



South Downs National Park
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I. INTRODUCTION

- I.1** National planning legislation requires local planning authorities (LPAs) to prepare, maintain and publish a Local Development Scheme (LDS)¹. This updated LDS provides a revised programme for the production of Local Development Documents. This includes the proposed programmes for the emerging *South Downs Local Plan*, the Minerals and Waste Plans undertaken jointly with County Councils, the proposed *Shoreham Cement Works Area Action Plan (AAP)* and various Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs). The timelines are set out in appendix I of this document.
- I.2** LPAs are also obliged to keep their LDS under review. This fourth iteration of the LDS covers the period from August 2017 to December 2019, and updates the *South Downs Local Development Scheme* published in December 2016.
- I.3** The aim of this updated LDS is to accurately reflect the current position in the plan making process and provide public information of the process and timetable for the preparation and review of local development documents.

¹ Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 as amended

2. HIERARCHY OF POLICY AND PLAN-MAKING

National

- 2.1 The Government published the *National Planning Policy Framework* (NPPF) in March 2012. The NPPF provides a comprehensive and up-to-date national planning policy context setting out the requirements for the local plan-making process.
- 2.2 The Government also published a *Planning Policy for Traveller Sites (PPTS) (as Amended)* in March 2012.
- 2.3 The Government also provided in March 2014 a website based resource, the *Planning Practice Guidance* (PPG), which supports interpretation of the NPPF and PPTS through further detailed guidance.
- 2.4 LPAs must have regard to the NPPF, PPTS and PPG in preparing its Local Plan.

Development Plan for the South Downs National Park

- 2.5 Until the emerging *South Downs Local Plan* is adopted by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) the 'Development Plan' consists of the:

Adopted Core Strategies:

- East Hampshire Joint Core Strategy (2014)
- Horsham Core Strategy (2007)
- Lewes Joint Core Strategy² (2016)
- Worthing Core Strategy (2011)
- Winchester Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy (2013)
- Wealden Core Strategy Core Strategy Local Plan (2013)
- East Sussex Joint Waste and Minerals Plan (2013)
- East Sussex Joint Waste and Minerals Sites Plan (2017)
- Hampshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (2013)
- West Sussex Waste Local Plan (2014)

Saved Local Plan policies for districts where these policies have not yet been superseded by an adopted Core Strategy:

- Adur District Local Plan (1996)
- Arun District Local Plan (2003) and Submission Draft Arun District Local Plan (2011-2031)
- Brighton & Hove Local Plan Adopted (2005) (retained policies March 2016)

² Policies SP1 and SP2 of the Lewes JCS insofar as they relate to the South Downs National Park were quashed on 20 March 2017 at the High Court

- Chichester District Local Plan First Review (1999)
 - Eastbourne Borough Plan (2003)
 - Mid Sussex Local Plan (2004)
 - Wealden Local Plan (1998)
 - Winchester District Local Plan Review (2006)
 - Worthing Local Plan (2003)
 - East Sussex Minerals Local Plan (1999), East Sussex Waste Local Plan (2006) – for East Sussex and Brighton & Hove part of the National Park – saved policies that were not deleted following the adoption of the East Sussex Downs and Brighton & Hove Waste and Minerals Plan (2013)
 - West Sussex Minerals Local Plan (2003) for West Sussex part of the National Park
 - West Sussex Joint Minerals Submission Draft Local Plan (2017)
- 2.6** When adopted the *South Downs Local Plan* will contain planning policy documents designed to help deliver the statutory National Park purposes and duty. Work on preparing the local plan will take full account of other relevant strategies and plans, having regard to conformity requirements, including:
- The adopted Partnership Management Plan (2013) for the National Park;
 - Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) (August 2017);
 - The Sustainable Community Strategies prepared by the constituent authorities and;
 - The Local Plans being prepared by neighbouring LPAs that impact on the National Park.
- 2.7** Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) provide more detailed guidance to explain policies and proposals set out in the Local Plan. They cannot introduce new policies. Unlike development plan documents (DPD) they are not subject to an independent examination and as such can be produced quicker.
- 2.8** The SDNPA is currently preparing three SPDs. The *Wealden Heath Phase 2 SPA* SPD is being prepared jointly with East Hampshire District Council. The SDNPA is also working on a *Design Guide* SPD and an *Affordable Housing* SPD to support draft policies SD5 and SD28 respectively of the emerging Local Plan.

Neighbourhood Development Plans

- 2.9** Through the provisions of the *Localism Act 2011*, Town and Parish Councils are now able to prepare Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDP) and/or Orders. The production of an NDP or Order has to be instigated by the relevant Town or Parish Council and, as such, does not form part of this LDS. As of August 2017 there were a total of 50 NDPs in various stages of preparation in the National Park.
- 2.10** It is important that all of the National Park is planned for. The emerging Local Plan does not generally allocate any development in parishes with an NDP. It is necessary for NDPs to proceed in a timely fashion in order to avoid there being any policy gaps. In order to provide some flexibility should unexpected delays occur to NDPs, further

Development Plan Documents (DPD) may be programmed. These will allocate sites as necessary to accommodate the levels of growth set out in this plan. Additional DPDs may be taken forward if NDPs have not progressed in a timely fashion. This will be monitored and reported in the yearly Authority Monitoring Report.

3. PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN DOCUMENTS

Reasons for updating the LDS

- 3.1 Since the publication of the SDNPA third iteration of the LDS (January 2017), there have been changes in circumstances which have resulted in the need to revise it.
- 3.2 Firstly, the draft Local Plan was approved for Regulation 19 consultation at National Park Authority on 11 July 2017. However, as of July 2017 no date has as yet been agreed for the commencement of the consultation, although it is anticipated to be in autumn 2017. As such, it is considered that there are likely to be changes to the timing of the subsequent stages, such as Submission and Examination, before the draft Local Plan is adopted in late 2018.
- 3.3 Secondly, as set out in draft Local Plan Strategic Site Policy SD56 (Shoreham Cement Works), it has been determined that the future development of the Shoreham Cement Works will be supported by a separate Area Action Plan (AAP). The timing of the proposed AAP is set out in the revised LDS Schedule.
- 3.4 Thirdly, work has started on a number of SPDs that are now included in this LDS.
- 3.5 Fourthly, it is proposed to work jointly with East Sussex County Council (ESCC) and Brighton & Hove City Council (B&HCC) on a *Mineral Local Plan Review*. The proposed review is in its early stages and would not likely be subject to examination until late 2019. For reference, there are no current proposed changes to the timing of the *West Sussex Joint Minerals Plan*.
- 3.6 Lastly, it was considered that the last full iteration of the LDS (Second Revision) included too much detail that was not directly of relevance. Therefore, this iteration is more concise, which will assist in revising any future iterations.


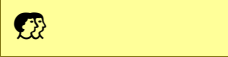






4. ARRANGEMENTS FOR MONITORING AND REVIEW

- 4.1 The Authority produces an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) annually. The AMR will report on progress with Local Plan preparation, report activity relating to the duty to cooperate and how the implementation of policies in the Local Plan is progressing. The latest iteration of the AMR is available to view on the SDNPA website at:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning/planning-policy/national-park-local-plan/evidence-and-supporting-documents/>

APPENDIX I: LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME (LDS) FOR SOUTH DOWNS LOCAL PLAN, WEST SUSSEX JOINT MINERALS LOCAL PLAN, EAST SUSSEX JOINT MINERAL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW, SHOREHAM CEMENT WORKS AREA ACTION PLAN AND SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS

DPD/SPD	2017								2018												
	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	
South Downs Local Plan			N P A								S				H	H		A			
Shoreham Cement Works AAP											N P A					N P A					
West Sussex MLP	S				H	H			A												

KEY	
Plan preparation	
Formal approval to consult/publish by the SDNPA	NPA
Consultation on draft plan (Reg. 18)	 
Consultation on Pre-Submission (Reg. 19)	 
Consultation on draft SPD (Reg 13)	 
Submission	S 
Examination with Public Hearing Sessions	H 
Adoption by SDNPA	A 