



# **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 2020, 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 2020 seven plans (Nuthurst, Shermanbury & Wineham, Slinfold, Thakeham, Woodmancote, Storrington Sullington & Washington, Warnham) had been 'Made'. A further six plans would be proceeding to referendum (Upper Beeding, Henfield, Shipley, Southwater, Bramber and Rusper) however due to the Covid-19 crisis the referenda have been suspended until 2021. Examinations have concluded for two plans (Billingshurst and West Grinstead). Four plans have concluded Regulation 16

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

consultations (Ashington, Steyning, Horsham Blueprint and Rudgwick), and four are out for consultation at time of writing (Pulborough, Itchingfield, Lower Beeding and Cowfold). Bi-monthly neighbourhood planning updates are published online by the District Council on the Neighbourhood Planning Web Page.

- 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 2020**

NDP Area	Date of Designation	Pre-submission consultation	Publicising a Plan Proposal	Examiner's Report	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		
Ashurst	Not Designated				
Billingshurst	30-Dec-15	1 Aug to 29 Sep 2019	17 Jun to 12 Aug 2020	11 Nov 2020	
Bramber	15-Feb-18	21 Sep to 2 Nov 2019	16 Mar to 18 May 2020	27 July 2020	
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		
Henfield*	31-Jan-14	19 June to 14 Aug 2019	8 Nov to 19 Dec 2019	11 May 2020	
Horsham Blueprint	5 June 2015 and 5 June 2020		14 Sep to 2 Nov 2020		
Itchingfield	01-Sep-15	1 Nov to 13 Dec 2019	17 Dec to 11 Feb 2021		
Lower Beeding	30-Dec-15	8 Jul 2020	17 Dec to 11 Feb 2021		
North Horsham	Not Designated (withdrawn 20 Jul 2018)				
Nuthurst	31-Oct-13	7 Nov to 19 Dec 2014	16 Feb to 30 Mar 2015	Jun 2015	22 October 2015
Pulborough	25-Feb-14		18 Nov 2020 to 13 Jan 2021		
Rudgwick	28-Jun-16		2 Oct to 20 Nov 2020		
Rusper	18-Feb-16	2 Sept to 14 Oct 2019	24 Feb to 27 Apr 2020	24 Aug 2020	
Shermanbury & Wineham	25-Feb-14	7 Dec 2015 to 25 Jan 2016	11 Mar to 22 Apr 2016	9 Jan 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	

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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	05 September 2018
Southwater	Initial designation January 2014, revision 16 May 2016	To 25 Nov 2018	7 Jun to 19 Jul 2019	15 May 2020	
Steyping	May-18	6 Sep to 18 Oct 2019	17 Jul to 11 Sep 2020		
Storrington Sullington & Washington	19-Dec-13	10 Jul to 4 Sep 2017	23 Feb to 13 Apr 2018	22 Nov 2018	05 September 2019
Thakeham	19-Dec-13	12 Jan to 6 Mar 2015	31 Oct to 11 Nov 2015	Nov 2016	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	
Warnham	25-Feb-14	To 30 Apr 2018	17 Aug to 12 Oct 2018	Mar 2019	26 June 2019
West Chilmington	25-Feb-14				
West Grinstead	21-Oct-13	29 Jul to 23 Sep 2019	10 Jul to 4 Sep 2020	9 Dec 2020	
Wiston	Not Designated				
Woodmancote	25-Feb-14	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 Neighbourhood Plans**

Current Status of NDP	Neighbourhood Plan Area	Numbers Proposed within Plan
Made	Storrington / Washington	146
Made	Warnham	50
Made	Thakeham	50
Made	Slinfold	77
Made	Shermanbury and Wineham	20
Made	Nuthurst	51
Made	Woodmancote	n/a
<b>Total</b>		<b>394</b>
Referendum (May 2021)	Upper Beeding	109
Referendum (May 2021)	Henfield	270
Referendum (May 2021)	Shipley	n/a
Referendum (May 2021)	Southwater	450
Referendum (May 2021)	Bramber	n/a
Referendum (May 2021)	Rusper	n/a
<b>Cumulative Total</b>		<b>1223</b>
Examination concluded	Billingshurst	n/a
Examination concluded	West Grinstead	n/a
<b>Cumulative Total</b>		<b>1223</b>
Regulation 16 concluded	Ashington	225
Regulation 16 concluded	Steyning	n/a
Regulation 16 concluded	Horsham Blueprint	n/a
Regulation 16 concluded	Rudgwick	n/a
Regulation 16 commenced	Pulborough	263
<b>Cumulative Total</b>		<b>1711</b>
Regulation 15 submitted	Itchingfield	52
Regulation 15 submitted	Cowfold	70
Regulation 15 submitted	Lower Beeding	47
<b>Cumulative Total</b>		<b>1880</b>
Work in Progress	West Chilts	n/a
<b>Projected Total</b>		<b>1880</b>

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

Parish	NP Policy	PA ref	Site Name	Dwellings Allocated	Dwellings Permitted
Nuthurst	Policy 2	DC/17/1158	Land at Swallowfield Nursery	7	4
Nuthurst	Policy 3	-	Holly Farm, Mannings Heath	5	0
Nuthurst	Policy 4	DC/16/1753	Land opposite Dun Horse Public House, Mannings Heath	10	8
Nuthurst	Policy 5	DC/15/1946 & DC/17/0667	Land at Great Ventors Farm, Monks Gate	12	15
Nuthurst	Policy 6	-	Land at Saxtons Farm, Monks Gate	6	0
Nuthurst	Policy 7	DC/15/2493 & DC/17/2524	Land at Micklepage Leigh, Nuthurst (The Paddock)	3	3
Nuthurst	Policy 8	-	Land adjacent to Heathtolt Cottages, Maplehurst	8	0
Nuthurst	Policy 9	-	Land behind White Horse, Maplehurst	6	0
Shermanbury & Wineham	Policy 6	DC/18/2514	Barmarks	20	20
Slinfold	Policy 10	-	The Cobblers, Hayes Lane	13	0
Slinfold	Policy 7	-	East of Hayes Lane	30	0
Slinfold	Policy 8	-	Crosby Farm	24	0
Slinfold	Policy 9	DC/19/0412	Land West of Spring Lane	10	12
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.i	DC/20/0717	Land at Old London Road ('The Vineyard'), Washington	15	16
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.ii	-	Ravenscroft Allotment Site, Storrington	35	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.iii	-	Land at Angell Sandpit, Storrington	6	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.iv	-	Land at Old Mill Drive ('The Diamond'), Storrington	20	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.v	-	Land at the Post Office Depot, High Street, Storrington	10	0
Storrington Sullington & Washington	Policy 2.vi	DC/19/2015	Land north of Downsview Avenue	60	62
Thakeham	Policy 2	DC/18/2095	Thakeham Tiles, Rock Road, Storrington	50	90
Warnham	W NDP1	-	Land North of Freeman Road	50	0
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>230</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.