

Schedule of Proposed Minor Modifications (Post-Examination hearing sessions) – April 2019

This schedule sets out the ***Proposed Minor Modifications*** to the Submission draft New Forest National Park Local Plan 2016 – 2036 (January 2018). The Local Plan Inspectors have confirmed that minor modifications are a matter for the National Park Authority as they do not alter the overall impact of the draft Local Plan, change its direction, or affect the substance or soundness of the document. They are focused on factual updates, clarification, and corrections to wording and are therefore **not subject to public consultation**. 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.

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Chapter 1: Introduction

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-01	Paragraph 1.17	Insert 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 Proposed Modification (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 Regulation 19 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 Regulation 19 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 Proposed Modification (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 Regulation 19 representations received from CPRE New Forest Branch (142/03/SP1).

MIN-05	DP2 (c) and (d)	<p>Amend criterion (c) and (d) of Policy DP2 to state:</p> <p>c) <i>development takes opportunities to protect and enhance the setting of groups and individual trees, hedges and hedgerows and to include new planting of native trees and hedges;</i></p> <p>d) <i>materials and boundary treatments are appropriate to the site and its setting;</i></p>	In response to discussions on Matter 3 of the Examination hearing sessions and the representations made by Sway Parish Council.
MIN-06	Para. 4.8	<p>Amend paragraph 4.8 to state:</p> <p><i>“Major development is therefore only permitted within protected landscapes in exceptional circumstances and where it can be demonstrated that it is in the 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.”</i></p>	For clarification in response to Regulation 19 representation received from ABP (162/3/4.8) and to ensure consistency with national policy in paragraph 116 of the NPPF (2012).
MIN-07	Para. 4.20	<p>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></p>	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 Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-08	Para 5.8	Amend Para 5.8 to state: <i>“Currently 53% The condition 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 condition”</i> Amend footnote 8 to state: <i>“State of the Park Report 2016, and Hampshire Biodiversity Information Centre Annual Biodiversity Monitoring Reports 2017”</i>	To provide clarity on the trends for SSSI condition in response to Regulation 19 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 Regulation 19 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: <i>“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.</i>	To clarify 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, and other impacts will be considered separately in response to Regulation 19 representation received from Natural England (164/4/SP5)

		<p><i>Avoidance and mitigation may not be possible in some cases due to the impacts, scale, type or proximity of the proposed development...</i></p> <p>Amend paragraph 5.14 to state: "<i>However, due to the impacts, scale, type or proximity of the proposed development...</i>"</p>	
MIN-11	Para 5.15	<p>Amend paragraph 5.15 to state: <i>"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."</i></p>	To clarify where the details of the mitigation measures can be found.
MIN-12	New paragraph after Para 5.17	<p>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."</p>	To provide reference to Waders and Brent Goose sites in response to the Regulation 19 representation received from Natural England. (164/4/SP5)
MIN-13	Footnote to Policy SP6	<p>Amend footnote 13 to state: <i>"In particular, for greenfield development, replacement dwellings, and extensions affecting roof structures, and those affecting identified biodiversity interests. The Authority's biodiversity checklist provides guidance."</i></p>	To implement Natural England's advice contained in their Regulation 19 representation (164/5/SP6)
MIN-14	Para 5.24	<p>Add wording to paragraph 5.24 to state: <i>"The diverse landscape of the New Forest, including the ancient woodlands, mature trees and hedgerows, heathlands..."</i></p>	To emphasise the importance of trees and hedgerows in the landscape in response to the Regulation 19 representation from Godshill Parish Council (31/05/SP7)
MIN-15	Para 5.25	<p>Amend the final sentence paragraph of paragraph 5.25 to state: <i>"The Authority will seek to ensure that the high quality, diverse, historic and distinct landscapes and seascapes..."</i></p>	To ensure that historic landscapes are also considered in response to the Regulation 19 representation from Hampshire County Council (151/02/ SP1, DP2, Para 5.25)

MIN-16	Para 5.34	Amend paragraph 5.34 to state: "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."	To implement Natural England's advice contained in their Regulation 19 representation (164/7/DP8, 164/13/HRA).
MIN-17	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 Regulation 19 representation (164/7/DP8, 164/13/HRA).
MIN-18	Para 5.59	Amend paragraph 5.59 to state: "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"	Clarification of the areas covered by 'Hold the Line' and 'No Active Intervention' in the North Solent Shoreline Management Plan in response to the Regulation 19 representation from the Beaulieu Estate (170/1/5.59)
MIN-19	Policy DP13	Amend Policy DP13 d) to state: "...protect or enhance coastal habitats and species, including all designated nature conservation sites; and"	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-20	Policy SP14	Amend criterion (c) of Policy SP14 to state: "...on the landscape character, heritage assets, natural beauty, wildlife, tranquillity or other special qualities of the National Park."	To emphasise the importance of the historic environment in response to the Regulation 19 representation from Historic England (138/15/SP14).

MIN-21	Para 5.70	Amend 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 Regulation 19 representations from Historic England (138/15/SP14).
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Chapter 6: Protecting and Enhancing the Historic & Built Environment

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-22	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 following representations from Historic England and to refer to national policy set out in the NPPF.
MIN-23	Paragraph 6.17	Move existing paragraph 6.17 to become a new paragraph 6.9, and renumber the remaining paragraphs accordingly.	Proposed modification in response to Regulation 19 representation from Hampshire County Council and to ensure the Plan reads more clearly with regard to the supporting text on the assessment of harm.

Chapter 7: Vibrant Communities

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-24	Policy 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-25	Paragraph 7.27	Add additional wording to paragraph 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</i>	In response to Regulation 19 representations received from local residents and to encourage the integration of the site allocation with the adjacent facilities and services within the village.

		supported. <i>The site will also provide additional community benefits...</i>	
MIN-26	Policy SP24	Amend the wording of criteria (f) of Policy SP24 to state: <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 Regulation 19 representations from Hampshire County Council (151/09/SP24), the highway authority for this part of the National Park.
MIN-27	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; and</i> • <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-28	Policy SP25 (b)	Amend criteria (b) to state: <i>“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.”</i>	To provide clarity in response to representations received from Fawley Waterside (152/07/SP25).
MIN-29	Para 7.52 (preamble to Policy SP29)	Amend the wording of paragraph 7.52 to state: <i>“Stage One is the consideration of an applicant’s commoning history and need for housing. This is undertaken by a Commoners’</i>	In response to discussions on Matter 7 of the Examination hearing sessions.

		<i>Dwelling Scheme Panel which includes representatives from the local Commoners community appointed for their knowledge and understanding of commoning Defence Association and the Verderers, as well as the National Park Authority. The Authority may also invite other organisations concerned with commoning onto the Panel as appropriate. The Panel assesses an applicant's eligibility and makes a recommendation as to whether the application is within or without the remit of the Scheme."</i>	
MIN-30	Policy SP29	Amend the wording of Policy SP29 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-31	Paragraph 7.74	Amend the final sentence of paragraph 7.74 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 Regulation 19 representations received regarding the relationship between policy DP35 and DP36 (158/1/DP35).
MIN-32	Policy DP35	Remove the superfluous full stop at the end of the fifth paragraph.	To correct a grammatical error.
MIN-33	Policy DP36	Amend the third paragraph of Policy DP36 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-34	Paragraph 7.83	Amend paragraph 7.83 to state,	For clarification and in response to Regulation 19 representations received

		<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>	from Hampshire County Council (151/12/ Infrastructure Provision (Paragraph 7.83).
MIN-35	Paragraph 7.89	Amend paragraph 7.89 to state: <i>“Essential local community facilities are facilities that are of direct benefit to the immediate local community that provide an essential service, including village shops, pubs and village halls as well as small-scale health, and educational services sports and social facilities. Public open space, sport and recreational facilities are covered by Policy DP10.”</i>	In response to discussions at the Examination hearing sessions to clarify the coverage of the policy.

Chapter 8: A Sustainable Local Economy

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-36	Paragraph 8.18	Amend the final sentence of paragraph 8.18 to state: <i>“However, the redevelopment of existing employment sites for general storage—and warehousing purposes will not be encouraged...”</i>	In response to discussions on Matter 12 of the Examination hearing sessions to clarify the policy intentions.
MIN-37	Policy DP49 (a)	Amend criterion (a) of Policy DP49 to state: <i>“The proposal would not result in the loss of an employment use or community facility and accord with Policy SP39 and Policy SP43,”</i>	In response to discussions on Matter 12 of the Examination hearing sessions to clarify the policy intentions.

Chapter 9: Transport & Access

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-38	SP55	Amend Policy SP55 to state: <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. This was raised by the New Forest Access Forum in their Regulation 19 representations.

Chapter 10: Monitoring and Implementation

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-39	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. This is in response to Historic England's Regulation 19 representation.

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 Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-40	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

Annex 3: Local Connections Criteria

Reference	Policy / Paragraph	Proposed Minor Change	Reason for Proposed Modification (including representation no. if applicable)
MIN-43	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 Regulation 19 representations received from Wiltshire Council (153/6/Annex 3) highlighting their role as the statutory housing authority for part of the National Park.