



THE PLANNING PROCESS

The need for the restoration works to Knepp Mill Pond was identified.

A wide range of technical studies in consultation with the relevant organisations have been undertaken to:

1. Identify the environmental baseline of the area of the development with respect to population, transport, landscape and visibility, ecology, cultural heritage, soil resources, geology and hydrogeology, hydrology, noise and air quality.
2. To derive a methodology for dredging the lake which will have the least amount of disturbance on the environment in and around the lake.

Discussions are held with West Sussex County Council and this exhibition is held to discuss with local people the development proposals. Should you wish to make comments regarding the application you can make your comments at this exhibition.

The Knepp Castle Estate will submit the application for planning permission and the Environmental Statement for the proposed lake restoration and landscaping works.

West Sussex County Council will publicise the application.

West Sussex County Council will consult with other bodies such as the Highways Agency, the Environment Agency, Natural England, Environmental Health, Local Businesses and the Parish Councils.

West Sussex County Council will consider any views you may have and comments received.

Possible amendments to the application as a result of consultations to address concerns or objections will be discussed between West Sussex County Council and The Knepp Castle Estate.

A report will be prepared by the case officer for the Planning Committee at West Sussex County Council. The report will be discussed at a committee meeting which the public are welcome to attend.

A decision on the application will be made.

An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the proposed development has been undertaken and will be submitted to West Sussex County Council. EIA is the process of investigating and recording the impacts associated with a proposed development with regard to population, fauna, flora, soil, water, air, climatic factors, material assets including the architectural and archaeological heritage, landscape and the inter-relationship between the above factors.

An EIA is presented in the Environmental Statement (ES). The ES comprises a description of the current environment at the site and in the vicinity of the site, a description of the proposed development, operations and restoration, a discussion of the relevant planning policy and an assessment of the environmental impacts associated with the development. In the appendices to the ES there will be technical reports from individual specialist consultants. A non technical summary of the document will be prepared.