



# **CHAPTER 4: Neighbourhood Planning**

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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<sup>1</sup>.
- 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 2019, 24 Parishes were designated as Neighbourhood Plan Areas, not including Horsham town's unparished neighbourhood Councils (Trafalgar, Forest and Denne) which have been designated as a Neighbourhood Development Plan Area 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 are proceeding with 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. At December 2019, seven plans (Nuthurst, Shermanbury & Wineham, Slinfold, Thakeham, Woodmancote, Storrington Sullington & Washington, Warnham) had been 'Made'. The examiner's report for Upper Beeding Neighbourhood Plan was published on the 9 December 2019. Bi-monthly neighbourhood planning updates are published online by the District Council on the Neighbourhood Planning Web Page.

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<sup>1</sup> Horsham District Council Neighbourhood Planning  
<https://www.horsham.gov.uk/planning/neighbourhood-planning>

- 4.6 The Warnham Neighbourhood Development Plan 2017-2031 was recognised with a commendation<sup>2</sup> in the Royal Town Planning Institute SE Award for Planning Excellence in plan-making practice on 21 November 2019.

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<sup>2</sup> RTPI SE Award for Planning Excellence 2019

<https://www.rtpi.org.uk/media/3601822/Warnham%20Neighbourhood%20Plan.pdf>

**Table 1(NP): Neighbourhood Planning Progress December 2019**

<b>NDP Area</b>	<b>Date of Designation (Regulation 7)</b>	<b>Pre-submission consultation (Regulation 14)</b>	<b>Publicising a Plan Proposal (Regulation16)</b>	<b>Examiner's Report (Regulation 18)</b>	<b>Making of plan (Regulation 19)</b>
Ashington	25 February 2014	7 Jun to 17 Aug 2019			
Ashurst	Not Designated				
Billingshurst	30 December 2015	1 Aug to 29 Sep 2019			
Bramber	15 February 2018	21 Sep to 2 Nov 2019			
Broadbridge Heath	Not Designated				
Colgate	Not Designated				
Cowfold	16 May 2016	19 Aug to 14 Oct 2019 and 12 Nov to 24 Dec 2019			
Henfield*	31 January 2014	19 June - 14 Aug 2019	8 Nov to 19 Dec 2019		
Horsham Blueprint	5 June 2015				
Itchingfield	1 September 2015	1 Nov - 13 Dec 2019			
Lower Beeding	30 December 2015				
North Horsham	Not Designated (withdrawn 20 Jul 2018)				
Nuthurst	31 October 2013	7 Nov to 19 Dec 2014	16 Feb to 30 Mar 2015	June 2015	22 October 2015
Pulborough	25 February 2014				
Rudgwick	28 June 2016				
Rusper	18 February 2016	2 Sept to 14 Oct 2019			
Shermanbury & Wineham	25 February 2014	7 Dec 2015 to 25 Jan 2016	11 Mar to 22 Apr 2016	9 Jan 2017	21 June 2017

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Shipley	Initial designation 2014, revision 16 May 2016	2 Sept to 21 Oct 2019			
Slinfold	20 May 2014	25 Apr to 6 Jun 2016	9 Jun to 21 Jul 2017 and 11 Sep to 23 Oct 2017	November 2017	5 September 2018
Southwater	Initial designation January 2014, revision 16 May 2016	To 25 Nov 2018	7 Jun to 19 Jul 2019		
Steyning	May 2018	6 Sep to 18 Oct 2019			
Storrington Sullington & Washington	19 December 2013	10 Jul to 4 Sep 2017	23 Feb to 13 Apr 2018	22 Nov 2018	5 September 2019
Thakeham	19 December 2013	12 Jan to 6 Mar 2015	31 Oct to 11 Nov 2015	November 2016	26 April 2017
Upper Beeding	19 December 2013	To 13 Aug 2018	15 Feb to 5 Apr 2019 and 7 Jun to 19 Jul 2019	5 December 2019	
Warnham	25 February 2014	To 30 Apr 2018	17 Aug to 12 Oct 2018	March 2019	26 June 2019
West Chiltington	25 February 2014				
West Grinstead	21 October 2013	29 Jul to 23 Sep 2019			
Wiston	Not Designated				
Woodmancote	25 February 2014	22 Feb to 3 Apr 2016	9 Sep to Oct 2016	30 Jan 2017	21 June 2017

\* The first Henfield Neighbourhood Plan was quashed in a High Court Judicial Review on 13 October 2016

- 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.

**Table 2(NP): Expected Dwelling Numbers from Made / Regulation 16 Neighbourhood Plans**

<b>Neighbourhood Plan Area</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>No of dwellings</b>
Nuthurst	Made	46 - 57
Shermanbury & Wineham	Made	11- 20
Slinfold	Made	77
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Made	146
Thakeham	Made	50
Upper Beeding	Examination	109
Warnham	Made	50
Woodmancote	Made	No allocations
	<b>Total</b>	<b>489-509</b>

**Table 3(NP): Made Neighbourhood Plans Housing Trajectory**

Parish	NP Policy	PA ref	Site Name	No of Dwellings
Nuthurst	Policy 5	DC/15/1946 & DC/17/0667	Land at Great Ventors Farm, Monks Gate	12
Nuthurst	Policy 2	DC/17/1158	Land at Swallowfield Nursery	7
Nuthurst	Policy 4	DC/16/1753	Land opposite Dun Horse Public House, Mannings Heath	10
Nuthurst	Policy 7	DC/15/2493 & DC/17/2524	Land at Micklepage Leigh, Nuthurst (The Paddock)	3
Nuthurst	Policy 3	-	Holly Farm, Mannings Heath	5
Nuthurst	Policy 6	-	Land at Saxtons Farm, Monks Gate	6
Nuthurst	Policy 8	-	Land adjacent to Heathtolt Cottages, Maplehurst	8
Nuthurst	Policy 9	-	Land behind White Horse, Maplehurst	6
Thakeham	Policy 2	DC/18/2095	Thakeham Tiles, Rock Road, Storrington	50
Shermanbury & Wineham	Policy 6	-	Barmarks	20
Slinfold	Policy 7	-	East of Hayes Lane	30
Slinfold	Policy 8	-	Crosby Farm	21
Slinfold	Policy 9	-	Land West of Spring Lane	10
Slinfold	Policy 10	-	The Cobblers, Hayes Lane	13
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.i	-	Land at Old London Road ('The Vineyard'), Washington	15
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.ii	-	Ravenscroft Allotment Site, Storrington	35
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.iii	-	Land at Angell Sandpit, Storrington	6
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.iv	-	Land at Old Mill Drive ('The Diamond'), Storrington	20
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.v	-	Land at the Post Office Depot, High Street, Storrington	10
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.vi	-	Land north of Downsview Avenue	60
Warnham	WNDP1	-	Land North of Freeman Road	50
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>397</b>

\* The site named land behind the White Horse, Maplehurst was not allocated a capacity in terms of the amount residential units to be provided.