

## **New Forest National Park Local Plan-Examination Hearings**

**Tuesday 6 November 2018 (9.30am)**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Matter 5-Protecting and enhancing the natural environment**

**Issue-Is the Local Plan justified, effective and consistent with national policy in relation to the approach towards protecting and enhancing the natural environment.**

#### **Relevant Policies:**

**Policies SP5, SP6, SP7, DP8, SP9, DP10, SP11, DP12, DP13, SP14, SP15**

Taking each individually, are the policies justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

- **Policy SP5-Nature Conservation Sites of International Importance**
  - Approach
  - Recreational pressure/mitigation
  - Response to Natural England's concerns
  - Proposed modifications
  
- **Policy SP6-The Natural Environment**
  - Hierarchy of designated sites
  - Response to Natural England's concerns
  - Proposed modifications
  
- **Policy SP7-Landscape Character**
  - Justified, effective, consistent with national policy?
  - Proposed modifications to supporting text.
  
- **Policy DP8-Safeguarding and Improving Water Resources**
  - Justified, effective, consistent with national policy?
  - Optional Technical Standard for Water Efficiency
  - Proposed modification
  
- **Policy SP9-Green Infrastructure-approach to Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG)**
  - Justified, effective, consistent with national policy?
  - Is the restriction on SANG's within the National Park appropriate?
  
- **Policy DP10-Open Space**
  - Is the approach appropriate, justified and consistent with national policy?
  - Does the approach adequately reflect the exceptions set out at paragraph 74 of the Framework?
  - Are the standards based on an up-to-date robust assessment of needs?

-What is the justification for relying upon the Open Space, Sport and Recreation Study for the New Forest Area (2007) (2007 Study)?

-Does the 2007 Study identify a deficiency in open space, sport and recreational facilities?

- **SP11-Climate change**

-Justified, effective, consistent with national policy?

- **Policy DP12-Flood Risk**

-Justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

-Exceptions test

- **Policy DP13 Coastal development-approach to small scale development on the coast**

-Is the approach appropriate and justified?

-Response to RSPB concerns

-Modifications to Policy and supporting text

- **Policy SP14-Renewable energy proposals**

-Do the criteria provide clear and effective guidance?

- **Policy SP14-Wind energy development**

-Is the approach to wind energy consistent with national policy?

-Modification

- **Policy SP15: Tranquillity**

-Justified, effective and consistent with national policy?