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**New Forest National Park Authority Local Plan Review**

**February 2025**

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| Comments Form**Consultation on Scope of the New Forest National Park Local Plan Review****(Reg 18 Part 1)** |

This comments form relates to the review of the emerging Local Plan for the New Forest National Park following the adoption of the previous document in 2019. The consultation period will be open for 6 weeks from **Tuesday 4 February 2025 until Tuesday 18 March 2025.** Before completing this form please take the opportunity to read the Direction of Travel’ document (702/25) available here: [New Forest National Park Authority Meeting 23/01/25 - New Forest National Park Authority](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/authority-meetings/new-forest-national-park-authority-23-01-25/) and returning it to the Policy Team by email viapolicy@newforestnpa.gov.uk.

Or by post to:

Policy Team

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**Comments need to be received by 5pm Tuesday 18 March 2025**

To keep up to date on this consultation and others relating to the local plan review please visit our consultations page here: [Consultations - New Forest National Park Authority](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/consultations/).

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\*If you are completing this form as an agent, please make this clear and ensure contact information is correct.

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We will process personal data in accordance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Your response(s) will be used to inform subsequent reports to inform the Local Plan Review process and anonymised comments may be shared online, on our website, or within material documents as part of this process. However, your personal data will not be published and will be redacted from public facing documents, this includes personal email addresses home addresses and personal phone numbers.

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| **Feedback**Would you like us to keep your contact details so we can inform you about the next stages in the progress of preparing the Local Plan? **Yes** **No**  |

# Please write your comments in the sections provided below

\*Before providing us with your comments, please ensure you have read and consulted the [‘Direction of Travel’](https://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk/documents/authority-meetings/new-forest-national-park-authority-23-01-25/) Document.

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| 1. Introduction |
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| 2. Strategic policies & development principles |
| Q1 | Do you consider the current Local Plan Vision is still broadly appropriate? Please comment below: |
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| Q2 | Do the existing Strategic Objectives still represent the main considerations for development in the National Park? Please comment below: |
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| Q3 | Is the Spatial Strategy the most sustainable way to deliver new development over the next 20 years? Please comment below: |
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| 3. The natural environment |
| Q4 | Do you consider the current Local Plan policies on the natural environment still broadly align with national policy? Please comment below: |
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| Q5 | Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below: |
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| Q6 | Do you have views on the planning policy approach to climate change and are there areas we should look to go further on? Please comment below: |
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| Q7 | How can we use local planning policies to protect the relative tranquillity of large areas of the New Forest National Park? Please comment below: |
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| 4. Protecting and enhancing the historic and built environment |
| Q8 | Do you consider the current Local Plan policies on the historic and built environment still broadly align with national policy? Please comment below: |
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| Q9 | Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below: |
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| 5. Vibrant Communities (including housing) |
| Q10 | Pending the conclusions of the current evidence base work on local housing needs, what do you consider to be the best approach to meeting needs in a way that is compatible with the statutory National Park purposes? Options include site allocations, revisions to the Defined Village boundaries and other alternatives that will be tested through the Sustainability Appraisal/SEA process. Please comment below: |
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| Q11 | Should the revised Local Plan identify specific settlements where rural exception sites would be supported in principle? Please comment below: |
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| Q12 | Do you agree with our intentions to retain policies focusing on commoners’ dwellings and Estate workers’ dwellings? Please comment below: |
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| Q13 | What is the best policy approach to protecting the character of the National Park from incremental change from proposals for replacement dwellings, extensions to dwellings and outbuildings? Please comment below: |
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| Q14 | Are there any additional key issues that we have missed? Please comment below: |
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| 6. Local economy |
| Q15 | Do you consider the current Local Plan policies on the local economy still broadly align with national policy? Please comment below: |
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| Q16 | Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below: |
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| Q17 | Do you have views on the planning policy approach to the range of uses within the defined shopping areas of the National Park? Please comment below: |
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| Q18 | Do you support our proposed approach to campsite development and continued use of Article 4 Directions? Please comment below: |
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| Q19 | What should be the local planning policy approach to the impacts of national permitted development rights on the local economy (e.g., office to residential)? Please comment below: |
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| 7. Sustainable transport and access |
| Q20 | Do you consider the current Local Plan transport policies still broadly align with local and national policy? Please comment below: |
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| Q21 | Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below: |
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| Q22 | Do you have views on whether the current transport policies adequately respond to the climate emergency? Please comment below: |
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| Q23 | Do you support the current cycle and car parking standards, or consider that they should be reviewed to support sustainable transport? Please comment below: |
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