



Guidelines for Horse-related Development SPD (September 2011)

The NPPF confirms Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) can be used to provide further guidance for development on specific sites, or on particular issues. The National Park Authority has adopted a number of SPDs to add further detail to policies within the statutory development plan.

The National Planning Practice Guidance (NPPG) section on ‘Plan-making’ provides further guidance on the role of SPDs, stating:

- SPDs should build upon and provide more detailed advice or guidance on policies in an adopted development plan.
- As they do not form part of the development plan, they cannot introduce new planning policies into the development plan.
- They are however a ‘material consideration’ in planning decision-making.

Planning case law confirms that the weight afforded to SPDs by the decision-maker (whether that is Authority officers for delegated decisions, members of the Authority’s Planning Committee or the Planning Inspectorate for appeals) is proportionate to the degree of consistency between the SPD and the statutory development plan policies.

At the full National Park Authority meeting on 10 October 2019, members unanimously endorsed a [report](#) setting out the weight to be afforded to adopted SPDs as material considerations in future planning decisions. It was resolved that the *Guidelines for Horse-related Development SPD* (September 2011) can continue to be given full weight as a material planning consideration, as set out below.

<i>Guidelines for Horse-related Development SPD</i> (adopted September 2011)	
Main Core Strategy (2010) policy ‘hooks’	Policy DP21: Recreational horse-keeping Policy DP22: Field shelters and stabling Policy DP23: Maneges
Main Local Plan (2019) policy ‘hooks’	Policy DP51: Recreational horse-keeping Policy DP52: Field shelters and stabling Policy DP53: Maneges
Conclusion on weight	The Local Plan (2019) policies on horse-related development are consistent with those in the previous Core Strategy (2010). Given that the policy hooks are unaltered with the adoption of the Local Plan, the Authority has concluded that the <i>Guidelines for Horse-related Development SPD</i> should continue to be given full weight as a material planning consideration.