

01 November 2019

Mr Roger Potter
Bramber Parish Council Chairman
Meadow Edge
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Dear Mr. Potter,

Subject: South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) response to the pre submission version of the Bramber Neighbourhood Development Plan (BNDP).

This representation sets out the South Downs National Park Authority's (SDNPA) formal response to the pre submission version of the BNDP. These are officer level comments prepared by SDNPA Planning Policy officers.

A large part of Bramber Parish is within the SDNP but the main settlement is located outside the SDNP, and therefore Horsham District Council is the lead Local Planning Authority for this neighbourhood plan. Section 62 of the Environment Act requires all relevant authorities including Bramber Parish Council to have regard to the purposes of the National Park. These are:

- To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
- To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the national park by the public.

The SDNPA would like to commend the hard work and effort of the Neighbourhood Planning group and Bramber Parish Council in the drafting of the BNDP. The SDNPA welcomes the statement that the National Park is important to the village, and would like to confirm that BNDP is in general conformity with the strategic policies of the adopted South Downs Local Plan. Officers were also pleased with the reference to achieving net gain in biodiversity in Policy B5.

If you have any questions regarding our enclosed representation please do not hesitate to contact my colleague Hannah Collier, Senior Planning Policy Officer, who will be able to provide further clarification if necessary.

Yours sincerely



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