

Annex 3: List of key areas of work where the Authority currently works jointly and in partnership with NFDC

Local Plans

- NFDC are a statutory consultee on the emerging NFNPA Local Plan (and vice versa).
- There is a draft Memorandum of Understanding between the District Council's housing team and the NPA's planning team.
- NFDC have actively engaged in the preparation of the NPA's Local Plan, submitting representations during the NPA's Regulation 18 Local Plan consultation; on the (non-statutory) Local Plan in Autumn 2016; the consultation on potential alternative housing sites in Summer 2017; and representations of support on the NPA's Regulation 19 Submission draft Local Plan consultation (January 2018).
- In these representations NFDC highlight the close liaison between NFDC and the NPA on housing need, habitat mitigation and assessing flood risk. NFDC support the approach to housing provision within the NPA's Submission draft Local Plan, including the identification of housing site allocations and the proposed approaches to affordable housing and rural exception sites. NFDC consider the NPA's Local Plan to be 'sound'.
- NFDC also supported the identification of land adjacent to the former Fawley Power Station site and Calshot village as suitable development sites in the Reg. 19 Submission draft Local Plan (January 2018).
- NFNPA and NFDC continue to liaise closely on a range of cross boundary issues including housing needs, habitat mitigation and flood risk. This has included the joint commissioning of evidence base studies (e.g. objective assessment of housing needs, strategic flood risk assessment, work on business needs) and regular officer and member liaison meetings.
- Joint methodology was developed for the qualitative assessment of existing employment sites in the District and National Park area.
- The two authorities have liaised closely to prepare aligned Local Plan policies to guide the comprehensive redevelopment of the former Fawley Power Station site to deliver 1,500 homes.
- The NPA and NFDC have, to date, jointly designated five Neighbourhood Areas in parishes that straddle the National Park and District Council boundary. The two authorities have worked collaboratively to support the emerging Neighbourhood Plans, such as Hythe & Dibden.
- The NPA and NFDC are part of the partnership of local authorities and Natural England working on a strategic approach to habitat mitigation measures for development close to the New Forest's Natura 2000 sites.

Partnership Plan

- The District Council are represented at senior officer level on the Leadership Group for the New Forest National Park Partnership Plan 2015 – 2020.

- It has been agreed to hold a Partnership Plan event later in 2018 to promote more effective leadership and engagement with the elected members of the partner local authorities (NFDC, HCC, WC and TVBC)

Affordable Housing

- The NPA consult NFDC Housing team on all planning applications for affordable housing
- NPA planning staff work with NFDC Housing colleagues to identify suitable rural exception sites and where necessary, in the commissioning of local housing needs surveys

Building Design and Conservation

- NFNPA provide a full building design and conservation area advice service to NFDC planning department, governed through a SLA.

Trees

- NFNPA provide a full regulatory arboricultural service to NFDC planning department, governed through a SLA.

Archaeology

- The NPA provide a full regulatory archaeological service to NFDC planning department, governed through a SLA.

Economic Development

- NPA and NFDC staff liaise closely on economic development issues including, Broadband, New Forest Marque and supporting the New Forest Business Partnership and New Forest LEADER Local Action Group.

Recreation Management Strategy (RMS)

- NFDC are a member and active participant in the RMS Steering and Advisory Groups. NFDC are also represented on the Dogs Forum and Joint Litter Working Group and play a lead role in the annual Spring Clean coordinated by this Group.

Animal Accident Reduction Group

- Both NFDC and NFNPA are represented on the Group, which is facilitated by the NFNPA

Ecology and Habitat mitigation

- NFNPA provide a full ecological planning service to NFDC planning department in responding to planning applications, governed through a SLA.
- NFNPA provide habitat mitigation activities for housing development within NFDC's planning area through the NFNPA's People and Wildlife Ranger, governed through a SLA.

HR and Agresso

- NFDC provide Senior HR advice and HR support (Agresso) to NPA, governed through a SLA.

Health and Wellbeing

- There is good engagement between NFNPA and NFDC on health and well-being issues, e.g. the Sport and Physical Activity Alliance and Natural Health Service initiative.

Safety Advisory Group

- NFNPA liaise closely with NFDC's SAG, especially about key cycle events.

GIS

- NFDC provide GIS service to NPA, governed through a SLA.