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4.1 Neighbourhood planning, introduced through the Localism Act 2011, enables communities to prepare Neighbourhood Development Plans (NDPs). These plans allow communities to create a vision and planning policies for the use and development of land in their area. Once a neighbourhood plan area is designated, Horsham District Council is required to provide support and advice to those bodies producing a NDP.

4.2 Horsham District Council continues to provide technical support and officer time to groups preparing neighbourhood plans. In addition, a number of resources are available on the Council's website[1].

4.3 Horsham District Council (HDC) and the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) have agreed a joint protocol on how they will work together on neighbourhood planning where parishes have land within and outside the National Park. In total, there are 29 parishes in Horsham District where Horsham District Council is the lead authority for the purposes of neighbourhood planning, not including the unparished part of Horsham town. The South Downs National Park is the lead authority for Amberley, Coldwaltham or Parham parishes, as these Parishes are wholly within the South Downs National Park. This report does not therefore report on the preparation of these plans.

4.4 As of 30 November 2022, 24 Parishes were designated as Neighbourhood Plan Areas, including Horsham town's unparished Neighbourhood Councils (Trafalgar, Forest and Denne) which have been designated as a Neighbourhood Forum known as the Horsham Blueprint. This equates to 83% coverage to date. Following the decision of Steyning, Ashurst and Wiston and Bramber Parishes to de-cluster, Steyning and Bramber have since gone on to develop their own individual plans.

4.5 Table 1 (NP) below sets out the stage each NDP has reached in the preparation of its Neighbourhood Plan and includes information as to the date of 'Designation' and its Regulation 16 consultation. As of December 2022, nineteen plans have been "made". These are: Ashington, Billingshurst, Bramber, Henfield, Horsham Blueprint, Nuthurst, Rudgwick, Rusper, Shermanbury and Wineham, Shipley, Slinfold, Southwater, Steyning, Storrington, Sullington, and Washington, Thakeham, Upper Beeding, Warnham, West Grinstead, Woodmancote.

[1] Horsham District Council Neighbourhood Planning
https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning

4.6 A further four plans were scheduled to proceed to referendum (Cowfold, Itchingfield, Lower Beeding, Pulborough) however due to the issue of Water Neutrality the referenda have been delayed. West Chiltington Neighbourhood Plan will proceed to a Regulation 16 consultation, once a wider strategic solution for water neutrality is resolved.

Table 1(NP): Neighbourhood Planning Progress December 2022

NDP Area	Date of Designation	Pre-submission consultation	Publicising a Plan Proposal	Examiner's Report	Referendum	Making of plan
	(Regulation 7)	(Regulation 14)	(Regulation16)	(Regulation 18)		(Regulation 19)
Ashington	25-Feb-14	7 Jun to 17 Aug 2019	17 Jun to 12 Aug 2020	9 March 2021	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Ashurst	Not Designated					
Billingshurst	30-Dec-15	1 Aug to 29 Sep 2019	17 Jun to 12 Aug 2020	11 Nov 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Bramber	15-Feb-18	21 Sep to 2 Nov 2019	16 Mar to 18 May 2020	27 July 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Broadbridge Heath	Not Designated					
Colgate	Not Designated					
Cowfold	16-May-16	19 Aug to 14 Oct 2019 and 12 Nov to 24 Dec 2019	23 Mar to 25 May 2020 / 17 Dec to 11 Feb 2021	19 April 2021		
Henfield	31-Jan-14	19 June to 14 Aug 2019	8 Nov to 19 Dec 2019	11 May 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Horsham Blueprint	5 June 2015 and 5 June 2020	10 February and 24 March 2020	14 Sep to 2 Nov 2020	18 February 2021	20 October 2022	14 December 2022
Itchingfield	01-Sep-15	1 Nov to 13 Dec 2019	17 Dec to 11 Feb 2021	16 June 2021		
Lower Beeding	30-Dec-15	8 Jul 2020	17 Dec to 11 Feb 2021	1 July 2021		
North Horsham	Not Designated (withdrawn 20 July 2018)					
Nuthurst	31-Oct-13	7 Nov to 19 Dec 2014	16 Feb to 30 Mar 2015	Jun 2015	24 September 2015	22 October 2015
Pulborough	25-Feb-14	6th July to 31st August 2020	18 Nov 2020 to 13 Jan 2021	18 September 2021		
Rudgwick	28-Jun-16		2 Oct to 20 Nov 2020	16 March 2021	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Rusper	18-Feb-16	2 Sept to 14 Oct 2019	24 Feb to 27 Apr 2020	24 Aug 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Shermanbury & Wineham	25-Feb-14	7 Dec 2015 to 25 Jan 2016	11 Mar to 22 Apr 2016	9 Jan 2017	4 May 2017	21 June 2017

Shipley	Initial designation 2014, revision 16 May 2016	2 Sept to 21 Oct 2019	9 Mar to 11 May 2020	18 Jun 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Slinfold	20-May-14	25 Apr to 6 Jun 2016	9 Jun to 21 Jul 2017 and 11 Sep to 23 Oct 2017	29 Jan 2018	19 July 2019	05 September 2018
Southwater	Initial designation January 2014, revision16 May 2016	To 25 Nov 2018	7 Jun to 19 Jul 2019	15 May 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Steyning	May-18	6 Sep to 18 Oct 2019	17 Jul to 11 Sep 2020	13 April 2022	14 July 2022	7 September 2022
Storrington Sullington & Washington	19-Dec-13	10 Jul to 4 Sep 2017	23 Feb to 13 Apr 2018	22 Nov 2018	18 July 2019	05 September 2019
Thakeham	19-Dec-13	12 Jan to 6 Mar 2015	31 Oct to 11 Nov 2015	Nov 2016	22 March 2017	26 April 2017
Upper Beeding	19-Dec-13	To 13 Aug 2018	15 Feb to 5 Apr 2019 and 7 Jun to 19 Jul 2019	5 Dec 2019	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Warnham	25-Feb-14	To 30 Apr 2018	17 Aug to 12 Oct 2018	Mar 2019	13 June 2019	26 June 2019
West Chiltington	25-Feb-14	26th July 2021 to 21st September 2021				
West Grinstead	21-Oct-13	29 Jul to 23 Sep 2019	10 Jul to 4 Sep 2020	9 Dec 2020	6 May 2021	23 June 2021
Wiston	Not Designated					
Woodmancote	25-Feb-14	22 Feb to 3 Apr 2016	9 Sep to Oct 2016	30 Jan 2017	4 May 2017	21 June 2017

4.7 Table 2 (NP) below provides the number of dwellings allocated in each Neighbourhood Plan. A detailed breakdown of all sites allocated in a Made neighbourhood Plan is provided in Table 3 (NP). Where applications have been submitted, figures have been updated to reflect the number of dwellings granted permission. Further detail on housing completions is set out in Chapter 3 of this AMR.

Table 2(NP): Expected Dwelling Numbers from Neighbourhood Plans

	Current Status of NDP	Neighbourhood Plan Area	Numbers Allocated / Proposed within Plan
1	Made	Storrington, Sullington and Washington	146
2	Made	Warnham	50
3	Made	Thakeham	50
4	Made	Slinfold	77
5	Made	Shermanbury and Wineham	20
6	Made	Nuthurst	51
7	Made	Woodmancote	0
8	Made	Upper Beeding	109
9	Made	Henfield	270
10	Made	Shipley	0
11	Made	Southwater	450
12	Made	Bramber	0
13	Made	Rusper	0
14	Made	Billingshurst	0
15	Made	West Grinstead	0
16	Made	Ashington	225
17	Made	Rudgwick	0
18	Made	Steyning	0
19	Made	Horsham Blueprint	0
	Total		**1,448**
	Awaiting Referendum	Cowfold	70
	Awaiting Referendum	Itchingfield	52
	Awaiting Referendum	Lower Beeding	47
	Awaiting Referendum	Pulborough	263
	Cumulative Total		**1,880**
	Regulation 14	West Chiltington	29
	Cumulative Total		**1,909**

Table 3(NP): Made Neighbourhood Plans Housing Trajectory

Parish	NP Policy	PA ref	Site Name	Dwellings Allocated	Dwellings Permitted	Dwellings Completed
Ashington	Policy ASH10	DC/22/0372(v)	Chanctonbury Nursery	75	0	0
Ashington	Policy ASH11	-	Land West of Ashington School	150	0	0
Henfield	Policy 2.1	DC/21/2013(v)	Land North of Parsonage Farm	205	0	0
Henfield	Policy 2.2	-	Land East of Wantley Hill	25	0	0
Henfield	Policy 2.3	-	Land West of Backsettown	30	0	0
Henfield	Policy 2.4	-	Land South of the Bowls Club	10	0	0
Nuthurst	Policy 2	DC/20/1840	Land at Swallowfield Nursery	7	7	0
Nuthurst	Policy 3	DC/21/0685	Holly Farm, Mannings Heath	5	5	0
Nuthurst	Policy 4	DC/16/1753 DC/19/0953	Land opposite Dun Horse Public House, Mannings Heath	10	11	11
Nuthurst	Policy 5	DC/15/1946 DC/17/0667 DC/18/1792	Land at Great Ventors Farm, Monks Gate	12	10	10
Nuthurst	Policy 6	-	Land at Saxtons Farm, Monks Gate	6	0	0
Nuthurst	Policy 7	DC/15/2493	Land at Micklepage Leigh, Nuthurst (The Paddock)	3	3	3
Nuthurst	Policy 8	DC/19/2500	Land adjacent to Heathtolt Cottages, Maplehurst	8	6	0
Nuthurst	Policy 9	-	Land behind White Horse, Maplehurst	6*	0	0
Shermanbury & Wineham	Policy 6	DC/18/2514	Barmarks	20	20	20
Slinfold	Policy 10	DC/20/2578	The Cobblers, Hayes Lane	13	-5	0
Slinfold	Policy 7	-	East of Hayes Lane	30	0	0
Slinfold	Policy 8	DC/21/0498	Crosby Farm	24	24	0
Slinfold	Policy 9	DC/19/0412	Land West of Spring Lane	10	12	12
Southwater	Policy SNP 2	-	Land West of Southwater	450	0	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.i	DC/20/0717	Land at Old London Road ('The Vineyard"), Washington	15	16	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.ii	-	Ravenscroft Allotment Site, Storrington	35	0	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.iii	DC/21/0057	Land at Angell Sandpit, Storrington	6	6	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.iv	-	Land at Old Mill Drive ('The Diamond'), Storrington	20	0	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.v	-	Land at the Post Office Depot, High Street, Storrington	10	0	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.vi	DC/19/2015	Land north of Downsview Avenue	60	62	0
Thakeham	Policy 2	DC/18/2095	Thakeham Tiles, Rock Road, Storrington	50	90	0
Upper Beeding	Policy 3	DC/21/2195(v)	Land East of Pound Lane	70	0	0
Upper Beeding	Policy 4		Land at Southern End of Oxcroft Farm, Small Dole	20	0	0
Upper Beeding	Policy 5		Land at Greenfields, Henfield Road	10	0	0
Upper Beeding	Policy 6		Riverside Caravan Park	9	0	0
Warnham	WNDP1	-	Land North of Freeman Road	50	0	0
			TOTAL	**1448**	**267**	**56**

** The site named land behind the White Horse, Maplehurst was not allocated a capacity in terms of the amount residential units to be provided. (v) Planning application validated but not yet permitted.*