

NEW FOREST ACCESS FORUM

Meeting: *Monday 5 September 2016*

Agenda Item 3: *Chair's Report*

1. National Grid proposals at Hale and Woodgreen to put pylons and a high voltage electricity line underground.

I attended the public consultation event held at Hale. Detailed plans were available for perusal and staff were available to answer questions. The event was very well attended.

The plan is to put 3km of power cables underground thus removing 8 pylons. The pylons are a blot on the landscape

The work will be disruptive. As I understand it there will be link boxes every 800m and permanent sealing units will be necessary at each end. At Pound Bottom an area 80x40m will need to be fenced off and at the other end an area 40x40m. Cabling will need to pass under a stream, various routes for this are being considered.

Sarah Kelly will present further information.

2. New Forest District Council Local Plan Review 2016 -2036.

Drop- in sessions for the public have been held to enable the public to view plans and discuss with NFDC staff the proposals for the potential locations for new housing. The use of greenfield sites is obviously contentious. Along with many members of the public I attended the session in Fordingbridge.

This item will be considered further later in the agenda (item 9).

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Chairman
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