

Summary of Reg 14 consultation issues raised in the second stage pre-submission consultation December 2016-January 2017: development sites and green spaces

The table below lists the main issues raised, by statutory consultees and members of the public.

Note: policy numbering may have changed from earlier iterations as a result of amendments; therefore policy numbers in the two consultation summaries do not necessarily correspond.

Policy/section	Changes made as a result of first consultation round	Summary of comments	Response/amendments to emerging plan
Housing development	t sites:		·
General:	All sites were subject to discussions with, and advice from, SDNPA	SDNPA: each site needs improved policy wording and site plan, ideally with numbered policies	Improved wording and site plan added for each site. The numbering of policies is resisted.
Park Barn Farm	Increased parking allocation Access road improvement Community use land allocated Highway improvement costs	7 objections, I in favour	A detailed development framework was added addressing: design, density, drainage, traffic, conservation and recreation space. This site will be developed jointly with LDC.
	to be borne by development	ESCC: note that new mini- roundabout may not be acceptable to them.	The mini-roundabout was indicative only but does form part of ongoing aspirational traffic policies under constant review with ESCC.

		SDNPA: Need for sensitive landscaping and design Traffic solutions to take account of SDNPA's Roads in the South Downs documents.	Fully concur. This site has been developed with input from SDNPA landscape and conservation officers from the start. Development framework addresses these needs. This is in accordance with the traffic and transport aspirations of the emerging plan. However there are issues beyond our control regarding the division of ESCC and SDNPA traffic responsibilities and policies which do
			not always concur. These issues should be addressed at the detailed planning application stage.
Common Lane	New site	Members of public: 21 objections, 1 in favour. ESCC: raised a number of traffic concerns	This site was removed following consideration of: access, traffic, conservation, settlement boundary.
Lewes Road/Nye Lane	New site	Members of public: Five objections	It is important to consider this as one site: although there are two owners they are working together to achieve an overall design and access solution.
		ESCC comments on western part of site: part of site is registered common land and restricted byway.	Correspondence with the owner confirms the proposed site is wholly within their ownership although it is adjacent to common land and the byway. Map revised for clarification and development framework now addresses layout, access and parking.
		Land is within limits of highway and would need to be stopped up.	Mapping error. This is not being suggested.

		No access or parking.	Each unit will have parking
		LDC: no objections	
		ESCC comments on western part of site: part of site is registered common land and restricted byway.	This site already has planning permission, but for fewer dwellings. The proposed footprint is the same, ie. a larger number of smaller, more compact units, therefore there is no incursion into common land or byway.
		Query room for parking and turning	The development framework addresses density and parking and access: every unit will have parking.
		LDC: no objections	
		SDNPA: attention drawn to ESCC comments	See above
Green space designation			
	Some additions	SDNPA: recommended a systematic review of all proposed sites to ensure that all proposed sites complied with NPPF criteria.	Rigorous review carried out and list amended accordingly.
		Consultation with owners of proposed sites: Written responses:	All owners of proposed sites were informed in writing of the proposal to designate their land. All comments were reviewed as part of the rigorous analysis of all sites against NPPF criteria carried out following the second
		Turner Durchard Frankland	consultation.
		Turner Dumbrell Foundation. Owner of 3 of the proposed	
		sites. Supported inclusion of	
		Lodge Hill; opposed inclusion of	
		agricultural land along North	

End; queried wisdom of
inclusion of Boddington Lane
Orchard due to uncertainty as
to future tenancy and thus use.
Chichester Diocese. Objection
to school grounds being
included as a LGS.
St James and Montifiore Cricket
Club. Objection to inclusion of
Keymer Road recreation area as
LGS.
Waterman's and Lighterman's
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Trust. Objection to inclusion of
garden to the front of
Waterman's Cottages as an LGS.
ESCC: Objection to designation
of the primary school playing
field as an LGS.
ESCC: query whether
designation 17a roadside verge
in Westmeston extends far
enough.
Written comments from
members of the public:

Suggestion to add Ditchling Common (both the Country Park and the remainder of the Common that lies outside the designation)	These areas were added to the list of sites included in the review carried out following second consultation.
Suggestion to add Jointer Copse (ancient woodland) to the list	The review recommended this site for designation as an LGS. The owner was then contacted in writing (March 2017) and supported the proposal.
Suggestions (2) to add the Droveway Field (now rugby club) to the list.	This site was added to the list of sites included in the review carried out. The review recommended this site for designation as an LGS. The owner was then contacted in writing (March 2017) and supported the proposal.