# **South Downs National Park Authority Settlement Facilities Survey 2023**



### **Settlement Facilities (SF) Form**

#### **Introduction & Context**

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) has recently commenced its Local Plan Review (LPR). As part of the LPR, the SDNPA is carrying out an updated assessment of Settlement Facilities (SF) across the National Park. This assessment will assist in our understanding of the relative sustainability of settlements based on the availability of facilities and services which residents can access on a daily basis. The assessment will use the concept of living locally whereby local residents can access daily goods, services and places by a short walk or cycle, or without the use of a private car. The SF assessment will inform decisions regarding the provision of future housing development in the LPR and help to focus development within established and well connected settlements.

As part of the above, the SF Assessment aims to:

- Identify the current availability of services and facilities in settlements in the National Park;
- Consider the relationship between larger towns and villages which may provide facilities to nearby smaller settlements;
- Identify any gaps in facilities which may be addressed by future development.

The Assessment covers the following facilities and services:

- Childcare & Education provision (nursery, pre-school, primary & secondary schools)
- Local shops
- Transport (regular bus service, train station, active travel and electric vehicle charging)
- Health facilities (GP surgery, pharmacy)
- Community facilities (village hall, playgrounds, broadband and other community facilities)

Please note, in terms of open space provision (including children's playgrounds), a separate Open Space Assessment and associated survey seeks additional feedback on the location and quality of open space in parish/towns across the National Park.

### **Instructions**

Please use this form to provide information on each settlement in your parish / town area. When completing this form, please ensure you have addressed the following:

- Please submit a <u>separate form</u> for <u>each settlement</u> in your parish / town area;
- For each settlement, please also indicate if facilities are available in a neighbouring settlement (inside or outside the SDNP) that are accessible within a short distance of either around 15 minutes walking or cycling for 15 minutes via a non-motorised user route.
- Please complete as many parts of the form as possible;

Please submit your completed forms to us by the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023, and please contact us if you have a problem meeting this deadline.

## I. Your Details

Information Required	Response
Name of Parish / Town Council	Kingston
Main Contact Address	Kingston Pavilion, St Pancras Green, Kingston, Sussex BN7 3LN
Cllr/Officer Name & Role	Julie O'Donnell, Parish Clerk
Cllr/Officer Email & Telephone	clerk@kingston-pc.gov.uk

## 2. Settlement Details

Information required	Response
Name of settlement	Kingston
District	Lewes

## 3. Childcare & Education Facilities

Information required	Response
Is there a nursery or preschool in the settlement?  *neighbouring settlement (inside or outside the SDNP) that are accessible within 20 minutes by walking or cycling via an active travel route.	☐ One or more nursery or pre-school services
Is there an infant, primary or junior school in the settlement? *neighbouring settlement (inside or outside the SDNP) that are accessible within 20 minutes by walking or cycling via an active travel route.	☐ One or more primary schools
Is there a secondary school in the settlement? *neighbouring settlement (inside or outside the SDNP) that are accessible within 20 minutes by walking or cycling via an active travel route.	X No secondary school provision  ☐ One or more secondary schools ☐ Secondary school in neighbouring settlement* - give name of neighbouring settlement:

## 4. Shopping

Information Required	Response
Is there a local shop(s) providing for essential food, drink and convenience shopping? *neighbouring settlement (inside or outside the SDNP) that are accessible within 20 minutes by walking or cycling via an active travel route.	X No local shop  ☐ One or more local shops ☐ One of more supermarkets ☐ Local shop in neighbouring settlement* - give name of neighbouring settlement:

## 3. Transport

Information required	Response
Is there a regular bus service in the settlement? For the purposes of this audit, a regular bus service is defined as at least an hourly bus service that operates during peak hours and connects the settlement with larger villages / towns nearby	X No regular bus service  ☐ One or more regular bus service
Is there a train station in the settlement? *neighbouring settlement (inside or outside the SDNP) that are accessible within 20 minutes by walking or cycling via an active travel route.	<ul> <li>□ No train station</li> <li>□ Train station in settlement</li> <li>X Train station in neighbouring settlement* - give name of neighbouring settlement:</li> <li>Lewes</li> </ul>
Is there an active travel route (aka non-motorised user route) connecting the settlement to other nearby settlements?	<ul> <li>□ No active travel / Non-motorised user route</li> <li>□ Active travel / Non-motorised user route connecting to settlements within 5km</li> <li>X Active travel / Non-motorised user route connecting to settlements within 2km</li> </ul>
Are there electric vehicle charging facilities in the settlement?	X No EV charging ☐ One EV charging station ☐ Two or more EV charging stations

### **Health Facilities**

Information required	Response
Is there a GP surgery or pharmacy in the settlement?	X No GP surgery or pharmacy ☐ One GP surgery or pharmacy ☐ Two or more GP surgery or pharmacy

## **Community Facilities**

Information required	Response
Is there a community/village hall in the settlement?	☐ No community/village hall  X One or more community/village hall
Is there a playground in the settlement? Please note, in terms of open space provision (including children's play facilities), the Open Space Assessment and associated survey seeks additional feedback on the location and quality of open space in parish/towns across the National Park.	☐ No playground  X One or more playgrounds
Is there high speed fibre broadband coverage in the settlement?	X No high speed fibre broadband coverage  ☐ Some high speed fibre broadband coverage ☐ Comprehensive high speed fibre broadband coverage
Are there other community facilities available in the settlement (e.g. library, post office, public house or bank/building society)?	<ul> <li>□ No other community facilities</li> <li>□ Mobile or part time other community facility(s)</li> <li>X One other community facility</li> <li>□ Two or more other community facilities</li> </ul>

### **DISCLAIMER**

The South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) is making no commitment in respect of the final settlement facility availability scores that will be included in the updated Settlement Facilities

Assessment. The final 'availability score' of settlement facilities will be determined through officer site desk top review and site visits (as appropriate) and the SDNPA's Local Plan Review (LPR).

#### **DATA PROTECTION STATEMENT**

The information collected in this response form will be used by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) to inform the Settlement Facilities Assessment and the Local Plan Review (LPR). This information will then be retained until it is superseded. By responding, you are accepting that your response (and the information within it) may be made available to the public. Any personal information provided (i.e., names, addresses, phone numbers, email addresses or other contact details etc.) will not be made public. Your personal information may be passed to other formally constituted plan making bodies (such as a district or parish council) where such bodies are using the evidence base for the purposes of their plan making. Please let us know if you do not wish for your information to be shared in this way.

You may ask us to remove your personal data from the register at any time. To do this, please contact the South Downs Planning Policy team using the details below.

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Please tick here to confirm you have read and agree to submit your information in accordance with the disclaimer and data protection statement.

Information required	Response
Print Name	David Hoare
Date	

### Please return this form to:

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