

## **Partnership Plan: Objectives/Actions/Projects relating to recreation management**

Draft list following RMS Steering Group discussion. Note that the new Partnership Plan is likely to have a focus on recovering from Covid-19 and this is a constantly changing issue. The list below should therefore remain under review.

### **Strategic approach to habitat mitigation schemes**

1. Develop and implement a strategic approach across multiple local planning authorities to mitigate the recreational impacts arising from new residential and visitor accommodation on the internationally designated wildlife sites.

### **Access management within the SPA / SAC / Ramsar site**

2. Protect and enhance wildlife habitats and species by implementing changes to the distribution of parking across Crown land and adjacent commons, using agreed criteria. *Potential to mention LDO if feasible/approved.*
3. Improve the management of cycling on Crown land seeking opportunities for a more joined-up network, enhanced signage and other measures to protect and enhance adjacent habitats. *Need to agree what this would mean / what the other measures would be / link with LCWIP*

### **Provision of opportunities outside of designated areas**

4. Encourage and enable people to access, enjoy and benefit from outdoor recreation by improving the quality and quantity of local green spaces close to where people live and by improving signage and the condition of rights of way.
5. Develop the rationale / business case / strategic location / for a new country park or other significant greenspace sites / new public access on private land close to the New Forest but away from the SPA. *Call for sites? Farm cluster discussions?*

### **Awareness / education / engagement / outreach**

6. Strengthen the coordinated approach to managing recreation through a more visible presence of staff (rangers, keepers etc.) and trained volunteers, especially at busy locations and times of year, focussing on activities that cause greatest impact and use of an agreed enforcement policy. *Add reference to monitoring and evaluation of interventions?*
7. Implement a new, partnership approach to raising awareness of the special qualities of the New Forest, including use of a shared visual language and communication. *To be reviewed when Special by Design is concluded.*
8. Inspire people to take informed action for wildlife, combat climate change and protect the Forest by developing a new ambassador programme. *Harnessing local enthusiasm / social action / citizen science.*
9. *Other actions relating to children and young people, health and wellbeing, deprived communities, disability and diversity – and Covid-19 recovery.*

### **Safety / highways**

10. Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and improve the safety of roads for drivers, cyclists, walkers, horse riders and Forest animals by reducing traffic speed limits on selected routes. *How to get support for this?*

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