

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2021/22  
Decision No.  
2323

### Record of Decision by Executive

Tuesday, 7 December 2021

<b>Portfolio</b>	Planning and Development
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Implications of Natural England advice on New Forest Recreational Disturbance</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Planning and Regeneration
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Dynamic, prudent and progressive Council; Leisure opportunities for health and fun; Protect and enhance the environment; Providing housing choices

#### **Purpose:**

To provide Members with information on a new position from Natural England in relation to recreational disturbance impacts from new occupiers of development in Fareham on protected sites on the New Forest, and the implications thereof, and to agree an interim mitigation solution.

This report outlines the issues surrounding the impacts of increased recreational pressure on the New Forest designated sites, the advice from Natural England as statutory advisors on protected sites, and the interim mitigation solution. This report seeks Executive approval for the interim mitigation solution set out in the report, which will be a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

#### **Options Considered:**

At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor N J Walker addressed the Executive on this item.

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

As recommendation.

#### **Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive:

- (a) approves the approach to interim mitigation solution as set out in paragraphs 18-30 of the report;

- (b) agrees to the carrying out of works identified in the proposed solution on receipt of appropriate funds received through planning obligations;
- (c) notes that, where appropriate, the Planning Committee will be advised that the Executive has agreed to the carrying out of the works identified in the proposed solution upon receipt of financial contributions; and
- (d) agrees with the recommendation suggested by the Planning and Development Scrutiny Panel to continue to lobby Government for responses to the letter sent to them by the Executive Leader, relating to the advice provided by Natural England on this issue

**Reason:**

To ensure sufficient options for mitigation to address any adverse effect of recreational impacts upon protected sites in the New Forest from new residential and overnight accommodation in the Borough.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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