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Summary:

This report outlines the main issues discussed by the Consultative Panel on 8 January 2009.

Recommendations:

To note:

- i) **issues of interest at the meeting of the New Forest Consultative Panel on 8 January 2009**
- ii) **the date of the next Panel meeting is Thursday 5 March 2009.**

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1. Forestry Commission

- 1.1 Mike Seddon outlined the Forestry Commission's operational practice with respect to traveller or gypsy occupation of Forestry Commission land. He explained that this was viewed as trespass and if the Forestry Commission was unable to negotiate a mutually agreeable deadline for the site to be vacated, they would then pursue a prosecution.
- 1.2 Mike Seddon updated the Panel on an outbreak of *Phytophthora ramorum* (Sudden Oak Death) on Rhododendrons on the Rhinefield Oriental Drive. He explained that the Forestry Commission would be removing the infected shrubs and surveying the area for further cases.

2. Park Plan consultation

- 2.1 Richard Lemon presented an overview of the responses received and highlighted the top ten issues which had received the most comments, explaining that this information had now been sent to all respondents. He then took the Panel through the next stages of the process.
- 2.2 In response to a query from David Dickenson (NFD OG) about where the replies from NFD OG had been reported, Richard Lemon clarified that they had originally been recorded under the Recreational Management Strategy but subsequently moved to the National Park Plan analysis at Mr Dickenson's request.
- 2.3 Panel members raised questions regarding the cost of the consultation and it was agreed that Richard Lemon would provide a note on costs to be circulated with the Panel minutes.

3. Archaeology of the New Forest

- 3.1 Frank Green gave a presentation on the archaeology of the New forest. He emphasised how important an area it was having 10% of all known ancient monuments in the South of England and added that he was looking into the possibility of placing archaeological information and historical maps on the Authority's website.

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