

## Question 5

**Does the site Land at Downview Avenue meet the requirements set out in Paragraphs 76 and 77 of the 2012 NPPF for designation as Local Green Space?**

- 5.1 Throughout the preparation of the Neighbourhood Plan, Horsham District Council has provided advice and assistance to the Qualifying Body. This included the advice that sites proposed for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan as a Local Greenspaces will need to accord with the provisions of the NPPF. In response the Qualifying Body have commissioned the South Downs National Park to undertake the Local Greenspaces Assessment and have also undertaken their own evidence base updates.
- 5.2 As has been set out elsewhere, the Qualifying body has undertaken extensive evidence base work, including the site assessment and sustainability appraisal process to ensure that the overall plan is consistent with the aims of sustainable development and that land which has been identified for local greenspace designation meets this criterion of paragraph 76 of the NPPF.
- 5.3 In terms of paragraph 77 it is clear that the site is in close proximity to the community it serves and therefore meets the one of the key tests in the Framework. To the south within a relatively short walking distance of the site there are approx. over 100 households.
- 5.4 As set out in the independent assessment of all LGS proposals was undertaken by South Downs National Park, Land at Downview Avenue is valued for its local amenity despite being of relatively low quality, particularly in view of the distance to other alternative recreation spaces.