

POLICY REFERENCE	POLICY NAME	VIEW	EXPLANATION	QUESTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED
SD2	Ecosystem Services (Core Policy)	Strongly agree		If an updated Environmental Benefits from Nature (EBN) Metric is published, should SD include a requirement for this to be submitted as part of applications for major development? YES - for major dev.
SD25	Development Strategy (Core Policy)	Strongly agree		N/a
SD5	Design (Environment: Landscape & Heritage)	Strongly agree	In a village where ground-water flooding has been a serious issue, encapsulating SuDS will ensure that future applications, if successful, will need a mitigation strategy. Policy should make reference to Village Design Statements. All development proposals should have regard to Village Design Statements where they have been adopted as Supplementary Planning Documents by the Planning Authority.	N/a
SD12	Historic Environment & Cultural Heritage (Environment: Landscape & Heritage)	Strongly agree		N/a

NEW2 and SD9	Designated Sites Hierarchy (NEW2) & Nature Recovery (SD9) (Environment: Landscape & Heritage)	Strongly agree (both)		<u>Wildlife Boxes/Bricks</u> 1. Should the Local Plan have policy requirements for integrated wildlife boxes/bricks? Yes. 2. If yes, what matters should the policy address? Loss of habitat must be replaced. <u>BNG Provision</u> 3. Do you agree that a higher percentage of Biodiversity Net Gain, beyond the statutory minimum of 10% should be considered? Yes, as long as this is not achieved through purchase of credits. 4. Do you agree with the scenarios proposed to be tested below? Scenario 1 – a minimum of 20% for all types of relevant development NO Scenario 2 – a minimum of 10% for minor development and 20% for major development YES Scenario 3 – as Scenario 2 plus 33% for strategic greenfield sites NO Scenario 4 – a minimum of 25% for all relevant development according to the following: - Provision of the statutory minimum of 10% Biodiversity Gain must follow the Government's Biodiversity Gain Hierarchy which priorities on-site provision in the first instance. YES - Provision of the portion of Biodiversity Gain beyond the statutory minimum (10-25%+) to be incentivised to deliver via strategic offsetting sites. YES, but within the local area. 5. If no, what other scenarios should be considered and why?
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SD10 and NEW3-NEW7	International Sites (Environment: Nature Recovery)	Strongly agree (all; but NEW6 & NEW7 most local)		N/a
SD11	Trees, Woodlands, Hedgerows and Scrub (Environment: Nature Recovery)	Strongly agree		N/a
SD48	Climate Change and Sustainable Use of Resources (Environment: Climate Action)	Strongly agree		Are the standards in this policy appropriate, legible for applicants and decision-makers and likely to be relevant until 2032 (when this Local Plan is likely to be reviewed)? Should the policy cross-refer to the UK Net Zero Carbon Buildings Standard? Is criteria 2 on embodied carbon appropriate? YES Should small-scale development (<10 units or <1,000sqm) be required to prepare an embodied carbon assessment, without setting a specific target for upfront embodied carbon emissions? NO, TARGETS BEED TO BE SET TO MAKE THE ASSESSMENT MEANINGFUL.
SD51	Renewable Energy (Environment: Climate Action)	Strongly agree		Are there other appropriate potential sites for community-led renewable proposals? Please use the Call for Sites form to provide further details: www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/the-south-downs-local-plan-review/evidence-base/homes-and-economy/land-availability-assessment/submit-a-site/ NOT IN HAMBLEDON.

SD17	Protection of the Water Environment (Environment: Water & Pollution)	Strongly agree		Are there any catchment specific matters not covered by the policy below? If yes, please describe. NO Are there matters relating to chalk streams not covered by the policy below? If yes, please describe. NO
SD49	Flood Risk Management (Environment: Water & Pollution)	Strongly agree		N/a
SD50	Sustainable Drainage (Environment: Water & Pollution)	Strongly agree		N/a
SD26	Housing Supply (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		What level of growth should the National Park be planning for? IN LINE WITH THE EXISTING PLAN. For context the existing Local and Neighbourhood Plan allocations and planning permissions, together with proposed new allocations, amount to approximately 4,500 new homes 2024-2042 (or 250 per year excluding windfall). The existing Local Plan plans for 250 homes per year including a windfall allowance. Note that these supply figures are likely to change as we do more work on the proposed allocations and further sites are put forward.

NEW1	Accessible Homes (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		The Housing and Economic Development Needs Assessment (HEDNA): www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/the-south-downs-local-plan-review/evidence-base/homes-and-economy/housing-and-economic-development-needs-assessment-2023/ suggests 10-15% of dwellings should be wheelchair accessible homes in the affordable sector. Should the policy require (a) 10% or (b) 15%? Please state your reasons. AGREED, BUT SHOULD FOLLOW THE MOST UP TO DATE BUILDING REGS.
SD28	Affordable Homes (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		Is reference to First Homes in criteria 1 appropriate or desirable? YES Are the requirements of criteria 3 still appropriate and practicable for the ongoing management of affordable homes by a Registered or other recognised affordable housing provider? YES
SD29	Rural Exception Sites (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		Is 20% the right level of cross-subsidy to assist in rural exception site delivery whilst limiting landowner hope value? YES Should a degree of flexibility be given to Rural Estates that develop affordable homes as part of a Whole Estate Plans, to determine occupancy conditions and tenure? YES
SD30	Replacement & Subdivision of Dwellings (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree	<i>[Consultation asks for expansion to answer.]</i>	Do these policies, in combination with Policies SD4 and SD5, adequately capture amenity and design considerations in relation to replacement dwellings, subdivisions, and householder developments? YES Should the restriction on the size of extensions/replacement dwellings be applied to all dwellings or only those which are currently small dwellings (120sqm or less)? Is 30% the right percentage limit or should a different percentage figure be used? YES, RIGHT % If so, what would be a reasonable figure? Should the percentage limitation be applied everywhere in the National Park YES or should a different approach be taken within Lewes and Petersfield?

SD31	Householder Development (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		
SD32	New Rural Workers Dwellings (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		N/a
SD33	Gypsies and Travellers (National Park for All: Homes)	Strongly agree		Are there any other sites which should be considered for Gypsies or Travellers accommodation? NO If yes, please complete the Call for Sites nomination form: www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/the-south-downs-local-plan-review/evidence-base/homes-and-economy/land-availability-assessment/submit-a-site/
SD35	Employment Land (National Park for All: Economy)	Strongly agree		N/a
NEW8	Viticulture, Winemaking and Wine Tourism (National Park for All: Economy)	Strongly agree		What aspects of viticulture, winemaking, and wine tourism should this new policy address, consider and/or cover? NO. OF EVENTS AND EVENT TIMINGS.
SD23	Regenerative Tourism (National Park for All: Economy)	Disagree	Reference to Assets of Community Value (ACVs) that appears in the current Local Plan (in Policy SD23) is being deleted [page 75 of the draft plan]. This should be retained because citing ACV status in the Local Plan Policy can help to add weight to it.	Does the policy strike the right balance between furthering the purposes of the National Park and supporting the local economy? YES

SD45	Green Infrastructure (National Park for All: Communities & Health)	Strongly agree		Should the policy be expanded to explicitly state blue infrastructure YES and better connect with design and water policies in relation to SuDS and water management? YES
SD46	Provision and Protection of Public Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities and Burial Grounds/ Cemeteries (National Park for All: Communities & Health)	Strongly agree		Do you think we should update Figure 7.6 (p153) of the Adopted Local Plan using: Natural England's Green Infrastructure Standards (January 2023) (this includes accessible green space standards with an initial focus for everyone to have access to, and benefit from, good quality green and blue spaces within 15 minutes' walk from home); or Fields in Trust's Standards for creating great spaces for all (November 2024) (this includes minimum sizes and walking distance for open space, outdoor sports, and play space); or A different recognised standard. If so, what? BOTH SETS OF STANDARDS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED TO ENSURE THAT MINIMUM TRAVEL DISTANCE FOR THE MAXIMUM GREEN OPEN SPACE/SPORT FACILITY PER 1000 RESIDENTS IS ACHIEVED. Should we require developments for 10 homes or more to provide open space, YES or set a higher threshold? If so, why? N/A Should we include requirements/considerations for allotments, community orchards, and community farms? If so, what should these be and why? YES, AS A CONSIDERATION, BUT ONLY AS A REQUIREMENT WHEN REASONABLE PRACTICABLE.

SD47	Local Green Spaces (National Park for All: Communities & Health)	Strongly agree		Are there any other green areas which should be considered for designation as a local green space? NO. ALL APPLICABLE GREEN SPACE AREAS WERE LISTED IN THE PC'S RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION IN 2023. If yes, please complete the South Downs Local Green Space Nomination Form: www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/the-south-downs-local-plan-review/evidence-base/homes-and-economy/land-availability-assessment/submit-a-site/
SD20	Walking/Wheeling, Cycling and Equestrian Routes (National Park for All: Communities & Health)	Strongly agree		Should we include a criterion about way-finding infrastructure? YES Should we include a criterion or supporting text about path materials and widths? YES
SD44	Telecommunications Infrastructure (National Park for All: Infrastructure)	Strongly agree		N/a
Policy Allocation Policy SD65 (pp 108-109)	Land at Park Lane, Droxford	YES		Are there any significant changes in circumstances since the site was allocated in 2019 which would justify further amendments to this allocation? NO