

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY MEETING – 18 JANUARY 2007

**LOCAL DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Report by: Sarah Applegate, Senior Planning Officer (Policy)

Summary:

This paper sets out a revised Local Development Scheme for the New Forest National Park, identifying which documents will be produced as part of the Authority's Local Development Framework. It takes into account discussions with the Government Office for the South East and New Forest District Council over joint working.

The Scheme at **Annex 1**, describes the requirements for preparing local development documents under the new planning procedures introduced by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

Recommendation:

That Members approve the revised Local Development Scheme attached at Annex 1.

Resources and Corporate Plan:

Not significant.

Corporate Plan Objective A4 – Develop spatial planning policies to support the delivery of the National Park purposes and duties, working jointly with constituent and adjacent authorities.

Other major considerations:

None

Papers:

NFNPA 155/07 – cover paper
NFNPA 155/07 - Annex 1 – revised Local Development Scheme
NFNPA 155/07 - Annex 2 - NFNPA 103/06: Authority Meeting report on
draft Local Development Scheme: 15 June 2006

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (the Act) introduced a new spatial planning system based on a portfolio of planning documents known collectively as the Local Development Framework. The Act requires local planning authorities to prepare a Local Development Scheme. This is a publicly available outline project plan identifying which local development documents will be produced, in what order and when. The Scheme sets out the Authority's planning policy development and review priorities for a three year period, and is rolled forward annually.
- 1.2 Members considered and approved a draft Local Development Scheme at the Authority meeting on 15 June 2006 (report NFNPA 103/06 **Annex 2**). Following discussions with the Government Office for the South East and New Forest District Council a number of revisions have been made.
- 1.3 Government advice on Local Development Schemes has changed during the past year as national experience of the preparation and examination of Development Plan Documents has been gained. The key points of change are for there to be fewer individual Development Plan Documents wherever possible; but for development allocations and development control policies to be covered in separate documents from the Core Strategy. The revised Local Development Scheme (**Annex 1**) meets these requirements while still including the same range of priority spatial planning policy coverage previously approved by members.

2 Local Development Documents

- 2.1 The National Park Authority has already resolved to undertake a number of joint development plan documents (DPDs) as part of the National Park Authority's Local Development Framework. These include the Core Strategy, and a Site Allocations document which will both be undertaken jointly with New Forest District Council.
- 2.2 The Core Strategy will establish the strategic planning policy framework for the National Park and the District. Additionally the Sites Allocations document will identify specific detailed allocated sites for housing, employment, open space and community facilities within both the National Park and New Forest District.
- 2.3 As a Minerals and Waste Planning Authority, the National Park Authority has resolved to prepare a number of joint documents on Minerals and Waste issues with Hampshire County Council, and Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils. These documents consist of the Core Strategy and the Minerals Sites document and the Waste sites document. The National Park Authority resolution to extend the Minerals and Waste Core Strategy to include the part of the National Park within Wiltshire is also set out in the revised Local Development Scheme.
- 2.4 In summary, the following documents will be prepared by the National Park Authority and are set out in the revised Local Development Scheme (**Annex 1**).
- Core Strategy (Joint with NFDC)
 - Sites Allocations DPD (Joint with NFDC)
(This now also includes the spatial policies previously to be covered in the Transport DPD; Housing DPD; and Open Space, Sport and Recreation DPD)
 - Development Control Policies DPD
(These were previously to be annexed to the Core Strategy, but will now be prepared concurrently with the Core Strategy as a separate DPD)
 - Hampshire Minerals and Waste Core Strategy (Joint with Hampshire County, Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils)
 - Minerals Sites DPD
 - Waste Sites DPD
(These DPDs are unchanged)

- Design in the National Park SPD
(Production of a Design Guide is an action in the Corporate Plan. This review provides an opportunity to give it greater status by including it as a statutory document within Local Development Framework)

3 Future Local Development Documents

- 3.1 A further policy area of key concern to Members is the long term protection of grazing land within and beyond the Park boundary. Allied to this is the impact of other changes in agricultural land use, and specifically the loss of grazing land to paddocks for recreational horse keeping. These concerns have been reflected in the South East Plan. As previously agreed, it is likely that the National Park Authority will prepare an Area Action Plan on this issue which it is expected will be undertaken in conjunction with adjoining local authorities; and so a note to this effect is retained in the revised Local Development Scheme.

4 The next stages

- 4.1 The Local Development Scheme has been provisionally submitted to the Government Office, subject to Authority approval. It will come into effect in four weeks after the Government Office has confirmed it is content with the scheme unless the Secretary of State intervenes in this period or requests more time. There is no requirement for the National Park Authority to undertake public consultation on the Local Development Scheme.

Recommendation:

That Members approve the revised Local Development Scheme attached at Annex 1.