

Revised Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications – 4 July 2018

Following the 6-week consultation on the National Park Authority’s proposed Submission draft Local Plan (Regulation 19 stage), the Authority considered the representations made and prepared a schedule of proposed minor modifications to the Local Plan, which were submitted for independent examination alongside the draft Local Plan in May 2018.

Following correspondence with the appointed Planning Inspectors in June and July 2018, the Authority has subsequently reviewed the schedule of proposed modifications. This schedule sets out the **Proposed Minor Modifications**, which in the Authority’s opinion do not alter the overall impact of the draft Local Plan or change its direction, or affect the substance or soundness of the document. They are focused on factual updates, clarification, and corrections to wording.

For each amendment, information on the proposed change and the reason for the change is given. Where new text is proposed it is shown in bold and where text is proposed for removal it has been struck through as set out below.

Insertion of text

Removal of text

Chapter 1: Introduction

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-01	Paragraph 1.17	Inert new paragraph to state: <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>	Factual update in response to the publication of the Government’s 25 year Environment Plan in January 2018.

Chapter 2: Profile of the New Forest National Park

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-02	Para 2.6	Amend paragraph 2.6 under the 'Cultural Heritage' subheading to state at the end of the existing paragraph: " <i>The cultural heritage of the National Park extends beyond its rich built environment and 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> "	In response to representations received from the Commoners Defence Association (118/05/Para2.6) highlighting the contribution of commoning to the cultural heritage of the National Park.
MIN-03	Para 2.10	Amend paragraph 2.10 to state: " <i>Other smaller settlements with a basic range of local services within the National Park include Beaulieu, Burley, Cadnam, East Boldre, Landford, Netley Marsh and Woodgreen.</i> "	In response to representations received (170/3/2.10).

Chapter 3: Vision and Objectives

No minor modifications proposed.

Chapter 4: Strategic Policies and Development Principles

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-04	SP1	Amend criteria (b) of Policy SP1 to state: " <i>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, prevention of soil erosion and disease outbreaks, and non-material benefits such as recreation.</i> "	For clarification in response to representations received from CPRE New Forest Branch (142/03/SP1).
MIN-05	Para. 4.8	Amend paragraph 4.8 to state: " <i>Major development is therefore only permitted within protected landscapes in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that it is in the</i> "	For clarification in response to representation received from ABP

		public interest , as outlined in the NPPF. 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.	(162/3/4.8) and to ensure consistency with national policy.
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. These areas are more appropriate locations for development."</i>	In response to representations received from Wiltshire Council (153/4/Spatial Strategy) and to ensure the Authority's Local Plan only provides planning policy coverage for development proposals within the National Park.

Chapter 5: Protecting and Enhancing the Natural Environment

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-08	Para 5.8	Amend Para 5.8 to state: "Currently 53% of the National Park's SSSI-area is in favourable condition⁸" has been gradually improving over the last decade, but currently about 43% is in unfavourable but recovering condition⁸ Amend footnote 8 to state: "State of the Park Report 2016, and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Annual Biodiversity Monitoring Reports 2017"	To provide clarity on the trends for SSSI condition in response to representations received from RSPB and Friends of the New Forest (147/05/Para 5.8, 109/05/Para 5.8, 5.11)
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, and the densities of several protected birds, including nightjar, woodlark, and Dartford Warbler are relatively low compared with other lowland heathland areas."</i>	To provide greater clarity about the condition of protected species in response to representations received from RSPB and Friends of the New Forest (147/05/Para 5.8, 109/05/Para 5.8, 5.11)
MIN-10	Policy SP5	Amend Policy SP5 to state:	To clarify that the Authority's Habitat Mitigation Scheme and the Solent

		<p>“However, dDevelopment 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 for the recreational impacts of their development. The type of development and situations where recreational impacts can be mitigated are described in the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme Guidance Note and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy Explanatory Note.</p> <p>Avoidance and mitigation may not be possible in some cases due to the impacts, scale, type or proximity of the proposed development...”</p> <p>Amend Paragraph 5.14 to state: “However, due to the impacts, scale, type or proximity of the proposed development...”</p>	Recreation Mitigation Partnership’s Scheme are designed to only mitigate the recreational impacts of development, and other impacts will be considered separately in response to representation received from Natural England (164/4/SP5)
MIN-10A	Para 5.15	Amend: “Details of the mitigation measures can be found in the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme¹¹ and those for that of the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership Scheme can be found in the Authority’s Habitat Mitigation Scheme Guidance Note¹⁴ and the Solent Recreation Mitigation Strategy Explanatory Note¹². ”	To clarify where the details of the mitigation measures can be found.
MIN-11	New paragraph after Para 5.17	Add a new paragraph after Paragraph 5.17 to state: “ 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. ”	To provide reference to Waders and Brent Goose sites in response to the representation received from Natural England. (164/4/SP5)
MIN-14	Footnote to Policy SP6	Amend footnote 13 to state: “In particular, for greenfield development, replacement dwellings, and extensions affecting roof	To implement Natural England’s advice contained in their representation (164/5/SP6)

		<i>structures, and those affecting identified biodiversity interests. The Authority's biodiversity checklist provides guidance."</i>	
MIN-15	Para 5.24	Add wording to Para 5.24: " <i>The diverse landscape of the New Forest, including the ancient woodlands, mature trees and hedgerows, heathlands..."</i>	To emphasise the importance of trees and hedgerows in the landscape in response to the representation received from Godshill Parish Council (31/05/SP7)
MIN-16	Para 5.25	Add wording: " <i>The Authority will seek to ensure that the high quality, diverse, historic and distinct landscapes and seascapes..."</i>	To ensure that historic landscapes are also considered in response to the representation received from Hampshire County Council (151/02/ SP1, DP2, Para 5.25)
MIN-17	Para 5.34	Amend Para 5.34 to state: " <i>The Authority will also support the Environment Agency, Southern Water and Natural England, water companies, and surrounding authorities in the development of any strategic solution to reducing nutrient inputs to the Solent and River Avon internationally designated nature conservation sites from wastewater discharges. Developments that could affect these sites will be considered under Policy SP5."</i>	To implement Natural England's advice contained in their representation (164/7/DP8, 164/13/ HRA)
MIN-18	Para 5.39	Add wording before last sentence in Paragraph 5.39 to state: " Together with the potential for water abstraction impacts on nature conservation interests, the highest standards of water efficiency need to be adopted. "	To implement Natural England's advice contained in their representation (164/7/DP8, 164/13/ HRA)
MIN-20	Para 5.59	Amend Para 5.59 to state: " <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) 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</i>	Clarification of the areas covered by 'Hold the Line' and 'No Active Intervention' in the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan in response to the representation received from Beaulieu Estate (170/1/5.59)

MIN-21	Policy DP13	Change Policy DP13 d) to state, "... <i>protect or enhance coastal habitats and species, including all designated nature conservation sites; and</i> "	To emphasise the importance of designated nature conservation sites along the coast in response to the representation received from RSPB and HOIWWT (147/09/DP13, 155/5/DP13)
MIN-22	Policy SP14	Add to clause c) of Policy SP14, to state: "... <i>on the landscape character, heritage assets, natural beauty, wildlife, tranquillity or other special qualities of the National Park.</i> "	To emphasise the importance of the historic environment in response to the representation received from Historic England (138/15/SP14, Para 5.70)
MIN-23	Para 5.70	Add to paragraph 5.70 to state: "... <i>to protect the natural, historic and built environment...</i> "	To emphasise the importance of the historic environment in response to the representation received from Historic England (138/15/SP14, Para 5.70)

Chapter 6: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic & Built Environment

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-24	Paragraph 6.15	Add the following text to the end of paragraph 6.15: <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>	To clarify the implementation of Policy SP16 and to refer to national policy set out in the NPPF. (Historic England 138/16/Para 6.1 – 6.18)
MIN-26	Paragraph 6.17	Move existing paragraph 6.17 to become a new paragraph 6.9, and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.	To ensure the Plan reads more clearly with regard to the supporting text on the assessment of harm. (Hampshire County Council 151/03/Chapter6)

Chapter 7: Vibrant Communities

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-27	SP21	Amend the second paragraph in the policy to state: <i>“This policy applies to applications resulting in net new dwellings. Proposals for replacement dwellings, will be assessed against Policy DP35 and proposals for commoner’s dwellings-, Estate Workers dwellings and agricultural / forestry workers dwellings will be assessed against their specific policies.”</i>	To clarify the policy wording.
MIN-31	Paragraph 7.27	Add additional wording to para. 7.27 to state: <i>“The site is located within a short, level walk of the existing services within the village, including the station, shops and school. The provision of a safe, off-road pedestrian link from the Jubilee Fields Sports Ground to Church Lane through the site will be supported. The site will also provide additional community benefits...”</i>	In response to representations received from local residents and to encourage the integration of the site allocation with the adjacent facilities and services within the village.

MIN-33	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 to the school and on foot to the village centre;</i> ”	In response to representations from Hampshire County Council (151/09/SP24), the highway authority for this part of the National Park.
MIN-34	Paragraph 7.30	Reword paragraph 7.30 to state: “ <i>This confirms that 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. The assessment of such proposals should include:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The need for the development, including in terms of any national considerations, and the impact of permitting it, or refusing it, upon the local economy.</i> • <i>The cost of, and scope for, developing elsewhere outside the designated area, or meeting the need in some other way;</i> and • <i>Any detrimental impact on the environment, the landscape and recreational opportunities, and the extent to which that could be moderated.</i> 	To ensure consistency with national policy contained within paragraph 116 of the NPPF (2012).
MIN-35	SP25	Amend criteria (b) to state: “ The majority of the dwellings At least 50% of the dwellings provided within the National Park must be smaller dwellings (less than 100 square metres) to meet the identified local housing need for smaller dwellings.”	To provide clarity in response to representations received from Fawley Waterside (152/07/SP25).
MIN-41	SP29	Amend the policy wording to state: “ <i>As with other new dwellings in the National Park, the total internal habitable floorspace of the dwelling should not exceed 100 square metres.</i> ”	To ensure consistency of terminology with the policy wording for other net new dwellings permitted under the Local Plan.
MIN-43	Para. 7.74	Amend the final sentence to state: “ <i>The Authority will continue to impose appropriate planning conditions to remove permitted development rights to extend and / or alter approved replacement dwellings other than in accordance with Policy DP36 to ensure that the stock of smaller dwellings in the National Park is maintained.</i> ”	In response to representations received regarding the relationship between policy DP35 and DP36 (158/1/DP35).

MIN-44	DP35	Remove the superfluous full stop at the end of the fifth paragraph.	To correct a grammatical error.
MIN-45	DP36	Amend the third paragraph of the policy to state: <i>“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 small dwelling must not exceed 120 square metres.”</i>	To provide clarity in the interpretation of the policy.
MIN-46	Para. 7.83	Amend paragraph 7.86 to state, <i>“Within the context of the development that takes place within the National Park, developer contributions may be required towards: highway and transportation works; affordable housing...”</i>	For clarification and in response to representations received from Hampshire County Council (151/12/ Infrastructure Provision (Paragraph 7.83).

Chapter 8: A Sustainable Local Economy

No minor modifications proposed.

Chapter 9: Transport & Access

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-47	SP55	Amend Policy SP55 to read: <i>“The Authority will promote safer access and more sustainable forms of transport to and within the National Park for access to services and amenities and for enjoyment, health and well-being...”</i>	To provide clarity that this policy supports utility walking and cycling, as well as for leisure purposes. (New Forest Access Forum 165/05/SP55)

Chapter 10: Monitoring and Implementation

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-48	Chapter 10: Implementation and monitoring	Include following new indicator under Objective 2 in Chapter 10: "Number of heritage assets on the "Heritage At Risk" Register" . No target - contextual indicator only.	To include more indicators relating to the historic environment. (Historic England 138/23/implementationandmonitoring)

Annex 1: New Forest National Park Special Qualities

No minor modifications proposed.

Annex 2: Car Parking and Cycle Standards

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-49	Annex 2	Include explicit reference in Annex 2 to parking standards for retail units as per the new table set out below:	The Authority's adopted Development Standards SPD sets out the Authority's parking standards and refers to the Hampshire County Council Parking Standards as the starting point for other use classes not specifically listed. For clarity the parking requirements for retail units should specifically be set out in the Local Plan. The requirement for parking for retail units are also the same standards as those adopted by New Forest District Council in their Parking Standards SPD (2012). (Mr Edward Watts 011/02/Annex2; Sway Parish Council 93/03/ALL)

Retail development			
Type	Car Parking Standard	Cycle Parking Standard	
Non-food retail and general retail (covered retail areas)	1 space per 20 m ²	Greater of 1 space per 6 staff or 1 per 300m ²	
Non-food retail and general retail (uncovered retail areas)	1 space per 30 m ²	Greater of 1 space per 6 staff or 1 per 300m ²	
Food retail	1 space per 14 m ² covered areas	Greater of 1 space per 6 staff or 1 per 300m ²	

Annex 2	Adjust formatting of the tables set out in Annex 2 to ensure all wording is shown correctly.	To correct a formatting issue.
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Annex 3: Local Connections Criteria

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Change (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-50	Annex 3 – Local connections criteria	Insert an additional paragraph between paragraphs A3.2 and A3.3 to state: <i>“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.”</i>	In response to representations received from Wiltshire Council (153/6/Annex 3) highlighting their role as the statutory housing authority for part of the National Park.