

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 13 March 2017*

Agenda Item 10: *Local Plan Review – update from NPA*

The planning system is a vital tool in helping to deliver the two National Park purposes and related socio-economic duty. The 'Local Plan' sets out the planning framework for the National Park, including the scale and location of new development and the need to conserve the local distinctiveness of the area. In Autumn 2016, the Authority held an initial consultation on the updated draft local plan which the Access Forum responded to.

There were 385 respondents to the initial consultation in Autumn 2016 (the majority of which focused on the proposed development sites within the National Park). During spring-summer 2017, the National Park Authority will take these comments into account while preparing the submission draft plan. The next stage of the local plan-making process will be a formal consultation on the revised draft Local Plan in November/December 2017 and the Access Forum will have an opportunity to submit its formal comments on this at its December 2017 meeting. It is likely that the Forum will get first sight of this draft in October 2017.

The National Park Authority is grateful to the Access Forum's response and we are taking your comments into consideration. In particular, the Forum was not alone in raising the need to consider a policy around Coastal Access and the England Coast Path.

Local Plan review indicative timetable	
Stage	Timetable
Consultation on draft Local Plan	October/November 2016
Consideration of responses	January - September 2017
Consultation on Submission Plan	October - December 2017
Submission to Secretary of State	March 2018
Examination	Summer 2018
Adoption of new Local Plan	Late 2018

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