

Parish Priority Statement

The Parish of Sheet sits within the South Downs National Park which is the Planning Authority for our Parish. In December 2022, South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) commenced a review of their Local Plan.

A Local plan is prepared by the Local Planning Authority (LPA), which in our case is the SDNPA. The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that the planning system should be genuinely plan-led. Succinct and up-to-date plans should provide a positive vision for the future of each area and a framework for addressing housing needs and other economic, social and environmental priorities.

As part of this review, Parishes are being requested to complete a Parish Priority Statement which is being introduced in Parliament through the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill. These Statements are intended to inform the plan making, not direct planning decisions.

Parish Priority Statements need to reflect the views of the Parish as a whole, not just those of the council, so the Parish Council is looking to consult as widely as possible to help to collect the information and put them together in a coherent list of priorities. The Parish Council will build upon information already obtained through local groups such as The Sheet Association as well through a new parish survey.

Parish Priority Statements collect information on 7 areas as well as looking for our vision of the Parish over the next 15 years. These 7 areas are;

1. Development and management of land – what could be developed, what needs to be protected
2. Housing – the size and type of homes in any development, affordable housing, low- cost rents
3. Design – importance of local character
4. The natural environment – opportunities to enhance
5. Public spaces–views on these, sites for nature recovery and public realm
6. Infrastructure - roads, parking, broadband, waste and water, community buildings.
7. Jobs

Further information can be found at;

South Downs National Park Authority Parish Priority Statement presentation - <https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Parish-Priority-Statement-Presentation.pdf>

South Downs National Park Authority generic Parish Priority Statement - https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/GreenvilleParishPriorityStatement_Example.pdf