

SELReG response to the Bramshott & Liphook Draft NDP Regulation 16 Consultation

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Dear Sir,

Thank you for the invitation to take part in the Regulation 16 Consultation on the Bramshott and Liphook Draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

The **South and East Liphook Residents' Group** supports the policies within the NDP as it currently stands, and we are pleased to note that many of the comments and observations we made in the Regulation 14 Consultation have, at least in part, been incorporated.

However, we remain concerned on two significant points:

1. The Plan fails to address the fact that Bramshott and Liphook Parish is split between two Planning Authorities – namely the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and East Hampshire District Council (EHDC). There is nothing in it that addresses the need for a holistic approach to developments within the whole Parish and how the different aims and objectives of these two Planning Authorities are to be mutually satisfied. We have consistently promoted the need for the SDNPA and EHDC Planning Authorities to work together to provide a master plan for the future sustainable development of the Parish. Unfortunately, this has not been forthcoming, and, in particular we are led to believe that the SDNPA refuses to have dialogue on the issue with EHDC. Furthermore, this NDP has no policies to ensure that a holistic and sustainable future development proposal will be attainable. We believe that an immediate movement of the SDNP boundary should be considered so that the Parish lies entirely within one Planning Authority or the other and can therefore be treated as a single community in planning terms.
2. Of those Policies that are presented in the Plan, most still come across as a “wish list” without robustness or conviction. There are many uses of the words “... *where possible...*”, “...*in so far as is reasonably practicable...*” and “...*subject to viability.....*”, rather than being more assertive. Such vague wording would appear to offer developers an obvious opportunity to be manipulative and avoid the requirement the Policy specifically seeks to impose.

We would like to again commend everybody who has worked on this Neighbourhood Development Plan over the years and for bringing it to this milestone. Notwithstanding the shortcomings noted above (which could be addressed at the Plan's next revision), we feel it should now be allowed to proceed to referendum.

Yours faithfully

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South and East Liphook Residents' Group (SELReG)

*The **South and East Liphook Residents Group (SELReG)** represents the views of over 220 households in the south and east of the Village. While not entirely opposed to developments in that area, the Group is keen to support well considered development*

solutions that are good for the Parish of Bramshott and Liphook as a whole, and object to any that are not.