



<b>Report No:</b>	<b>47/24</b>
<b>Agenda Item No:</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Planning &amp; Highways</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>South Downs Local Plan – Early Engagement</b>
<b>By:</b>	<b>Isabelle Mouland, Assistant Town Clerk</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<b>To notify the Committee of the South Downs National Park Authority’s early engagement on the updating of the South Downs Local Plan, and to invite feedback</b>

<b>Recommendations</b>
<p><b>The Committee is recommended:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the report and the SDNPA early engagement on the updating of the South Downs Local Plan.</li> <li>2. To agree any comments to be submitted about the Project Initiation Document, the Local Development Scheme and the Statement of Community Involvement.</li> <li>3. To consider a response to the ‘Key Issues’ survey.</li> </ol>

## **1. Information**

- 1.1** The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has begun work on updating the South Downs Local Plan.
- 1.2** From 8 July to 16 September 2024, the SDNPA is undertaking an early participation stage on the Local Plan Review by inviting feedback on the scope of the review and how people would like to be involved in preparing the new Local Plan.
- 1.3** There are three project documents that the SDNPA is inviting comments on at this stage:

- 1.3.1. Project Initiation Document (PID) – this defines the scope and issues for the plan, the resources needed to deliver it and the risks associated with the project.
- 1.3.2. Local Development Scheme (LDS) – this includes a timetable for the preparation and adoption of the Local Plan.
- 1.3.3. Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) – this sets out how the SDNPA will consult with all stakeholders, including local communities, business, and public bodies, on planning matters. The SDNPA is proposing changes to the Statement of Community Involvement on how it consults on draft plans, including key principles and introducing the preparation of bespoke ‘Community Involvement Plans’ for separate planning policy consultations.
- 1.3.4. The above project documents can be found here  
<https://sdnpalocalplanreview.commonplace.is/proposals/keyinformation/step2>

- 1.4. The Committee is invited to review and comment on the above documents.
- 1.5. The SDNPA is also running a ‘Key Issues’ survey here - <https://sdnpalocalplanreview.commonplace.is/en-GB/proposals/general-survey/step1> - any member of the public is welcome to complete this survey and the Committee is invited to formulate and agree a response to be submitted on behalf of Seaford Town Council.
- 1.6. All marketing material will be shared by Seaford Town Council to residents via its website, social media and a poster in the Town Council’s noticeboard at 37 Church Street.

## **2. Financial Appraisal**

- 2.1. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

## **3. Contact Officer**

- 3.1. The Contact Officer for this report is Isabelle Mouland, Assistant Town Clerk.