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Subject: RE: Colden Common Village Design Statement 2012 DRAFT
CONSULTATION - South Downs National Park (Specific Items 1)

Further to me email last month I'm sending a couple of emails with more detailed feedback on the draft VDS, I'll make the title clear for ease of filing/handling.

It's a credit to the volunteers that the document is finally near completion and their efforts are much appreciated by the local community, I think it simply needs a few factual corrections and clarification/expansion in certain important areas.

Some comments have previously been mentioned to the VDS team and they had advised me that these would be considered for inclusion at the consultation stage.

My first suggestion covers the South Downs National Park and the context to The Village; I don't believe this is currently covered adequately in the present draft.

The attached word document provides some text for consideration (as requested by VDS Group in March)

It is good to see the SDNP Boundary shown on Map C, however I do feel that this lacks some equally important views (Brambridge Park/Itchen Navigation, Hensting Lane, Highbridge etc)

What I'm trying to get at is we need to avoid inappropriate development along (and outside) the boundary of The National Park where it's easier to get permission than within and there are less restrictions, (like building an inappropriate huge industrial park on the edge of The Lake District).

Thank you,

Ian Taylor

VDS Colden Common and The South Downs National Park

Parts of The Parish to the West, North and East are within the boundary of The South Downs National Park including Park Copse, Marwell Zoological Park, Hensting Lane, Brambridge House, Brambridge Park and much of The Itchen Navigation. The National Park boundary line threads its way around other parts of Colden Common. We value the protection and benefit that this recognition of the place where we live as a nationally important and diverse area with outstanding natural beauty and rich cultural heritage provides.

The Park Authority has statutory purposes and socio-economic responsibilities:

1. To conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the area.
2. To promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Park by the public.

The role of the South Downs National Park as a Planning Authority is to control and influence the development of land and buildings within its boundaries. Planning Applications for areas within The National Park in our village will still be dealt with by Winchester City Council under Agency Agreements. The designation of the National Park in 2009 has brought increased pressure to the areas just outside the defined area which could easily lead to inappropriate development.

VDS "Design Statement":

It is essential that any new development in The Parish does not have a detrimental effect to The South Downs National Park.

New developments should not:

- **Adversely impact traffic or pollution (including noise and light pollution)**
- **Impair views from The National Park or the open vistas within/into The Parish.***
- **and (anything else?)**

****WDLP policy DP.4 refers to some of these principles.***

We should probably provide some 'panoramic' photographs within the document with some specific views from/into National Park, for example Brambridge House/Park and footpaths around Hensting Lane etc. to show important areas we do not want subjected to out of scale/'ribbon' development.