

Sent: 10 November 2025 13:09

Subject: South Downs Land Availability Assessment (LAA)

Dear Councillor,

We are writing to you about the **South Downs Land Availability Assessment (LAA)** which is currently being updated to inform the Regulation 19 version of the emerging South Downs Local Plan Review.

The LAA is used to assess the **suitability, availability and achievability** of sites that have been submitted to the SDNPA for development considerations. The LAA does not determine which sites should be allocated in the South Down Local Plan Review. Instead, the LAA helps to identify a pool of “potential” sites to be considered for allocation in the South Downs Local Plan Review, subject to further assessments and a range of technical work.

The LAA was previously published in late 2024. During and following the Regulation 18 public consultation of the emerging South Downs Local Plan Review (20 January to 17 March 2025), the SDNPA received a number of submissions for brand new sites, and submissions with new information about existing known sites. We have now assessed all of these submissions and we anticipate publishing the updated LAA later this year.

Ahead of LAA publication later this year, **we would like to offer you the opportunity to review and fact check some of the “has potential” sites in the LAA that fall within your constituent boundaries**. We will, of course, consider any comments received and seek to update the LAA accordingly before its publication later this year.

The attached “has potential” site (sites) in your constituent boundary has (have) been selected for your review and fact-checking because it is (they are) either brand new (i.e., not previously considered in the 2024 LAA), or because new information received has led to a significant change from the 2024 LAA (i.e., revised indicative quantum or use, or change from “rejected” to “has potential”). Please note, we have not attached “has potential” sites which have planning permission, are allocated in a local or neighbourhood plan, or have not significantly changed from the 2024 LAA.

We would be grateful for your comments by **Monday 24 November 2025**. Unfortunately, given the timescale to get the emerging South Downs Local Plan Review to its next regulatory public consultation (known as “Regulation 19”), we will not be able to consider comments received after 24 November 2025.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

The Planning Policy Team



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