

Public Meeting

Venue : St.Johns School Assembly Hall

Date : Monday 24th April 2017 at 7.30pm

Findon Parish Council (FPC) has arranged a public meeting for all villagers who wish to discuss the recently announced housing allocations by the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA).

The sites allocated by SDNPA are the pasture land east of Elm Rise (20 houses), and the site currently occupied by Soldiers Field House off Soldiers Field Lane (11 houses).

Both sites are outside the Findon village settlement boundary, and have already been objected to by FPC and several villagers on the grounds of landscape sensitivity, traffic problems, flooding potential and excessive housing density.

The Public Meeting will give all villagers an opportunity to share their views on these allocations and some villagers may well propose alternative sites able to accommodate 31 houses (eg the 'Old Allotments' near the Quadrangle, or land north of 'Nightingales').

Should a housing allocation amendment to the recently approved Findon Neighbourhood Plan be proposed, the costs for amending the approved FDNP would have to be covered either by grants from SDNPA (if available) or from FPC funds for the extra work required (Examiner and Consultant fees). This would impact on the whole village and it is so important that everyone takes an interest in this debate. We therefore encourage any residents not able to attend the public meeting to e-mail their views to findonparishcouncil@gmail.com.

Unfortunately the Assembly Hall at the school has a Health & Safety limit of 130, so the attendance numbers will be managed on a first come first seated basis.