

## **FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MEETING REPORT**

### **Summary of the minutes of the meeting of the National Park Authority held on 23 September 2010**

*Copies of the papers referred to and the full minutes of the Authority meeting on 23 September 2010 are in the 'About Us', 'Meetings and Minutes' page on the Authority's website at [www.newforestnpa.gov.uk](http://www.newforestnpa.gov.uk)*

#### ***Enforcement Review - progress report.***

The NPA's Senior Monitoring and Enforcement Officer explained that members had attended a workshop on enforcement on 19 August 2010 and the Parish Councils had also engaged with the enforcement review process and would be responding to officers with their ideas by 19 November 2010. Although the number of cases received in August had increased, the overall number of live enforcement cases being handled by the team had reduced, and in addition the team was reaching the end of the enforcement backlog inherited from the predecessor council. Officers had benchmarked the NPA's statistics to other local authorities and national park authorities, allowing for the high population figures of the region.

Members suggested that the higher number of cases coming to officers' attention was likely to be a result of the work of the Compliance Officer and a higher level of reporting by Parish Councils rather than an increase in noncompliance with planning rules. Members also congratulated the NPA's enforcement staff on their work. Members then noted the report.

#### ***Application under Paragraph 5 of Schedule 14 to the Environment Act 1995 for postponement of review date relating to mineral planning permissions at Badminton Farm Quarry, Fawley.***

Helen Patton, Planning Officer (Policy), explained to members that all minerals planning permissions had to be reviewed by the local planning authority every fifteen years to ensure that the conditions pertaining to the permission were up to date and met current standards, and that an application had been received in respect of the site at Badminton Farm Quarry, Fawley, to extend the review date (currently 31 January 2011) to 31 January 2021. She explained that a consultation had been carried out in respect of the requested extension and that no objections had been received.

Members expressed concerns that HGV movements at and near the site should be monitored, as vehicles often used a route through Marchwood when traffic on the A326 was slow, adversely affecting local residents. Although the Monitoring Officer advised that members could not alter the conditions of the planning permission at this stage and were simply being asked to consider an extension of the review date, members expressed the hope that the quarry operators would work with the NPA and residents in this regard and avoid using the smaller roads. Officers advised that the original permission had been granted by Hampshire County Council as the NPA's predecessor authority for applications of this type, and that there was likely to be a legal agreement in place limiting vehicle movements to and from the site; noncompliance was an issue that would need to be taken up with Cemex and officers would investigate this.

Following the discussion members felt it would be more appropriate that the condition review date be the same as the expiry of the permission, 14 July 2014, and granted the extension accordingly; they also agreed to delegate any similar decisions in future to the NPA's Planning Development Control Committee.