



Mr Ryan Putt (AECOM)  
 On behalf of  
 Peacehaven and Telscombe  
 Neighbourhood Planning group

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Dear Mr Ryan Putt on behalf of Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan group

**SDNPA comments on the Peacehaven and Telscombe SEA Scoping Report**

Thank you for consulting with the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) on the SEA Scoping report to the Peacehaven and Telscombe Neighbourhood Plan.

Overall we think the SEA Scoping Report is comprehensive in terms of its objectives, however there are a few comments we would like to make. I have set them out in the table below.

Section of SEA report	Comments
General	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Map on page 4 may be useful to show the South Downs National Park. Show the distinction between what parts of the Neighbourhood Area are within the National Park.</li> <li>Showing this on all maps in general would be useful.</li> </ul>
Chapter 1, Introduction Table 1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This section does not mention the South Downs National Park development plan. The table omits the relationship with the South Downs local Plan (SDLP). As the part of the Neighbourhood Area within the National Park will need to be in conformity with the Development Plan of the South Downs.</li> </ul>
Baseline Information – Biodiversity and Geodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does not mention SDLP Section 5B and Policy SD9: Biodiversity and Geodiversity.</li> <li>Could also refer to the Background paper (Evidence base for SDLP): <a href="https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/SDLP-Biodiversity-Background-Paper.pdf">https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/02/SDLP-Biodiversity-Background-Paper.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SDLP Section 7K Climate Change and Policy SD48: Climate Change and Sustainable use of Resources</li> <li>Could refer to Climate change adaptation plan (SDNPA): <a href="https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/573931/climate-adrep-south-downs-national-park.pdf">https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/573931/climate-adrep-south-downs-national-park.pdf</a></li> </ul>
Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No mention of the SDLP in the Landscape section or introduction to the National Park. Could have a map that shows the part of the Neighbourhood Area within the SDNP for clarity.</li> <li>Landscape background paper (SDNPA 2017) - <a href="https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/TLL-01-Landscape-Background-Paper-2017.pdf">https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/TLL-01-Landscape-Background-Paper-2017.pdf</a></li> <li><a href="https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Advice-to-Communities-on-Undertaking-a-Local-Landscape-Character-Assessment-LLCA-2012-05-05-Final-WebV.pdf">https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/Advice-to-Communities-on-Undertaking-a-Local-Landscape-Character-Assessment-LLCA-2012-05-05-Final-WebV.pdf</a></li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• More updated information on our website - <a href="https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/landscape-design-conservation/south-downs-landscape-character-assessment/south-downs-landscape-character-assessment-2020/">https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/landscape-design-conservation/south-downs-landscape-character-assessment/south-downs-landscape-character-assessment-2020/</a> and our new mapping system.</li> <li>• <a href="#">South Downs Viewshed Analysis 2015</a> Views are one of the special qualities of the National Park, and we have undertaken research in order to protect and conserve these views and others like them. This is shown in our Viewshed study. These should be taken in account in the Sustainability Appraisal.</li> <li>• The English National Parks and the Broads Circular (2010)</li> <li>• Environment Act 1995</li> <li>• We appreciate the information on the National Park in this section.</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• South Downs National Park has International Dark Night Skies Reserve Status. It would be good to see the protection of dark night skies within the landscape objective of the sustainability framework.</li> <li>• Heritage assets should also include archaeology.</li> </ul>

If you would like to discuss any of the above, then please do contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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