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Mates & Hinds call for South Downs Park HQ to be in Petersfield

Michael Mates MP (East Hampshire) and Damian Hinds (PPC East Hampshire) have jointly called on the Government to locate the South Downs National Park headquarters in Petersfield.

A local campaign, supported by the business community, Petersfield Town Council and East Hampshire District Council, has proposed that the headquarters of the new national park be located in Petersfield. The issue will be decided by the Park Authority after it begins work in April this year.

Michael Mates said:

“I am delighted to give my support to calls for the headquarters of the new national park to be in Petersfield. Given our excellent location and good communications with other parts of the park, Petersfield is the right place from which to administer the new park. I have written to the interim chief executive of the park authority to explain why”.

Damian Hinds said:

“Locating the headquarters in Petersfield would be recognition of the passion and commitment displayed by people in the area to the national park. The Western Weald might not have been included had it not been for the energetic campaign run by local people. The headquarters would bring new jobs to the area and bring decision-making close to the people of East Hampshire. Petersfield is the right place for the headquarters in practical terms and the best place in terms of local commitment to the park”.

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