

EN/H Sustainable Tourism ST1

Background

TNP's tourism policy is to enable TPC to fulfil the National Park function of providing for enjoyment of the park while protecting the neighbourhood, meeting other development pressures and balancing the interests of the community against those of visitors. So the policy aims to:

- Facilitate the development of the Waterworks
- Allow for new visitor attractions but only if they are justified by Twyford's particular special qualities e.g. Mills, water meadows
- Block footloose attractions which could go elsewhere in the park
- Limit visitor accommodation in the countryside unless it is for the conversion of existing buildings or established visitor attractions.

Comments on ST1

SDNPA said TPC should consider if ST1 is necessary as it duplicates SD23, and delete ST 3 (c) & (d)

Twyford Waterworks: support sought for planned improvements.

WCC (Sarah Tose): supports policy subject to detailed comments.

TPC Response

TNP differs from SDLP Policy for Tourism SD 23 in two ways

- Visitor attractions are justified on a narrower range of criteria
- Isolated holiday accommodation is limited to conversion of agricultural buildings SD 41.

The justification for Twyford's policy is:

- The parish has multiple attractions for other forms of development. These include golf course, Waterworks, the Locks, footpaths, bridleways and pubs.
- The area is already under pressure from activities both inside and outside the Parish and these are set to increase.
- There is visitor accommodation both in the Parish and in the adjoining settlements just outside the national park e.g. Winchester
- Twyford is easily reached for day visitors because of its exceptional accessibility by rail, bus motorway, cycleways and footpaths.

TNP Policy is distinct from SDLP SD 23 and should be retained. The TNP limitations on the application of SD 23 (which is a Strategic Policy) do not go against the purpose of the policy but modify it in minor respects in response to local considerations. However ST1 clearly needs to be clarified and any duplication of SDNLP avoided. The detailed comments of WCC and SDNP are accepted.

Action

1. Amend text and policy to clarify TNP intentions.
2. Delete policies which duplicate SD 23
3. Delete requirement of legal agreement on occupation.