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| A. THE INSPECTORS RECOMMENDED DELETIONS FROM THE NATIONAL PARK (NB DEFRA are <u>not</u> inviting representations or objections on these recommendations, as they have already been considered at Public Inquiry) | | | |
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| Map Ref | Site | Reasons for Inspector's recommendation | LDC position (Council – Feb 2003) |
| Deletion 7 | Ditchling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land to north of Ditchling village does not meet the “natural beauty” criterion for designation • Although the village may meet the criterion, it is not <u>within</u> a tract of landscape that satisfies the designation criterion | LDC supported inclusion of the village of Ditchling and the countryside to the north. |
| Deletion 8 | Plumpton (south of railway line) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better defined boundary “on the ground” | LDC supported a better defined boundary in this area |
| Deletion 9 | The town of Lewes and the Ouse Valley to the north, up to Hamsey | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town is too large to be subsumed into the wider landscape • Doubts about an incoming National Park Authority having planning responsibility for such a large and significant settlement • Area north of the town doesn't meet the designation criterion, so Lewes would not be set <u>within</u> a tract of landscape that meets the designation criterion | LDC supported the inclusion of the town of Lewes and the Ouse Valley to the north, up to Hamsey. |
| Deletion 10 | Seaford (south of Chyngton Way) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land not of equal quality to adjacent downland, being a transitional landscape on the urban edge | LDC supported inclusion of this land within the proposed National Park. |
| Deletion 11 | Tarring Neville (Chalk Pit) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chalk pit on edge of proposed National Park land likely to be subject to further mineral extraction | No comment |

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| Deletion 12 | Peacehaven (Land adj A259 west of Links Avenue) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land not of sufficient quality to justify designation | No comment |
| Deletion 15 | Village Way, Falmer | The Inspector has not considered this site in the same way as all others at the Inquiry, i.e. focused on its merits in terms of the criteria for National Park designation. He appears to rely to a significant extent on the planning permission for major development on the site granted by the First Secretary of State in 2005 which has, of course, now been quashed | LDC supported inclusion of all land, both north and south of Village Way, in the National Park |

B. THE INSPECTOR'S RECOMMENDED ADDITIONS TO THE NATIONAL PARK
(Representations and objections invited by DEFRA)

| Map Ref | Site | Reasons for Inspector's recommendation | Initial officer comments |
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| Addition 8 | Ringmer Park | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close visual link with the chalk escarpment in the south Free of landscape detractors Remnant of medieval deer park | |
| Addition 9 | Land east of Ringmer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land "reads as" continuation of the downland landscape Includes features of cultural and historical value | |
| Addition 10 | East of Glynde | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strong visual links with nearby chalk hills Landscape of national quality | |
| Addition 13 | Tide Mills Newhaven/Seaford | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> High quality landscape between the shingle coastline and the downland, with range of recreational opportunities Ouse Valley Project will further enhance the landscape | The District Council supported the inclusion of additional land at Tide Mills in the National Park. However, the Inspector has made an error in |

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| | | | <p>including the allocated Eastside Business Park in the proposed addition to the SDNP. This is a business development site of sub-regional importance.</p> <p>Recommend a strong objection</p> |
| Addition 14 | Telscombe Cliffs (Land south of the Tye on A259) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Part of wider sweep of downland, extending down to the sea | <p>The District Council supported this addition at the Public Inquiry. Boundary would exclude the Portobello Waste Water Treatment Work, and associated coast defences</p> |