

South Downs' National Park (SDNP) Pre-Sub Local Plan Consultation Response by Steyning Parish Council

Steyning Parish Council welcomes the opportunity to respond to the SDNP Pre-Submission Local Plan. The Council is keen to support the National Park in its aims to:

1. To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area
2. To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the national park by the public
3. Seek to foster the economic and social well-being of the local communities within the National Park.

Having met to study & and discuss the Pre-Sub Plan, Steyning Parish Council would like to suggest the following inclusions to the document:

Steyning as a 'gateway' to the SDNP

In response to the South Downs National Park Authority Local Plan Consultation, Cllrs noted that although Steyning is mentioned under the Gateways section 3.43 and section 3.56 they would like there to be a reference to 'Steyning being an attractive Market Town and hub in the locality, attracting visitors to this gateway to the National Park' added. Cllrs would also like to request you add a note that 'Steyning features numerous historic & listed buildings' on the Scarp Slope and Dip Slope sections.

Sustainable communities

The Council strongly supports your "Key Messages" in the early part of the document, which includes the statement that "even the smallest communities need to live & breathe & prosper over the next 15 years". However, we feel that it is important that you additionally acknowledge that this equally applies to some towns and villages that are located at the boundaries of the SDNP, and provide a specific policy to cover this, providing both guidance and some assurance to communities like Steyning.

The southern and western boundaries of our built-up area is the SDNP boundary, with a flood plain to the east, and the A283 by-pass to the north being just outside the built-up area boundary, appearing to preclude development to the north according to policies within the Horsham District Council Local Plan (Nov 2015). Work on our emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan will be greatly aided by an acknowledgement that Steyning also "needs to live & breathe & prosper over the next 15yrs" despite the severe constraints of its geography & location.

In summary, there should be a specific policy giving guidance to those areas immediately bordering the National Park, whose development is similarly constrained.

Affordable housing

Steyning Parish Council welcomes the references for affordable homes in Strategic Policy SD28 and Strategic Policy SD29, and acknowledges its potential relevance to our emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Dwellings for agricultural workers

Steyning Parish Council fully supports the South Downs National Park policy to provide accommodation for agricultural workers (as specified in 7.1). However, it would welcome the inclusion of a similar provision for bone-fide retired agricultural workers.

Allowing the building of new smaller dwellings for genuine retired long-term agricultural workers, will have the additional benefit of freeing up some existing larger dwellings for younger workers with families. We feel confident adding such a policy will be helpful to numerous estates and farms across the SDNP area.

The appendix shows that changes have been made to the following categories

- Works on Trees subject to TPO or in Conservation Areas
- Modification or discharge of S106 agreements
- Discharging details of planning condition compliance
- Changes which the Applicant considers are 'non material'
- Applications for Prior Approval/Prior Notification

PROPOSED CHANGES (NEW WORDING BOLD AND UNDERLINED) TO THE DELEGATION OF PLANNING FUNCTIONS TO THE PLANNING COMMITTEES UNDER PART 3 PARAGRAPH 3.2.2 OF THE CONSTITUTION: FUNCTIONS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEES

- (a) To discharge those functions falling within The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, regulations 2 and 3 and Schedule 1 Part A paragraphs 5-31, Part I paragraphs 46-47A and Schedule 2 paragraphs 16-18 and as may be amended.
- (b) Those matters referred to in an agreement between South Downs National Park and Horsham District Council, having effect from 1 April 2011, shall be discharged by the Planning Committee (South) only.
- (c) Determination of applications as follows:
1. Where the Head of Development considers the application should be presented to the Planning Committee for a decision.
 2. Any planning application that is defined as a departure application under the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 where the recommendation of the Head of Development would represent **an initial** departure from the development plan **with the exception of where the initial departure has already been agreed by virtue of a previous grant of planning permission (extant and not extant) and the application represents a subsequent application for either the same, similar or alternative development on the same or an adjacent site which would not alter the previous material planning considerations.**
 3. **Planning Applications, Outline Planning Applications and Applications for Approval of Reserved Matters or Listed Building Consent made by or on behalf of the Council or on land owned by the Council or in which the Council has a legal interest with the exception of: a) Applications to vary or remove a condition; b) Applications seeking advertisement consent; and c) clauses i to viii below.**
 4. An application that has been made by a council member or an officer or a member of their immediate family with **the exception of: a) Applications to remove or vary a condition; b) Applications seeking advertisement consent; and c) clauses i to viii below.**
 5. Where a Member of the relevant Planning Committee requests it. Such request to be in writing (to include e-mail) and received by the Head of Development within 35 days of the date of validation for all applications **with the exception of clauses i to iv and viii below.**
 6. Where eight or more persons in different households or bodies make a written representation (to include email), which discloses a material planning consideration within the consultation period and is inconsistent with the Head of Development's recommendation **with the exception of clauses i to viii below.**
 7. Where the Parish or Neighbourhood Council makes a written representation (to include email) which discloses a material planning consideration and is inconsistent with the Head of Development's recommendation, within the consultation period, and wishes to address the Planning Committee **with the exception of clauses i to viii below.**

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Exception clauses applying to 3-7 above:

- i. Applications for a Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed or existing)
- ii. Applications for Prior Approval (submitted pursuant to the General permitted Development Order 2015 (as amended))
- iii. Applications for Prior Notification (submitted pursuant to the General permitted Development Order 2015 (as amended))
- iv. Applications for the submission of details of conditions pursuant to planning permission
- v. Applications for works to trees in a Conservation Area
- vi. Applications for works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order
- vii. Applications to modify or discharge an obligation contained within a Unilateral Undertaking or a S106 Agreement
- viii. Applications for a non-material amendment

PROPOSED CHANGES (ADDITIONAL WORDING SET OUT IN BOLD AND UNDERLINED IN (B)) TO THE DELEGATION OF PLANNING FUNCTIONS TO THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PROPERTY

3.6.2 Director of Planning, Economic Development and Property

Within the overall resources allocated by the Council and in direct support of the Council's objectives act on behalf of the Council on all operational and administrative matters relating to the discharge of the Council's functions relating to the following service delivery functions, unless that function has been specifically delegated to another Officer or elsewhere within this constitution: Planning Policy, Development Management, Building Control, Housing Strategy and Economic Development and specifically:

a) Administer, subject to the Key Decision framework, the acquisition, re-use appropriation and disposal of the Council's land and buildings, together with the granting or taking assignment or surrender of leases, tenancies, licences, easements, wayleaves and variations of rent of the Council's land and buildings and all consequent operational and administrative matters.

b) To discharge those functions falling within The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, regulations 2 and 3 and Schedule 1 Part A paragraphs 5-31, Part 1 paragraphs 46-47A and Schedule 2 paragraphs 16-18 and as may be amended.

c) Exercise all the functions of the Council relating to town and country planning matters, including development management, **except for** those matters reserved to a committee in part three of this constitution.

d) Refer to Full Council if he is of the opinion that the relevant Planning Committee is minded to make a decision in which there are likely to be significant cost implications.

Gatwick Airport Airspace and Noise Management Board

Public Meeting – Thursday 7th December 2017

Programme

0900 – 0930 Registration

0930 - 1000 Introduction and Welcome – Gatwick Airport

1000 -1030 NMB Update – Bo Redeborn, Independent Chairman NMB

1030 – 1200 **Noise Tutorials** – Guest browse through booths in the room hosted by:



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- NATS/Airline talk though Continuous Descent Approach
- Virtual Community Noise Simulator – demonstration of state of the art audio and visual virtual environment
- CASPER Noise and Track Keeping System demonstration – live flights
- Airspace talk – LAMP2 future airspace change initiative
- NMB Data presentation – what the data means, how to interpret it
- Air Traffic Control interactive demonstration of how air traffic controllers land and depart aircraft
- Demonstration of community airspace design tool by NATS

Tea and Coffee will be available.

1200 - 1300 **Questions and Answers**

Panel provisionally comprising: GAL, NMB, NATS, CAA, GATCOM, Community Noise Groups

1300 **ENDS**