

Appendix 5

Officer responses to consultation comments received

Proposed Coldean Neighbourhood Area Application Consultation Comments

Respondent Number	Individual / Organisation	Are the boundaries of the proposed area appropriate?	Do you recognise the proposed area as a distinct neighbourhood ?	Comments on area	Officer Comments
1	Individual	Yes	Yes	I feel in the past consultations with those in the proposed neighbourhood have been lacking. Hopefully this will go some way to remediate this issue. Will appropriate funding be given to improve the area? How can I get involved?	If approved the neighbourhood forum will be expected to engage with people living and working in neighbourhood area. The Neighbourhood Forum will be able to apply for funding from central government to prepare their neighbourhood plan for the area.
2	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
3	Individual	Yes	Yes	Coldean is the perfect area for this scheme due to its geographical layout.	Comments noted
4	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
5	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
6	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
7	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
8	Trust for Developing Communities	Don't Know / Not Sure	Yes	Does the area include all of Coldean Woods - I think it should.	Comments noted. The proposed area includes Coldean Woods to the south but not the wooded area of Stanmer Park which lies east of Coldean Lane.
9	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
10	Individual	Don't Know / Not Sure	Yes	It should include Stanmer Park.	Comments noted. The area proposed by the Coldean Community does not include Stanmer Park
11	Rottingdean Parish Council	Yes	Yes	Coldean and the surrounding countryside make for a very distinctive area.	Comments noted

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13	Railway Heritage Trust	Not Answered	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
14	Historic England	Not Answered	Not Answered	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England on the proposed designation of a neighbourhood forum and area for a Coldean Neighbourhood plan. Historic England is a statutory consultee for neighbourhood plans where they have effects within our areas of interest. In practice we are consulted on nearly all neighbourhood plans that are prepared and in the South East alone have now advised on in excess of 230 'made' plans. Our advice is designed to support communities in achieving their plan ambitions whilst ensuring appropriate consideration is given to the protection of heritage assets and the wider historic environment. Where we identify that a plan area contains nationally important heritage assets that could be harmed by plan proposals, or where the unintended consequences of a plan might prevent measures to address enhance assets or address the risks identified as affecting them we will seek to avert these through our advice to the steering group and independent examiner.</p> <p>The proposed Coldean Neighbourhood Plan area</p>	<p>Comments and concern regarding Stanmer Park noted. BHCC officers will ensure that the Coldean Forum are fully aware of your concerns and that they start early and continued engagement with Historic England from the start of the neighbourhood plan preparation.</p>

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15	Highways England	Not Answered	Not Answered	We have no comments on the applications to establish a Neighbourhood Area and Forum for the Coldean area. However we do wish to be consulted on any future Coldean Neighbourhood Plan.	Points noted
16	Sport England	Not Answered	Not Answered	Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan. (No specific comment son forum or area designation. Sport England sent standard Neighbourhood Planning Info)	Points noted and advice will be forwarded to the Coldean NF
17	Gatwick Airport	Not Answered	Not Answered	I have read through the applications for the neighbourhood area and forum and I am satisfied that there will be no aerodrome safeguarding issues for Gatwick Airport. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to comment on this application.	Comments noted

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19	Natural England	Not Answered	Not Answered	<p>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body. However we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.</p>	Points noted and advice will be forwarded to the Coldean NF
20	Individual	Don't Know / Not Sure	Don't know / not sure	Not answered.	n/a
21	Environment Agency	Not Answered	Not Answered	Just to let you know that we do not need to see applications relating to the designation of a Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum.	Points noted.

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				As such, we have no comments to make.	
22	ESCC County Ecologist	Not Answered	Not Answered	Thank you for notifying us of this proposal. We have no formal comments to make at this stage other than to point out that should the proposals be approved the newly formed Coldean Neighbourhood Planning Forum should contact the Historic Environment Record (county.HER@eastssussex.gov.uk) for advice on how to obtain the correct level of Historic Environment Record data in the preparation of their draft Neighbourhood Plan.	Points noted and advice will be forwarded to the Coldean NF

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2	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
3	Individual	Yes	Yes	Local communities throughout Brighton and Hove must be encouraged and assisted to become more involved in decision making within the area where they live or work.	Comments noted. If designated, the Forum should help facilitate improved community engagement in the Coldean area.
4	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
5	Individual	Yes	Don't Know / Not Sure	Not Answered	n/a
6	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
7	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
8	Trust for Developing Communities	Yes	Yes	Are the members of Coldean Neighbourhood Forum named anywhere? How can people get in touch with them? Are open meetings held? How are they publicised?	The forum members are named on the application form for the Forum which accompanied the consultation. You should contact the forum directly if you wish to become involved in meetings. They can advise around how they will plan to publicise the forum meeting and neighbourhood plan preparation when they are designated.
9	Individual	Yes	Yes	Not Answered	n/a
10	Individual	Yes	Yes	None.	n/a
11	Rottingdean Parish Council	Yes	Yes	It is good to see that there is so much interest across the community.	Comments noted.

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12	Possability People	Not Answered	Not Answered	How will disabled and other and seldom heard groups be encouraged to be involved?	Comments noted. If designated, the responsibility for engagement with hard-to-reach groups will be the responsibility of the Neighbourhood Forum. They will have to set out at various stages of the Neighbourhood Plan process how they have engaged with these hard-to-reach groups and will be encouraged to complete an Equalities Impact Assessment before submission of the Neighbourhood Plan.
13	Railway Heritage Trust	Not Answered	Not Answered	As the proposed Neighbourhood area does not involve any part of the Network Rail system, which is what our vires limit our operations to, we have no comment to make.	Points noted.
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16	Sport England	Not Answered	Not Answered	<p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Government planning policy, within the</p>	Comments noted and further information submitted will be passed to the Coldean Forum.

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				<p>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 98 and 99. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's statutory consultee role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England's playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and</p>	

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				<p>Guidance document. https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy</p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on developing planning policy for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded. https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications</p> <p>Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 99 of the NPPF, this takes the form of assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence</p>	

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				<p>help with such work. http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance</p> <p>If new or improved sports facilities are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/</p> <p>Any new housing developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy</p>	

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