

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel

Date: 25 November 2021

Report of: Director of Planning and Regeneration

Subject: FAREHAM BOROUGH SOLENT WADERS AND BRENT GEESE
MITIGATION SOLUTION

SUMMARY

The Solent supports a significant overwintering population of Solent Waders and Brent Geese (SWBG) and there are several Special Protection Areas (SPAs) designated throughout the region due to their legal protection. The populations of SWBG rely on the availability of a network of terrestrial feeding and roosting sites which are designated as part of the Solent Wader and Brent Goose Network. Development can result in negative impacts to the SWBG Network and as such this is a matter for consideration when preparing a Local Plan. The emerging Local Plan 2037 has been subject to the Habitat Regulations Assessment (HRA) process which identified 5 particular site allocations that would require mitigation in relation to potential adverse impacts on such designated sites. As Local Planning Authority, the Council is required to demonstrate the deliverability of the Local Plan including the site allocations. Not doing so presents a risk to the soundness of the Local Plan through the Examination process. The Local Mitigation Solutions (LMS) have been produced to demonstrate the deliverability of the Local Plan allocations through identification of the individual mitigation for those sites.

RECOMMENDATION

It is RECOMMENDED that the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel: -

- a) note the contents of the Executive report at appendix 1; and
- b) pass any comments relating to appendix 1 to the 07 December 2021 Executive meeting for consideration.

Enquiries: For further information on this report please contact Gayle Wootton (Ext 4328)

Appendices: **Appendix 1:** Fareham Borough Solent Waders and Brent Geese Mitigation Solution Report to Executive meeting on 07/12/2021.

