

**SOUTH DOWNS NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY**  
**PLANNING APPLICATIONS UPDATE - JULY 2012**

I am aware there has been an issue for the past three months with the introduction of a new National Park-wide single IT system for processing planning applications and other related works. I would like to offer my apologies for any inconvenience caused and acknowledge that the situation is unacceptable.

As a result working with our partner local authorities we have made a concerted effort to resolve the situation. This has included applying additional expertise and resource, meeting with Parish Council's and other interested parties to understand issues arising and writing to particular individuals on specific matters.

Notwithstanding, in some parts of the National Park a backlog of applications awaiting registration and validation still remains. We are doing all we can to reduce this backlog quickly given that the IT system is now far more stable. This involves specific actions where appropriate but I was keen to advise any interested persons that we are doing all we can to resolve matters as soon as possible. For the majority of the National Park area I do not expect there to be any significant backlog after August. Where there are specific issue that may affect this timetable we are working in partnership to resolve matters to an agreed Action Plan.

Once again I apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope this explanation assists

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