Memorandum of Understanding between the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and Wealden District Council .

Submission of Joint Development Plan Document: s 28 Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004

This agreement is made the 19th August 2011

BETWEEN
The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) of Rosemary's Parlour, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex, GU29 9SB and Wealden District Council of Pine Grove, Crowborough, East Sussex TN6 1DH.

This understanding and agreement is made in respect of the joint submission of the Development Plan Document (DPD) entitled **Wealden District (incorporating part of the South Downs National Park) Local Development Framework Core Strategy.** This document together with supporting submission documents and evidence base/background papers was formally submitted to the Secretary of State on 5th August 2011 for examination.

This agreement is confirmation that the above document is produced and being submitted as a joint Core Strategy for the purposes of s 28 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. The agreement reflects the close working between the District Council and the predecessor bodies to the SDNPA and the formal constitution of the NPA from 1st April 2011 as the Planning Authority for the South Downs National Park.

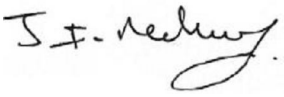
In signing this memorandum the SDNPA formally endorses the Council's approved Local Development Scheme which has led to the submission of this Core Strategy DPD and also endorses the Council's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) and consultation process carried out in the production of the document.

It is proposed that the Core Strategy will be adopted by both the SDNPA and WDC as the relevant Planning Authorities. The SDNPA will be seeking to produce its own Core Strategy covering all of the National Park and at which time such document will supersede this joint document in respect of that part of the area designated as National Park.

Signed 

Date 19 August 2011

Head of Planning and Environmental Policy on behalf of
WEALDEN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Signed 

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SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY