

## SDNPA Consultation on Review on Local List for Validation of SDNP Development Management Applications July 2023

### A. Suggested additions to the list of information required

#### 1. Transport Statement and Transport Report

For SDNPA Local Plan Strategic policy SD19: Transport and Accessibility, explanatory text in paragraph 6.8 on page 85 states:

A Transport Assessment (TA), Transport Statement (TS), Transport Report (TR) and/or Travel Plan (TP) will be required on development that generates significant amounts of traffic movement.

The list of information required does include 'Transport Assessment' and 'Travel Plan' and refers to 'SD19: Transport and Accessibility (& Explanatory text 6.6-6.13)', so in the interests of consistency and completeness these two documents should be included.

The Glossary of terms in the SDNPA Local Plan does not define either 'Transport Statement' or 'Transport Assessment', but the following link shows the differences between 'Transport Statements' and 'Transport Assessments': <https://www.transport-statement.co.uk/>

This includes:

'A Transport Statement is a 'lighter touch' version of a Transport Assessment and is used in some cases where transport issues arising out of development proposals do not require a full Transport Assessment. Although there are no current guidelines on when to produce a Transport Statement, liaison with the Local Authority at an early stage can identify if one is required and to what scale, scope and level of detail is necessary.

Transport Statements cover the smaller scale developments where the traffic impact is limited in both volume and area impact.'

More guidance is given at these links:

- <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/travel-plans-transport-assessments-and-statements#transport-assessments-and-statements>
- <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/developers/transportassessments>

#### 2. Road Safety Audit (Stage 1)

Road Safety Audits are conducted in four stages:

- **Stage 1 Completion of Preliminary Design**  
Stage 1 Preliminary Design Road Safety Audits are generally carried out before work has started on the development and can form part of Section 278 or Section 38 agreements with the Local Highway Authority.
- **Stage 2 Completion of Detailed Design (or Combined Stage 1&2)**  
Stage 2 Detailed Design Road Safety Audits are generally carried out before work has started on the development and can form part of Section 278 or Section 38 agreements with the Local Highway Authority.
- **Stage 3 Completion of Construction**  
A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit is carried out when the construction of the development or scheme has been completed. The Stage 3 road safety audit report is then submitted for acceptance prior to the maintenance certificate being issued.

- **Stage 4 Post Opening Monitoring – 12 months**

A Stage 4 Road Safety Audit is an evidence-led review of road traffic collisions that have occurred in the vicinity of the highway scheme. The Road Safety Audit shall be carried out using a minimum of 12 months' worth of validated road traffic collision data (starting from the month of scheme completion).

When a planning application is submitted, a Stage 1 RSA report could be provided as an Appendix to a Transport Assessment or as a separate report. The RSA report is written by a different author from the Transport Assessment. For the avoidance of doubt, 'Road Safety Audit (Stage 1)' should be included as a separate 'Information Required' item.

### **3. Planning Statement/Design and Access Statement**

This should be submitted to demonstrate conformity with Local Plan policies, the NPPF and other relevant legislation.

### **4. Landscape Management Plan**

This should be provided to inform the on-going landscape management and maintenance operations for the proposed development. It would include the proposed landscape mitigation, biodiversity planting and amenity planting, its objectives and post construction aftercare require to safeguard future establishment.

### **5. Street Scenes**

These are not referred to in the 'Additional Plans' 'Information Required' item, but should be provided for applications for larger developments in which new streets would be provided. It would show elevations of new buildings along individual streets.

### **6. Proposed Access and Movement Plan**

This is a plan submitted for new developments with new streets and would show primary and secondary routes (and the road widths) for vehicles, and also footpaths only for use by pedestrians.

### **7. Proposed Refuse and Cycling Strategy**

This is a plan submitted for new developments with new streets and would show the routes that could be taken along the new streets by refuse collection vehicles and cycles.

### **8. Walking, Cycling and horse-riding assessment**

This document would assess the suitability of the local road network for walking, cycling and horse-riding, and the provision for this within the proposed development.

### **9. Engineering Layout**

This is plan which shows details including the structure, dimensions and contours of any new proposed roads, and boundaries (eg fencing and retaining walls).

## 10. Declaration of Conformity with the International Commission on Non-Ionising Radiation Protection (ICNIRP) Public Exposure Guidelines

This would be a certificate which demonstrates this conformity for planning applications such as those subject to Class A, Part 16, Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (As amended), where 'Class A' refers to development by or on behalf of an electronic communications code operator for the purpose of the operator's electronic communications network in, on, over or under land controlled by that operator or in accordance with the electronic communications code.

Examples of such planning applications are those for the erection of mobile phone masts.

This certificate is not referred to in the 'Telecommunications Statement' 'Information Required' item in the list submitted for consultation.

## 11. Topographical Survey

A map of the site showing its contours and their heights should be submitted for certain planning applications.

## 12. Construction and Environmental Management Plan

This should be submitted for large developments in accordance with Best Practice Guidance – The Control of Dust and Emissions from Construction and Demolition, 2006.

### **B. Suggested change to one of the information required items**

## 13. Additional Plans

Links should be provided to the following:

- SDNP Local Plan (July 2022) Adopted Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document.
- South Downs Local Plan Extensions and Replacement Dwellings Technical Advice Note (July 2021)

## 14. Strategic Traffic Management Scheme

The following link to the SDNP 'Guidance on Parking for Residential and Non-Residential Development Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)' should be provided:

<https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/supplementary-planning-documents/supplementary-planning-documents/parking-spd/>

## 15. Open Space Assessment

This section states:

'All applications for development where public open space is to be lost or new open space required as part of the development'.

This sentence should be amended to refer to 'Local Green Space' in addition to 'Public Open Space'.