



**Addendum to the  
Sustainability Appraisal Report**

**for the**

**New Forest National Park  
Submission Draft Local Plan  
2016 - 2036**

May 2018

## **Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal of Regulation 19 Submission draft Local Plan**

The National Park Authority has completed a Sustainability Appraisal (SA) Report for the New Forest National Park Submission draft Local Plan 2016-2036 and this was published for consultation alongside the Regulation 19 Submission draft Local Plan in January 2018. This Sustainability Appraisal Report incorporated a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). The SEA assesses the environmental impacts of the plan (in accordance with the European Directive 2001/42/EC), whereas the SA assesses a broad range of environmental, economic and social impacts. Following Government guidance, the SA Report incorporated both of these assessments together, so that reference to the Sustainability Appraisal or the SA Report incorporated the requirements in the European Directive for a SEA.

The purpose of a Sustainability Appraisal is to promote sustainable development through the integration of social, environmental and economic considerations into the preparation of a Local Plan. It involves testing the proposed policies and objectives included in the Local Plan against a set of sustainability objectives and criteria. The SA process both informs the development of different policies and tests the sustainability of the final policies that are chosen to be included in the document.

This Addendum to the Sustainability Appraisal (SA) of the New Forest National Park Submission draft Local Plan has been prepared to provide an assessment of the implications for the Sustainability Appraisal of the schedule of proposed minor modifications to the Submission draft Local Plan. The assessment of each of the individual proposed minor modifications can be found on the following pages of this Addendum and should be read alongside the Submission draft Local Plan and the sustainability assessments made in the SA Report of the Submission draft Local Plan (Jan 2018)

### **Conclusion of the Addendum assessments:**

None of the proposed minor modifications to the Submission draft Local Plan are considered to have a negative sustainability impact on the SA Objectives, and, in a number of cases, could strengthen the delivery of one or more of the SA Objectives.

## Assessment of proposed minor modifications

This assessment provides a sustainability appraisal of the proposed minor modifications to the Submission draft Local Plan. Each modification is assessed to determine how it will impact the Sustainability Appraisal Objectives (details of SA Objectives and criteria are outlined in the SA Report) and an overall assessment is recorded.

Measure of Impact of minor modifications on the SA objectives: Positive Neutral Uncertain Negative

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<p>Min-01 Para 1.17: Inert new paragraph to state: <b><i>“In January 2018 the Government published ‘A Green future: Our 25 Year Plan to Improve the Environment’. The Environment Plan sets out the Government’s goals for improving the environment, within a generation. It details how the Government will work with communities and businesses to do this. The Plan includes the commitment to continue to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of National Parks, while recognising that they are living landscapes that support rural communities.”</i></b></p>	<p>This is a factual update in response to the publication of the Government’s 25 year Environment Plan in January 2018. Raising the awareness of this, together with the commitment to conserve and enhance the natural beauty of National Parks, while recognising that they are living landscapes that support rural communities may help the environment SA objectives 1and 2, and SA Objectives 6 and 10. However, as this commitment is in the Plan already, the effect may not be material.</p> <p>– Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>Min-02 Para 2.6: Amend paragraph 2.6 under the ‘Cultural Heritage’ subheading to state at the end of the existing paragraph: <b><i>“The cultural heritage of the National Park extends beyond its rich built environment and</i></b></p>	<p>The increased emphasis on the contribution of commoning to the cultural heritage of the National Park will raise the awareness of this, and may help</p>

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<p><i>includes the long history of commoning in the New Forest. Commoning has helped shape the mosaic of landscapes, biodiversity and character of the National Park.</i></p>	<p>SA objective 3 – Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 3</p>
<p>Min-03 Para 2.10: Amend paragraph 2.10 to state: “Other smaller settlements with a basic range of local services within the National Park include <b>Beaulieu, Burley, Cadnam, East Boldre, Landford, Netley Marsh and Woodgreen.</b>”</p>	<p>This is a factual update and should have no impact on the SA objectives. – Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>Min-04 SP1: Amend criteria (b) of Policy SP1 to state: “Has a positive impact on the ability of the natural environment to positively contribute to society through the provision of food and water, regulation of floods, <b>prevention of</b> soil erosion and disease outbreaks, and non-material benefits such as recreation.”</p>	<p>This is a clarification of how the ability of the natural environment can contribute to soil erosion and disease outbreaks etc. The use of the word ‘prevention’ may slightly strengthen the sustainable use of natural resources – Assessment of impact: Potential small positive for SA Objective 4.</p>
<p>Min-05 Para. 4.8: Amend paragraph 4.8 to state: “Major development is therefore only permitted within protected landscapes in exceptional circumstances <b>and where it can be demonstrated that it is in the public interest</b>, as outlined in the NPPF. <del>In short, proposals have to demonstrate that they are absolutely necessary; in the public interest; and that there is no practical alternative before they can be supported.</del>”</p>	<p>This amendment to the wording of the paragraph ensures consistency with the wording in the NPPF and brings this text in line with Policy SP3 – Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>Min-06 Policy SP3: Amend policy SP3 to state: “Consideration of such applications should include an assessment of:</p>	<p>This is a re-ordering of the wording of Policy SP3, together with reflecting the wording in paragraph 116 of the NPPF – These should not create changes to the impacts on sustainability. – Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>

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<p>a) <i>The need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations; <b>and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy</b></i></p> <p>b) <del>The impact on the local economy of permitting or refusing it;</del></p> <p>c) <b>The cost of, and</b> <del>The scope for, developing outside the New Forest National Park, or meeting the need for it in some other way...</del></p>	
<p>Min-07 Para. 4.20: Amend paragraph 4.20 to state: “<i>The Spatial Strategy also reflects the proximity of the National Park to surrounding urban areas which provide a range of services. <del>These areas are more appropriate locations for development.</del></i>”</p>	<p>This is a clarification that the Local Plan should not comment about the ‘appropriateness’ of development outside the National Park. This does not, however, change Policy SP4, or the provision of services within or in surrounding urban areas.</p> <p>– Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>Min-08 Para 5.8: Amend Para 5.8 to state: “<del>Currently 53% of the National Park’s SSSI-area is in favourable condition</del> <b>has been gradually improving over the last decade, but currently about 43% is in unfavourable but recovering condition<sup>8</sup></b>”</p> <p>Amend footnote 8 to state: “<b>State of the Park Report 2016, and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Annual Biodiversity Monitoring Reports 2017</b>”</p>	<p>This is a factual modification to reflect the trend in the SSSI, rather than a one-off date reference. It provides a wider picture for the condition of this element of the natural environment, but this and the updated source references do not affect the sustainability of the Plan.</p> <p>– Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-09 Para 5.8: Amend Para 5.8 to state: “<i>Trends in a variety of key species, such as the curlew, appear to show declines which reflect a variety of pressures, <b>and the densities of several protected birds, including nightjar, woodlark,</b></i>”</p>	<p>This is a factual modification to provide clarification of the trend in key species. It provides a wider picture of this elements of the natural</p>

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<p><b><i>and Dartford Warbler are relatively low compared with other lowland heathland areas.”</i></b></p>	<p>environment, but does not affect the sustainability of the Plan. – Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN -10 Policy SP5: Amend Policy SP5 to state: <i>“However, <del>d</del> Development may satisfy the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations if sufficient and effective measures are put in place to avoid or fully mitigate any likely significant adverse effects of the proposal (either individually or in combination with other plans and projects) through its lifetime on the designated sites. A contribution to the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme and/or the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership’s Scheme will enable developers to ensure that mitigation measures are secured <b>for the recreational impacts of their development</b>. The type of development and situations where <b>recreational</b> impacts can be mitigated are described in the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme <del>Guidance Note</del> and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy Explanatory Note.</i></p> <p><i>Avoidance and mitigation may not be possible in some cases due to the <b>impacts</b>, scale, type or proximity of the proposed development...”</i></p> <p>Amend Paragraph 5.14 to state: <i>“However, due to the <b>impacts</b>, scale, type or proximity of the proposed development...”</i></p>	<p>Natural England advised that it should be clarified that both the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership’s scheme will provide mitigation for the recreational impacts of development, and other impacts will need to be considered separately. This clarification does not alter the application of the Habitats Regulations outlined in Policy SP5 which, as stated, will apply to all development throughout the National Park.</p> <p>The Addendum to the HRA of the Local Plan confirms that the HRA already recognises that the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership’s Scheme are designed to only mitigate the recreational impacts of development - Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>

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<p>Para 5.15: Amend: “<i>Details of the <b>mitigation measures can be found in the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme</b><sup>11</sup> and <b>those for that of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Scheme can be found in the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme Guidance Note</b><sup>11</sup> and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy Explanatory Note<sup>12</sup>.</i>”</p>	<p>Clarification of where details of the mitigation measures can be found, so no effect on sustainability of the Plan.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-11 New paragraph after Para 5.17: Add a new paragraph after Paragraph 5.17 to state: “<b>Terrestrial Waders and Brent Goose sites located on land outside the boundaries of the Solent SPAs can support these birds, and details are outlined in the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy.</b>”</p>	<p>This is a factual update that follows Natural England’s advice to identify the Solent Waders and Goose Strategy. This has the potential to benefit SA Objective 2.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 2.</p>
<p>MIN-12 Policy SP6: Amend Policy SP6 a) to state: “<i>It has been demonstrated that suitable measures for mitigating <del>or compensating</del> adverse effects will be provided and maintained in order to achieve a net gain in biodiversity value where possible, and no net loss; and</i>”</p> <p>Add a new paragraph before the last paragraph: “<b>In cases where it is not possible to fully avoid or mitigate for the loss of biodiversity interests resulting from a development, appropriate compensation will be secured for any residual losses via on or off site compensation measures. The latter may include the provision of compensatory habitats elsewhere</b>”.</p>	<p>Natural England’s advice is that mitigation and enhancement measures should be included to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. This has the potential to provide a benefit for SA Objective 2 – Assessment of impact: Potential for positive effect on SA Objective 2.</p> <p>Natural England’s advice also suggests clarification of what would be involved in the case that compensating for adverse effects would be necessary. There is no change in the approach taken in Policy SP6, so no effect on sustainability is expected.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>

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<p>MIN-13 Policy SP6: Amend Policy SP6 to state: <i>“In addition, opportunities to enhance ecological or geological assets, <b>and the water environment</b> should be maximised, particularly in line with <b>the Authority’s ‘Action for Biodiversity’<sup>x</sup> local Biodiversity Action Plan priorities.</b></i></p> <p>Create new paragraph at end of Policy SP6 and amend to state: <i>“Applicants will be required to demonstrate the impacts of their proposal on biodiversity, and for certain types of development<sup>13</sup> by submission of an <del>preliminary</del> Ecological Appraisal, <b>which should outline the mitigation and enhancement measures needed to achieve a net gain in biodiversity</b> (<del>and any subsequent survey work it recommends).</del>”</i></p> <p>Add new footnote x: <b>Nature in the New Forest: Action for biodiversity, National Park Authority</b></p>	<p>The inclusion of the ‘water environment’ in the policy wording reflects Natural England’s advice. As this wording is already included in the first sentence of Policy SP6, and does not add any new element to the Policy, there is no change to the sustainability of the Policy – Assessment of impact: Neutral</p> <p>This modification also provides clarification that the local Biodiversity Action Plan should refer to the National Park Authority’s plan for biodiversity – “Action for Biodiversity”. As there is no change to the approach taken in Policy SP6, so no effect on sustainability is expected.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p> <p>Natural England’s advice is that mitigation and enhancement measures should be included in a development in order to achieve a net gain in biodiversity. The inclusion of this has the potential to provide a benefit for SA Objective 2</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential for positive effect on SA Objective 2</p>
<p>MIN- 14 Footnote to Policy SP6: In footnote 13 amend: <i>“In particular, for greenfield development, replacement dwellings, <del>and</del> extensions affecting roof structures, <b>and those affecting identified biodiversity interests.</b> The Authority’s biodiversity checklist provides guidance.”</i></p>	<p>The inclusion of identified biodiversity interests to the list of development that should produce an Ecological Appraisal follows Natural England’s advice and could, in certain cases, have a positive effect on biodiversity.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive effect on SA Objective 2</p>



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<p>MIN-15 Para 5.24: Add wording to Para 5.24: "The diverse landscape of the New Forest, including the ancient woodlands, <b>mature trees and hedgerows</b>, heathlands..."</p>	<p>The inclusion of mature trees and hedgerows provides a wider description of the landscape of the New Forest.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-16 Para 5.25: Add wording: "The Authority will seek to ensure that the high quality, diverse, <b>historic</b> and distinct landscapes and seascapes..."</p>	<p>The NPPF requires there to be a positive strategy to conserve and enhance the historic environment and this inclusion recognises that this can include the historic features of the landscape.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 1 and 3</p>
<p>MIN-17 Para 5.34: Amend Para 5.34: "<i>The Authority will also support the Environment Agency, <del>Southern Water</del> and Natural England, <b>water companies, and surrounding authorities</b> in the development of any strategic solution to reducing nutrient inputs to the Solent <b>and River Avon internationally designated nature conservation sites</b> from wastewater discharges. <b>Developments that could affect these sites will be considered under Policy SP5.</b>"</i></p>	<p>This modification expands the consideration of nutrient impacts on the Solent to include the River Avon SAC in response to Natural England advice. It also highlights that any development that could affect the integrity of the internationally designated sites in the Solent or the River Avon SAC will be subject to the Habitats Regulations, as applied through Policy SP5. The Addendum to the HRA confirms that this modification will strengthen mitigation for potential water quality effects on the River Avon SAC by explicitly recognising the risks to this site.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 2</p>
<p>MIN-18 Para 5.39: Add wording in Para 5.39: "<b><i>Together with the potential for water abstraction impacts on nature conservation interests, the highest standards of water efficiency need to be adopted.</i></b>"</p>	<p>This modification outlines that the highest standard of water efficiency is not only needed for the concern that water supply could be stressed, but also that water supply issues could impact internationally designated sites, as advised by Natural England. Policy DP8 already requires a high standard of water efficiency.</p>

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<p>MIN-19 Policy DP8: Amend Policy DP8: <i>"In addition, all new residential development within <del>the Southern Water company supply area of the National Park should be designed to achieve a required level of 110 litres maximum daily allowable usage per person, in line with the Government's Housing Optional Technical Standard for water efficiency. This standard will be encouraged in new homes elsewhere across the National Park area.</del>"</i></p>	<p>This modification provides a consistent approach to achieving the highest standard of water efficiency across the whole of the National Park, rather than just the area covered by Southern Water. The Addendum to the HRA confirms that this modification will help to avoid potential effects on the water environment that could be caused by changes in water quantity/additional abstractions in the western part of the National Park.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 2 and 4</p>
<p>MIN-20 Para 5.59: Amend Para 5.59: <i>"Within the National Park the Shoreline Management Plan proposes to 'Hold the Line' (i.e. maintain or upgrade the level of protection provided by existing coastal defences) <del>in built-up locations on the coast between Hurst Spit and Elmer's Court outside Lymington, between Sowley and Saltershill, and around Calshot such as around Lymington, but proposes 'No Active Intervention' (i.e. a decision not to invest in providing or maintaining any defences) elsewhere. for other less inhabited areas</del>"</i></p>	<p>This is a factual clarification of the coastal areas covered by the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan and will not impact on the sustainability of the Plan.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-21 Policy DP13: Change Policy DP13 d): <i>"...protect or enhance coastal habitats and species, <b>including all designated nature conservation sites;</b>"</i></p>	<p>The Addendum to the HRA confirms that this modification will strengthen mitigation for potential effects of small scale coastal development on designated sites provided for by the Local Plan.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Positive for SA Objective 2 and 4.</p>

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<p>MIN-22 Policy SP14: Add to clause c) of Policy SP14: "...on the landscape character, <b>heritage assets</b>, natural beauty, wildlife, tranquillity or other special qualities of the National Park."</p>	<p>This increases the protection of the historic environment within Policy SP14. - Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 3.</p>
<p>MIN-23 Para 5.70: Add to paragraph 5.70: "...to protect the natural, <b>historic</b> and built environment..."</p>	<p>This increases the emphasis of the importance of the historic environment, but as the protection of this has already been improved in Policy SP14, the impact will not be significant. - Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-24 Para 6.15: Add: "<b><i>Some archaeological assets may not be scheduled but are still nevertheless demonstrably of equivalent significance to scheduled monuments, and therefore will be subject to the policies for designated heritage assets, in accordance with the NPPF.</i></b>"</p>	<p>This provides a clear emphasis of the importance of archaeological assets and clarifies that they will be protected. -Assessment of impact: Positive effect on SA Objective 3</p>
<p>MIN-25 Policy SP16: Delete criterion (iv) of clause a) and insert the following new criteria b) and c) in policy SP16:</p> <p><b><i>b) Where development proposals will lead to substantial harm to, or total loss of significance of, a designated heritage asset, permission will be refused.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>c) Where development proposals will lead to less than substantial harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset, the harm should be outweighed by the public benefits of the proposal.</i></b></p> <p>Renumber the remaining criteria.</p>	<p>The replacement of criterion (iv) of clause a) with two new criteria (b) and (c) is a clarification of the approach taken and provides consistency with the NPPF, but does not alter the sustainability of the approach. - Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>

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<p>MIN-26 : Move existing paragraph 6.17 to become a new paragraph 6.9, and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.</p>	<p>The ordering of the paragraphs in the Local Plan does not have an impact on its sustainability.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-27 Policy SP21: Amend policy to state: “<i>This policy applies to applications resulting in net new dwellings. Proposals for replacement dwellings, <del>will be assessed against Policy DP35 and proposals for commoner’s dwellings</del>, Estate Workers dwellings and agricultural / forestry workers dwellings will be assessed against their specific policies.</i>”</p>	<p>This is a simplification of the policy wording and does not affect sustainability.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-28 Policy 22: Amend the wording: “<i>Land at Whartons Lane, Ashurst is allocated for the development of <b>around</b> 60 residential dwellings.</i>”</p>	<p>This modification clarifies that the number of dwellings to be delivered will be ‘around 60’. Site specific factors and a future detailed site layout will determine the precise number. This should not affect the sustainability appraisal.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-29 Policy 22: Add additional criterion (g): “<b><i>A site-specific flood risk assessment will be required and measures put in place to address any groundwater or surface water flooding issues identified.</i></b>”</p>	<p>Tighter checks and measures to control current and future flood risks are a potential benefit for SA Objective 6 and 4.</p> <p>-Assessment of impact: Potential benefit to SA Objective 6 and 4</p>
<p>MIN-30 Policy SP23: Amend criteria (e): “<b><i>Redevelopment proposals for the site should be accompanied by a Transport Assessment, given the proximity of the site to the designated Lyndhurst Air Quality Management Area. Adequate parking provision must be made..,</i></b>”</p>	<p>The inclusion of a requirement to assess the impacts of any additional traffic created by the development will assist in controlling the air quality within Lyndhurst.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 4</p>

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<p>MIN-31 Para 7.27: Add additional wording: <i>“The site is located within a short, level walk of the existing services within the village, including the station, shops and school. <b>The provision of a safe, off-road pedestrian link from the Jubilee Fields Sports Ground to Church Lane through the site will be supported.</b> The site will also provide additional community benefits...”</i></p>	<p>The provision of an off-road pedestrian link from the Jubilee Fields Sports Ground to Church Lane will help access for Sway residents to the sport and recreational facilities, which may encourage walking, and other healthy outdoor activities.</p> <p>-Assessment of impact: Positive for SA Objective 6</p>
<p>MIN-32 Policy SP24: Amend the wording in the first sentence of the policy to state: <i>“Land to the south of Church Lane, Sway is allocated for the development of <b>around 40</b> residential dwellings.”</i></p>	<p>This modification clarifies that the number of dwellings to be delivered will be ‘around 40’. Site specific factors and a future detailed site layout will determine the precise number. This should not affect the sustainability appraisal.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-33 Policy SP24: Amend the wording of criteria (f) to state that, <i>“The access to the site off Church Lane must ensure adequate visibility splays and provide safe access <b>to the school</b> and on foot to the village centre;”</i></p>	<p>This modification that provides for safe access to the school should help SA Objective 6 that seeks to improve the well-being of local communities by providing a safe environment and access to local services.</p> <p>- Assessment impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 6.</p>
<p>MIN-34 Para 7.30: Reword paragraph 7.30: <i>“This confirms that <b>planning permission should be refused for major developments in these areas except major development should only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated they are in the public interest.</b> The assessment of such proposals should include:</i></p>	<p>This amendment to the wording of the paragraph ensures consistency with the wording in the NPPF, and thus will not affect sustainability.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>The need for the development, <b>including in terms of any national considerations</b>, and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy.</i></li> <li>• <i>The cost of, and scope for, developing elsewhere outside the designated area, <b>or meeting the need in some other way</b>; and Any detrimental impact on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities, and the extent to which that could be moderated</i></li> </ul>	
<p>MIN-35 Policy SP25 Amend criteria (b): “<del>The majority of the dwellings</del> <b>At least 50% of the dwellings</b> provided within the National Park must be smaller dwellings (less than 100 square metres) to meet the identified local housing need for smaller dwellings.”</p>	<p>This is a clarification, and as the ‘majority’ and ‘at least 50%’ are similar, this does not appear to affect sustainability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-36 Policy SP25 Amend criteria (c): “Proposals must be implemented as an integral and contiguous part of the redevelopment of the whole Power Station site pursuant to an approved comprehensive redevelopment masterplan <b>and an integrated transport strategy</b> for the entire Fawley Power Station site.”</p>	<p>The inclusion of a requirement for an integrated transport strategy should ensure that the transport infrastructure and connections that are important to support development are outlined. It is not possible to say at this stage whether a transport strategy would reduce the traffic impacts of the development, or have an effect on issues such as public transport availability or air quality. So whilst the production of a transport strategy is important to ensure the transport implications of the development are considered, it is not possible to assess the sustainability of this at this stage.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</li> </ul>

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<p>MIN-37 Policy SP25: Amend criteria (d) “Any loss of the designated SINC habitat must be kept to an essential minimum and compensated through the enhancement of the biodiversity value of the remaining habitat and/or the compensatory provision of alternative habitats of equivalent or higher value to achieve a net gain for biodiversity.”</p>	<p>This modification strengthens the protection of the SINC habitats and species and should ensure greater consistency with Policy SP6 and modification MIN-12. It also helps the aim of achieving a net gain in biodiversity. Overall this modification should improve the protection of the habitats and species of the SINC.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- Assessment of the impact: Positive for SA Objective 2.</p>
<p>MIN-38 Policy SP25: Add an additional criterion (e): “<b><i>A site-specific flood risk assessment will be required and measures put in place to address any flooding issues identified to ensure that the development will be safe for its lifetime.</i></b>”</p>	<p>Tighter checks and measures to control current and future flood risks in this modification are a potential improvement for SA Objective 6 and 4.</p> <p>In addition, the flood risk exception test in the NPPF states that if it is not possible for development to be located in zones with a lower risk of flooding, the exception test can be applied. For this test to be passed it must be demonstrated that (i) the development would deliver wider sustainability benefits to the community that outweigh flood risk; and (ii) the development will be safe for its lifetime. This proposed minor modification will help to fulfil the second part of the exception test and it can be expected that the future planning application for the redevelopment of the site will be accompanied by a detailed Flood Risk Assessment (FRA). In terms of the first part, the SA of the Local Plan identifies positive sustainability benefits for Policy SP25 for access to local services and community facilities (SA Objective 6); supporting the delivery of housing for local communities (SA Objective 7); and a potential</p>

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	<p>benefit in the provision of employment opportunities (SA Objective 9). The comprehensive redevelopment of the Fawley Power Station site could regenerate a major brownfield site; deliver 1,500 homes in an area of high housing need; and bring significant economic benefits in the form of large scale job creation. The development could also support proposals to enhance the nearby village of Calshot through improved access to services, employment and potentially a school.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential benefit to SA Objective 6 and 4</p>
<p>MIN-39 Para 7.36: Add additional wording at the end of paragraph 7.36 to state: <b><i>“The proposed route of the England Coast Path runs adjacent to the south western boundary of the site allocation. Development proposals for the site should not prejudice the delivery of this new section of footpath.”</i></b></p>	<p>This modification is a factual update of plans for the route of the England Coast Path. The proximity of this path will improve access to this recreational facility for the Calshot community</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 6</p>
<p>MIN-40 Policy SP26: Amend the wording in the first sentence of the policy to state: “Land at Calshot Village is allocated for <b>around</b> 30 dwellings and cemetery use.”</p>	<p>This modification clarifies that the number of dwellings to be delivered will be ‘around 30’. Site specific factors and a future detailed site layout will determine the precise number. This should not affect the sustainability appraisal.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>
<p>MIN-41 Policy SP29: Amend the policy wording: “As with other new dwellings in the National Park, the <b>total internal</b> habitable floorspace of the dwelling should not exceed 100 square metres.”</p>	<p>This is clarification of the habitable floorspace to ensure consistency of terminology with the policy wording for other net new dwellings permitted under the Local Plan and thus should not affect sustainability.</p> <p>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</p>



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<p>MIN-42 Policy SP30: Amending paragraph (c) to state: “<i>The housing is subject to an occupancy condition and remains available for Estate Workers, or last employed as Estate Workers, in perpetuity; and...</i>”</p>	<p>This modification clarifies that occupants who were last employed as Estate workers will be included in this Policy, but this should not affect SA Objective 7</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-43 Para 7.74: Amend the final sentence: “The Authority will continue to impose appropriate planning conditions to remove permitted development rights to extend and / or alter approved replacement dwellings <b>other than in accordance with Policy DP36</b> to ensure that the stock of smaller dwellings in the National Park is maintained.”</p>	<p>This modification clarifies the relationship between policy DP35 and DP36.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-44 Policy DP35: Remove superfluous full stop at end of fifth paragraph.</p>	<p>No need for Sustainability appraisal.</p>
<p>MIN-45 Policy DP36: Amend the third paragraph of the policy to state: “In exceptional circumstances a larger extension may be permitted to meet the genuine family needs of an occupier who works in the immediate locality. In respect of these exceptional circumstances, the total internal habitable floorspace of an extended <del>small</del> dwelling must not exceed 120 square metres.”</p>	<p>The proposed minor modification clarifies that in exceptional circumstances, dwellings may be extended to 120m<sup>2</sup>. While this does not significantly alter the aims of Policy DP36, the amendment will further support the delivery of appropriate housing for local people (SA Objective 7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Potential small positive for SA Objective 7</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-46 Para 7.83: Amend para 7.83, “Within the context of the development that takes place within the National Park, developer contributions may be required towards: highway <b>and transportation works</b>; affordable housing...”</p>	<p>This modification clarifies the categories of infrastructure that developer contributions may be required to fund, but does not alter Policy SP38</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment impact: Neutral</li> </ul>

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<p>MIN-47 Amend Policy SP55: “The Authority will promote safer access and more sustainable forms of transport to and within the National Park <b>for access to services and amenities and</b> for enjoyment, health and well-being...”</p>	<p>This modification provides greater clarity for where the safer access and more sustainable forms of transport will be promoted.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 6</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-48 Chapter 10: Include new indicator under Objective 2 in Chapter 10</p> <p><b>"Number of heritage assets on the “Heritage At Risk” Register”</b>. No target - contextual indicator only.</p>	<p>The inclusion of this new indicator in the monitoring arrangements will highlight the importance attached to heritage assets.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Potential positive for SA Objective 3</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-49 Annex 2: Include explicit reference in Annex 2 to parking standards for retail units as per the new table set out (see Modifications)</p>	<p>This modification is to clarify the parking requirements for retail units.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</li> </ul>
<p>MIN-50 Annex 3: Insert an additional paragraph between paragraphs A3.2 and A3.3 to state: “<b>The allocation of affordable housing within the National Park will be guided by the policies and criteria of the respective housing authorities. Each of the three constituent housing authorities (New Forest District Council, Wiltshire Council and Test Valley Borough Council) has their own local connections criteria for allocating affordable housing and the National Park Authority will liaise with the relevant housing authority when affordable housing is granted permission. New Forest District Council is the housing authority for the majority of the National Park and set out below is a summary of the local connections criteria applied by the District Council in allocating affordable housing for local people.</b>”</p>	<p>This is clarification of the arrangements for local connections criteria for allocating affordable housing in the three constituent local housing authorities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Assessment of impact: Neutral</li> </ul>