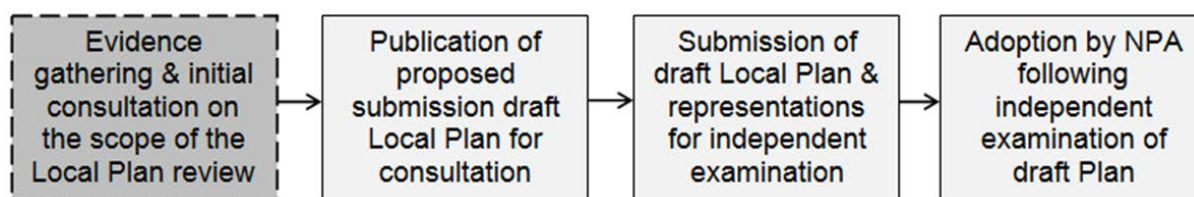


## New Forest National Park Authority – Local Plan Review Update – June 2016

The review of the local planning policies for the National Park commenced in Autumn 2015 with the publication of a consultation document inviting comments on the scope of the Local Plan and the main planning issues to be addressed. Following this initial consultation, the policy team has been gathering relevant evidence, including commissioning new studies where necessary. The consultation also included a 'Call for Sites' whereby landowners were invited to submit any land they wanted the Authority to consider as part of the Local Plan Review, particularly for consideration to be allocated in the Plan for housing purposes. Over 130 sites are now in the process of being reviewed by officers.



We are still at the first stage in the above diagram. This stage has involved liaison and discussions with a wide range of local organisations, including the business community, parish councils and adjoining local authorities. Some of the specific events have been:

- Local Plan Review Socio-Economic meeting - with representatives of around 12 local business and land management organisations to consider the effectiveness of existing socio-economic planning policies covering the Park; changes over the last 5 years; and evidence of further changes in business needs and the land based economy.
- Local Plan Review Neighbouring Authorities meeting - with the six local authorities surrounding the National Park to discuss cross-boundary issues including (i) the delivery of housing to meet identified needs; (ii) mitigating the impacts of development on the New Forest's Natura 200 sites

The Authority's Local Development Scheme was agreed by members at the Authority meeting on 24 March 2016 and sets out the timetable for the emerging Local Plan.

There will be a six week period of public consultation on the proposed submission draft Local Plan undertaken in October and November 2016, following consideration of the draft Plan by NPA Members at the Authority meeting on 22 September 2016. This will be a rough draft of the Local Plan and will be a work in progress not a finalised document. It will set out what alternative options have been considered, for instance any alternative settlement hierarchy to the current four defined villages of Ashurst, Brockenhurst, Lyndhurst and Sway.

Following consideration of comments received at that stage and further amendments, the finalised Submission Draft Local Plan will be published for public consultation between July and September 2017. All responses will be considered and the Draft Local Plan will then be submitted to the Secretary of State in December 2017, followed by an Examination into the Local Plan in early 2018.