

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON TUESDAY 15 APRIL 2025 AT 9:30 AM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, LYMINGTON
TOWN HALL, AVENUE ROAD, LYMINGTON SO41 9ZG.

Attending:

Members:

Steve Trow (Chair)
Richard Clewer
Mary Davies (Deputy Chair)
Barry Dunning
Gavin Parker
Joe Reilly
Caroline Rackham
Derek Tipp

Officers:

Steve Avery	Executive Director Strategy & Planning
David Illsley	Policy and Conservation Manager
Paul Walton	Interim Monitoring Officer
Natalie Walter	Principal Planning Officer
Lucie Cooper	Enforcement Manager
David Stone	Corporate Services Manager
Vicki Gibbon	Member Services Administrator

232 Apologies for Absence

232.1 Apologies for absence were received from Ann Sevier, Brice Stratford and Michael Thierry.

233 Declarations of Interest

233.1 Barry Dunning declared an interest under Part 2 section B (non-pecuniary interests) of the NPA's Code of Conduct in minute item 236 report item 1 as he was known to the applicant.

Mary Davies declared an interest under Part 2 section B (non-pecuniary interests) of the NPA's Code of Conduct in minute item 236 report item 2.

Caroline Rackham declared an interest under Part 2 section B (non-pecuniary interests) of the NPA's Code of Conduct in minute item 236 report item 1 as she had objected to a previous application to NFDC on this development.

Joe Reilly declared a prejudicial interest under Part 2 section B (non-pecuniary interests) of the NPA's Code of Conduct in minute item 236 report item 1 as he had sat on the NFDC planning committee on 9 April 2025 and accordingly left the meeting during the debate and vote on that item.

234 Minutes

234.1 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2025 be approved as a true record.

Voting: Non-voting against

235 Chair's Announcements

235.1 Members were requested to remain after the meeting for a short briefing.

236 Planning Applications for Committee Decision (Paper PC 483/25)

236.1 Members gave detailed consideration to the individual planning applications contained within the report.

RESOLVED: That the planning applications listed below be determined as shown in respect of each application and, in accordance with the Authority's policies and procedures, formal notice of the decisions to be sent to the applicants forthwith.

REPORT ITEM 1	
Application No.	22/01024/OUT
Details	Land Between Lower Pennington lane and Ridgeway Lane, Lymington SO41 8AN – Access; attenuation basin; associated works and landscaping realting to New Forest District Council Strategic Housing Allocation reference SS6
Public Participants	Adam Bennett (Agent) Bob Hull (Against) Cllr Jack Davies (Mayor, Lymington & Pennington Town Council) Cllr Jacqui England (NFDC)
Comments	Natalie Walter informed Committee members that due to the absence of a positive recommendation from New Forest District Council, the Authority had changed its recommendation to one of refusal.
Decision	Planning consent <u>refused</u>
Reasons	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the absence of a positive recommendation from New Forest District Council in relation to planning application reference 22/11424 for New Forest District Council Strategic Housing allocation reference SS6, there is no justification for the proposed access; attenuation basin; associated works and landscaping within the New Forest National Park. 2. In the absence of a completed section 106 planning obligation to secure the provision of off-site highway and pedestrian access works, the proposed development would fail to provide safe and suitable access to the site by all users, contrary to paragraph 115 of the National Planning Policy Framework.
Voting	3:2, 2 abstentions

236.2 Non-Compliance with Enforcement Notice**QU/22/0074 Brambley Hedge, Lyndhurst Road, Landford, Salisbury SP5 2BJ**

Lucie Cooper, Enforcement Manager gave a brief overview of the case citing a breach of planning control at the above site. She explained that in 2022, the new owner of the site began occupying the mobile home on the site despite the expiration of a temporary personal planning permission which had been granted to the previous owner subject to conditions. The new owner submitted a planning application which was refused by the Planning Committee and as a result, an Enforcement notice was issued on 29 November 2023 requiring the use to cease and the removal of all associated buildings and items from the land.

To date the requirements of the Notice had not been complied with and the unauthorised residential use of the site continues with no indication from the owner they intend to take positive steps to comply with the notice. Ms Cooper advised that this report therefore seeks Members' approval to prosecute the owners who continue to breach the notice – to the detriment of the landscape and neighbouring owners.

Cllr Zoe Clewer gave a three-minute presentment to the committee in her capacity as Wiltshire Councillor and NPA Member.

Following discussion members fully endorsed the recommendations as detailed below.

Resolved, that

Members authorise the Authority's Executive Director Strategy and Planning, in consultation with the Solicitor and the Enforcement Manager, to:

- i. consider the further evidence, if any, submitted in respect of the purported impediment to compliance and form a view as to the appropriate course of action to achieve compliance with the Enforcement Notice; and
- ii. if officers are in agreement that it is appropriate to do so, in light of any further information referred to in paragraph (i) above, take all action as necessary to commence and conduct the prosecution of the owners of BRAMBLEY / BRAMBL Y HEDGE, LYNDHURST ROAD, LANDFORD, SALISBURY, SP5 2BJ in respect of their non-compliance with the Enforcement Notice issued 29 November 2023; or
- iii. if it is not considered appropriate to commence a prosecution, to consider and take such other action as necessary to achieve compliance with the Enforcement Notice including taking direct action and any other steps as necessary to recover the costs of so doing from the owners, including arranging for a charge to be placed on the land.

Voting: Unanimous

237 Planning Appeal Decisions (PC 484/25)

- 237.1 Steve Avery, Executive Director Strategy and Planning, reported two Planning Appeal decisions during the relevant period, of which one had been dismissed and the other, Brambley Hedge applicant's costs claim against the Authority been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate.

238 Updated Planning Guidance for Temporary Campsites (PC 485/25)

- 238.1 David Illsley, Policy and Conservation Manager began his presentation by reminding members that in January 2024 the Authority confirmed a National Park wide Article 4 Direction that provided greater planning control over temporary campsites. At the same time members approved a planning guidance note to assist applicants when applying for planning permission for temporary campsites uses covered by the Article 4.
- 238.2 Mr Illsley explained that this report was an update to those planning guidelines and provided an opportunity to highlight the need for summer seasonal camping uses to now address the potential recreational impacts on the Solent coast (as well as the New Forest). Members were asked to endorse the recommendation as detailed below.

Resolved, that members endorse the 'Planning Guidance Note – application for temporary camping uses' in Annex 1 of the report for use in the delivery of the NPA statutory planning functions within the National Park.

Voting: Unanimous

239 Lymington and Pennington Neighbourhood Plan – Consultation (PC 486/25)

- 239.1 David Illsley advised the Committee that in Summer 2024, Lymington and Pennington Town Council published their Pre-submission draft Neighbourhood Plan, which was subject to a 9-week public consultation. The Authority submitted representations during the consultation period on several areas, these were summarised in paragraph 2.1 of the cover report. Following this in March 2025, the Town Council submitted their regulation 16 'Submission draft' Neighbourhood Plan to the Authority and New Forest District Council. Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, both the Authority and New Forest District Council were required to consult a range of stakeholders on the Submission draft Neighbourhood Plan for a period of 6 weeks. Mr Illsley explained that this report sought members endorsement of the Submission draft for the purposes of the final public consultation. Members unanimously supported the recommendation as detailed below.

Resolved, that members endorse the Submission draft Lymington and Pennington Neighbourhood Plan in Annex 1 of the report for the purposes of the final public consultation under Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Voting: Unanimous

240 Draft Copythorne Parish Design Statement (PC 487-25)

- 240.1 David Illsley gave a brief overview of his report advising members that in 2024 Copythorne Parish Council resolved to prepare a Parish Design Statement to provide local design guidelines for future developments. This report was to seek members approval for a statutory 6-week consultation, with the final version of the Statement due to be presented for formal adoption at the full Authority meeting on 24 July 2025. Mr Illsley then passed over to Cllr Sherri Johnstone from Copythorne Parish Council to complete the presentation of the report and provide members with the parish council's perspective
- 240.2 Cllr Sherri Johnstone thanked David and his team for their support in producing the Parish Design statement and explained the motivation for producing the document.

Resolved, that members endorse the draft Copythorne Parish Design Statement in Annex 1 of the report for the purposes of statutory public consultation under Regulation 16 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) Regulations 2004.

Voting: Unanimous

241 Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent.

241.1 The Chair informed Committee members that this would be Steve Avery's last Planning Committee meeting as he was due to leave the Authority at the end of April 2025. He went on to thank Mr Avery for the last 19 years working at the Authority and asked members to record a vote of thanks to Mr Avery. Members duly recorded their thanks to Mr Avery and wished him well for the future.

242 Date of next meeting

242.1 The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 20 May 2025, to be held in the Council Chamber, Lymington Town Hall, Avenue Road, Lymington SO41 9ZG.

The meeting ended at 11:10 am.

..... Date

Chair