre submission consultation. The SEA/SA Environmental Report and Habitats Regulation Assessment will be prepared in Jan 2017. It is anticipated that the Reg 14 pre submission consultation will start in March 2017.	NDP: min 6 Emerging SDLP: 6 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	
Lavant	Lavant Parish Council have received the District Valuer's report in relation to Eastmead industrial site and have worked with SDNPA officers to add further detail to the other housing policies. The Reg 16 Submission NDP was submitted to the SDNPA in December 2016. The Reg 16 Submission consultation runs from 10 Jan to 21 February. Planning Committee will be asked to agree the SDNPA's response to this consultation in February.	NDP: min 75 (10 of which are outside the SDNP) Emerging SDLP: 20 ² Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	Lavant NDP submission version and supporting documents.
Lewes	<p>Site assessment work continues. A pre-draft plan has been produced for early comment, with housing allocation sites to be confirmed. The SDNPA has recommended that Lewes will need to undertake an SEA and that this should be undertaken in the form of a Sustainability Appraisal. A consultant to undertake has been commissioned and the draft scoping report is out on consultation in Jan 2017 for 5 weeks.</p> <p>The Planning Policy Manager wrote to the Lewes NDP group on the 20/9/16 to remind them of the need to progress in a timely fashion with their work and the risks to the SDNP Local Plan as a whole should there be significant policy gaps. Significant progress has been made by the steering group since then.</p>	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: 835 ³ Lewes JCS: Minimum 220 through NDP	

² Includes Mid Lavant and East Lavant

³ Includes North Street Quarter and Old Mallig Farm

SDNPA-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with emerging South Downs Local Plan (SDLP) and existing Local Plan ¹	Links to relevant documents
Liss	The community have appointed a design consultant who has prepared a detailed design brief for Browns Farm site. This design brief responds to many of the points raised by SDNPA in the pre submission consultation. The Liss NDP was submitted to the SDNPA for examination on the 28 November. A legal check of the documents has been completed and the Regulation 16 Submission consultation runs for 8 weeks from 16 Dec to 10 Feb 2017. The SDNPA response to this consultation will be presented to Planning Committee in February.	NDP: 150 Emerging SDLP: 150 ⁴ East Hampshire JCS: 150	SDNPA Planning Committee report SDNPA Response Liss NDP website
Patching	Officers at the SDNPA have been liaising with Patching Parish Council over concerns raised during the Reg 14 pre-submission consultation regarding a local connection housing policy. Officers met with the group to discuss this policy and consider the comments made. In principle it is felt this policy could be a template for other communities and needs to be carefully considered. The Submission of the Patching NDP is expected in January 2017.	NDP: 0 Emerging SDLP: 0 Arun 2003 Local Plan: 0	Patching NDP website
Petworth	The NDP group continue to work towards a draft plan ready for pre-submission consultation by April 2017.	NDP: 150 Emerging SDLP: 150 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	Petworth NDP website
Rogate	Rogate Parish Council are working towards preparation of the Rogate NDP for Reg 14 pre-submission consultation. Officers met with the group in December. The parish council have provided a draft version of the Rogate NDP to officers for informal comments and plan to hold a public meeting in January.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: 11 Chichester 1999 Local Plan: 0	
Twyford	The steering group have prepared a draft Reg 14 pre-submission NDP. Work is currently underway to refine the draft NDP in light of public feedback. Consultation on the SEA/SA scoping report is taking place in December and January. It is anticipated that the SEA/SA Environmental Report will be prepared in Feb – March 2017 and the Reg 14 pre-submission consultation will start in March 2017.	NDP: minimum 20 Emerging SDLP: 20 Winchester JCS: 0	Twyford NDP

⁴ Includes West Liss and Liss Forest

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
Albourne	The Albourne NDP was made (adopted) by the SDNPA on 13 October 2016.	NDP: up to 36, not in SDNP area Emerging SDLP: n/a Mid Sussex Local Plan: n/a	Albourne NDP Referendum version
Aldingbourne	The Aldingbourne NDP was made (adopted) by the SDNPA on the 8 December 2016.	NDP: n/a Emerging SDLP: n/a Arun 2003 Local Plan: n/a	Aldingbourne NDP Referendum version
Boxgrove	Boxgrove Parish Council have prepared a Pre Submission NDP. However the NDP has been screened in for the purposes of a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). This decision is based on the potential impact on landscape and the historic environment which could be affected by a housing allocation in the NDP. The NDP group are exploring funding and considering consultants to prepare a SEA to support their NDP.	NDP: 25 Emerging SDLP: n/a Chichester 1999 Local Plan: n/a	http://www.boxgrovenp.co.uk/
Henfield	A high court judge has quashed Horsham District Council's decision to adopt Henfield NDP. The judge found that the qualifying body had failed to adequately use evidence in its assessment of sites. The decision specifically related to evidence arising from the SEA.	NDP: approx. 120 Emerging SDLP: n/a Horsham District Planning Framework 2015: A share of 1500 homes in accordance with the settlement hierarchy	
Seaford	SDNPA officers continue to liaise with Seaford Town Council who are currently considering sites. The SDNPA is meeting with the NDP group in January.	NDP: tbc Emerging SDLP: n/a Lewes JCS: n/a	
Storrington, Sullington & Washington	Following an unsuccessful Examination, the Storrington Cluster plan was re-submitted for Reg 14 Pre-submission consultation from 6 July to 17 August 2016. The SDNPA submitted pre submission	NDP: 1 site within SDNP, no. unspecified Emerging SDLP: n/a	SDNPA Pre-submission Response

Other Authority-Led NDPs	Update	Housing Numbers Compared with Existing LP and Emerging SDLP	Links to relevant documents (where applicable)
	<p>comments to the NDP group on 16 August 2016. Horsham DC are currently assisting the parish council with their evidence base. The consultancy arm of the SDNPA has been commissioned to undertake Local Green Space work on behalf of the NDP.</p>	<p>Horsham District Planning Framework 2015: A share of 1500 homes in accordance with the settlement hierarchy</p>	
Walberton	<p>The Decision Statement for the Walberton NDP was agreed by Arun District Council on the 20 December 2016. The NDP will go to referendum on the 1 February 2017.</p>	<p>NDP: 48, none in SDNP area Emerging SDLP: n/a Arun 2003 Local Plan: n/a</p>	<p>Walberton Decision Statement</p>
Westbourne	<p>A draft Westbourne NDP was published for a second pre-submission consultation running from the 14 November to 16 December. This consultation took place following changes to the NDP to include an appeal site as one of the site allocations.</p>	<p>NDP: 25 Emerging SDLP: n/a CDC Local Plan: 25</p>	<p>http://www.westbournevillage.org/nphome.html</p>

Made Neighbourhood Development Plans

Made Plans	Date Made by SDNPA	Date of SDNPA Area Designation	Referendum Turnout	Cost
Aldingbourne	8 December 2016	7 November 2013	24%	N/A
Angmering	14 March 2015	14 March 2013	31.3%	N/A
Arundel	12 June 2014	14 March 2013	26.6%	N/A
Clapham	12 May 2016	13 November 2014	52.7%	£3,664.98
Fernhurst	14 April 2016	13 September 2012	18.2%	£33,703.94
Findon	8 December 2016	12 October 2012	25.5%	
Hamsey	14 July 2016	13 September 2012	28.0%	N/A
Ferring	12 March 2015	14 March 2013	45.2%	N/A
Hurstpierpoint & Sayers Common	14 March 2015	13 September 2012	42.0%	N/A
Kirdford	12 June 2014	13 September 2012	44.0%	N/A
Milland	9 June 2016	13 June 2013	33.8%	£1,986.50
Petersfield	21 January 2016	13 September 2012	26.0%	£45,209.01
Ringmer	21 January 2016	13 September 2012	42.0%	N/A
Wisborough Green	9 June 2016	13 September 2012	36.6%	N/A

Neighbourhood Development Plans not currently being progressed:

Sheet, Singleton

Plans where there is nothing to report in the period 1 October to 31 December 2016:

SDNPA-Led	Other Authority-Led		
Petworth	Bramshott & Liphook Hassocks Lynchmere Newhaven Peacehaven & Telscombe	Plaistow and Ifold Plumpton Rottingdean Sompting	Steyning Upper Beeding Woodmancote