

**Mid Sussex Local Plan 2014-2031
Sites Allocations Development Plan Document**

South Downs National Park Authority Examination Statement



The following comments are made in response to the Note from the Inspector on the revised NPPF (ID08).

Paragraph 176 of the revised NPPF protects the setting of national parks as well as the national parks themselves as follows:

‘The scale and extent of development within all these designated areas should be limited, while development within their setting should be sensitively located and designed to avoid or minimise adverse impacts on the designated areas.’

The implications for the Mid Sussex examination are that Government policy on the setting of national parks is now confirmed rather than draft giving it greater weight in the consideration of proposed allocations SA12 and SA13.

The fourth test of soundness set out in the NPPF is that plans should be consistent with national policy. It needs to be considered whether the two allocations as currently worded are consistent with national policy on protected landscapes and their settings. We can confirm that the Authority is currently working pro-actively with MSDC and the agents for the sites in regard to impact on the setting of the South Downs National Park.

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