

Message from South Downs National Park Authority

Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) Consultation

South Downs National Park Authority is consulting on the draft Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The SPD provides further guidance to support the implementation of South Downs Local Plan policies, in particular Policy SD28: Affordable Homes and Policy SD29: Rural Exception Sites. The SPD therefore supports Local Plan Objective 8: To protect and provide for the social and economic wellbeing of National Park communities supporting local jobs, affordable homes and local facilities. It covers a number of detailed matters including: viability appraisal; financial contributions in lieu of on-site provision; vacant building credit and review mechanisms. Once adopted, the SPD will be a material consideration for relevant planning applications.

The Affordable Housing SPD is available to view on the [SDNPA website](#) and can also be viewed at the South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH.

The consultation will run for a period of 8 weeks, commencing on Tuesday 24th September 2019. All comments must be received by **5pm on Tuesday 19th November 2019**.

We would like to hear your views on the document. Please respond by email to planningpolicy@southdowns.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Policy, South Downs National Park Authority, South Downs Centre, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9DH.

After the end of the consultation period, any comments received will be considered in reviewing the draft SPD prior to adoption.