

22 September 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

### **South Downs Local Plan Pre-submission consultation, Autumn 2017**

The South Downs National Park Authority has produced a final draft of the South Downs Local Plan. This will now public consultation under Regulation 19 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012.

The consultation will run from 26 September 2017 until 21 November 2017.

All the documents relevant to this consultation will be available during the consultation at the following website address:

<http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan>

For your convenience, I enclose a memory stick containing the following documents:

- Folder 1: South Downs Local Plan Pre-submission
- Folder 2: Full suite of Policies Maps (Overview Maps and Settlement Inset Maps)
- Folder 3: Sustainability Appraisal and Habitats Regulations Assessment
- Folder 4: Interim Consultation Statement

There are also 7 public locations across the South Downs National Park where paper copies of the proposed submission documents (i.e. the Local Plan and main supporting documents) can be viewed. Details of these are given on the Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents which accompanies this letter.

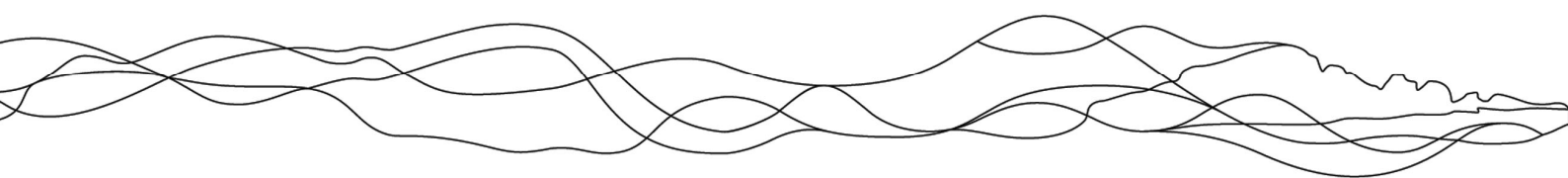
You are encouraged to respond to the consultation using our online consultation tool. This allows comments to be made to specific parts of the Local Plan and accompanying documents, without the need to complete paper forms. Please go to <http://www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan> to access the online consultation. Alternatively, you can respond my email or by post – see our website for further details. A **Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents** is attached to this letter.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please call the South Downs Planning Policy Team on 01730 819266 or email [planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

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# **Statement of Representations Procedure and Availability of Documents**

## **Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 19)**

### **Title of document**

South Downs Local Plan Pre-Submission

### **Subject matter and area covered**

The South Downs National Park Authority has prepared the South Downs Local Plan for submission to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. The Local Plan sets out the spatial planning and policy framework for, and allocates sites for development within, the South Downs National Park for the period 01 April 2014 to 31 March 2033. The Local Plan includes the National Park Authority's vision and objectives, a spatial strategy, and a number of strategic and development management planning policies, to be applied to all relevant development in the National Park. It allocates strategic sites for a number of uses, and allocates other sites for housing or employment uses, or a mix of the two. It identifies, and positively plans for, an appropriate amount of development which fulfils the objectives of the Local Plan and meets the statutory purposes and duty for national parks as specified in the Environment Act 1995.

The area covered by the Local Plan is the South Downs National Park.

### **Period of publication for representations**

Representations are invited on the South Downs Local Plan Pre-submission for a period of 8 weeks and 1 day, from 00:00 on Tuesday 26 September to 23:59 on Tuesday 21 November 2017.

### **How and where to submit your representations**

The best way to respond to this consultation is using the South Downs National Park online consultation tool. This allows you to review the Local Plan and make comments within the document itself. You can access this at <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan>.

Alternatively, you can submit your comments by downloading copies of the Representations Form from <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan>, and then either:

- Completing the representations form using the downloaded electronic copy, then emailing the completed forms to [planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk) (please enter the words 'Local Plan response' into the subject bar of your email), or
- Printing paper copies of the representations form, completing these, and then either scan and email them to [planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk), or post them to the following address:

South Downs Local Plan  
Planning Policy  
South Downs National Park Authority  
South Downs Centre  
North Street  
Midhurst  
West Sussex  
GU29 9DH

### **Notification of further stages**

You can request to be notified by email or by post of any or all of the following:

- That the South Downs Local Plan has been submitted to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for independent examination under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- That the Local Plan Inspector's Report has been published making recommendations on the South Downs Local Plan, under Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004;
- That the South Downs Local Plan has been adopted.

Please ensure that you complete the relevant sections using the online consultation tool, or the representations form, if you wish to be notified at any of these stages.

### **Where to view the documents (statement of fact)**

During the period of consultation, copies of the South Downs Local Plan, together with the Sustainability Appraisal, Habitat Regulations Assessment, Policies Maps and Interim Consultation Statement, will be available to view in the following ways:

- On the Authority's website <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/localplan> (note that all supporting evidence documents published to date will also be available on the website);
- Available for inspection at the following locations and times:

South Downs Centre reception, North Street, Midhurst GU29 9DH (principal office)  
(Mon-Thu 09:00-17:00; Fri 09:00-16:30)

Winchester Discovery Centre reception, Jewry Street, Winchester, SO23 8SB  
(Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00; Sat 09:00-17:00; Sun 11:00-15:00)

Petersfield Town Hall lobby, Heath Rd, Petersfield GU31 4EA  
(Mon-Fri 09:00-17:00)

Chichester Library –first floor, Tower Street, Chichester, PO19 1QJ  
Mon-Fri 09:00-19:00; Sat 09:00-17:00)

Jubilee library (Brighton) main foyer, Jubilee Street, Brighton BN1 1GE  
(Mon, Tue & Thu 10:00-19:00; Wed, Fri & Sat 10:00-17:00; Sun 11:00-17:00)

Storrington Library main counter, Ryecroft Lane, Storrington, RH20 4PA  
(Mon-Fri 09:30-17:30; Sat 10:00-16:00)

Lewes District Council reception, Southover House, Southover Road,  
Lewes BN7 1AB  
(Mon-Fri 08:30-17:00)

**If you have any questions about the content of this document, please contact the Planning Policy Team by phoning the South Downs National Park on 01730 814810 or emailing [planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk).**