

**Direction for a planning application to be dealt with by the  
South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA)**

**Application Reference:** SDNP/24/00451/FUL  
**Name of Local Authority:** Chichester District Council  
**Type of application:** Full Application  
**Description of Proposal:** Proposed residential development of 4 No. 3 bed houses & 3 No. 2-bed houses with associated bin/bike storage & parking.  
**Site Location:** Land adjacent The Watermill Halfway Bridge Lodsworth Petworth West Sussex GU28 9BP  
**Date Received:** 1 February 2024

**The Direction**

Under the provisions of the Section 101 Agency Agreement between the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) and Chichester District Council effective from 1st October 2022, the above planning application, SDNP/24/00451/FUL may have a significant effect on the purposes for which the South Downs National Park has been designated.

In consequence, the SDNPA hereby directs that this application shall not be determined by Chichester District Council. The SDNPA proposes to determine it, or deal with the application itself, as the Local Planning Authority for the South Downs National Park.

**Reason for the Direction**

The application proposes 7 new dwellings in the rural area outside of a settlement policy boundary. It may consequently have the potential to be significant in terms of its implications for the natural beauty, wildlife and/or cultural heritage of the South Downs National Park which constitute the statutory purposes for which the South Downs National Park has been designated.

**Date of Direction: 5 February 2024**

**Signed:**



**MIKE HUGHES**  
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