

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22
Decision No.
2324

Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

Portfolio	Planning and Development
Subject:	Fareham Borough Solent Waders and Brent Geese Mitigation Solution
Report of:	Director of Planning and Regeneration
Corporate Priority:	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices

Purpose:

The Fareham Local Plan 2037, which is now at examination, allocates sites for housing and employment on land which is designated as important for Solent Wader and Brent Geese (SWBG) populations. Mitigation measures are therefore required to avoid adverse effects on those populations and this report seeks to brief the Executive on the mitigation solutions for those Local Plan allocations.

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.

Options Considered:

The comments of the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item.

As recommendation.

Decision:

RESOLVED that the Executive notes the availability of mitigation schemes in support of allocations in the submitted Fareham Local Plan 2037, which is now at examination.

Reason:

To provide further evidence to demonstrate the deliverability of those Local Plan allocations which result in negative impacts to the Solent Wader and Brent Goose Network.

Confirmed as a true record:

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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