

Appendix F Schedule of Proposed Changes Consultation

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AGENDA – Land North of Ringwood Road, Verwood Pre-application meeting

East Dorset District Council, 14/02/2013, 1.30pm

Attending:

Richard Henshaw	Policy Planning Manager (EDDC)
Sally Knott	Policy Officer (EDDC)
Julia Holmes	Development Management Officer (EDDC)
Nicholas Hayden	Tree Officer (EDDC)
Frances Pickering	Linden Homes
Mike Newton	Boyer Planning
Ellen Kendrick	Boyer Planning
Julian Arthur	Tyler Grange
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1. **Core Strategy Update**
2. **Approach to reinstatement of allocation of site**
3. **SANG Mitigation Strategy**
4. **Application**
 - Site Capacity
 - Format
 - Validation Requirements
 - Application Drawings
 - Accompanying Reports
 - Public Consultation
5. **Layout**
6. **Screening Opinion**
7. **Tree Preservation Order**
8. **A.O.B.**

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Dear Richard

Christchurch and East Dorset Joint Core Strategy - North Eastern Verwood New Neighbourhood (Pre-Submission Policy VTSW5)

I write ahead of our meeting on 14 February 2013 to set out our views on the process necessary for the re-instatement of site allocation VTSW5.

I understand, from our recent e-mail correspondence, that you are proposing to recommend to members of East Dorset and Christchurch Councils (at meetings on 25 and 26 February 2013) that the Core Strategy be submitted to the Secretary of State for examination.

I am grateful for the confirmation, in your e-mail of 14 January 2013, that if Natural England agrees our mitigation strategy, you will pass this document to the Inspector with a statement that this overcomes the reason why the site was deleted in the Proposed Changes. We have now updated that strategy and I enclose a copy of the final document which has been agreed in principle by the Forestry Commission and English Nature.

In the light of the agreed mitigation strategy and the points raised in our representations on the Proposed Changes, we ask that the Council provides a more positive statement of its intent to re-allocate the site and the reasons for that course of action. We would like the Council to state that it actively supports the re-allocation of the site because this will serve a clear planning purpose and will help ensure the Plan meets the tests of soundness as set out in paragraph 182 of the NPPF.

Linden Homes Strategic Land was a Regulation 18 consultee and made representations on the removal from the proposed allocated sites of the land in question. Our response, on behalf of our clients, set out why we thought the reasons given for removing the allocation were ill conceived. Natural England has now given support to the proposed mitigation strategy in respect of the provision of SANG, so the Council's reason for omitting the allocation have been fully addressed and resolved.



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Under section 20(1) and 20(3) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended), the Council has to submit to the Secretary of State all development plan documents along with any supporting documentation that is prescribed. Regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations (which prescribes additional documents) requires a summary of the representations received from Regulation 18 consultees as well as a statement of how those representation have been taken into account. As the site was removed from the initial pre submission allocated sites for reasons that are no longer pertinent it is incumbent upon the Council to explain this in the Regulation 22 documents.

The legal framework therefore requires the Council to demonstrate that it has fully taken into account our representations and, because the Council's reasons for de-allocating the site have been addressed as a result of the strategy prepared jointly with the Forestry Commission and Natural England, take clear action to re-allocate the site.

You will recall that our representations also demonstrated that the development plan system does not require certainty of delivery (in this case in relation to mitigating nature conservation impacts) to be demonstrated at the point of allocation and this fact is, in itself, sufficient to warrant re-allocation of the site. There are a number of other key points in our representations on the Proposed Changes that require a response from the Council and positive action to re-allocate the site.

I appreciate that your primary focus at present is to formally submit the Core Strategy with no further changes in advance of that process. However, once submitted the Council should be pro-active in addressing issues that could give cause for concern to the Inspector and not wait for these issues to emerge through exploratory or pre-hearing meetings and associated correspondence. This positive approach is required by Regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations.

In summary, the action to be taken by the Council to meet the legal requirements upon the process outlined above should include a pre-hearing modification to re-instate the allocation and we would like you to take this course of action as early as possible in the pre-hearings process.

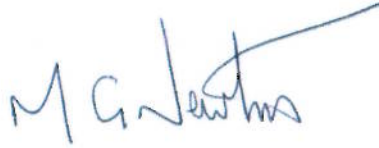
Once the Core Strategy has been submitted, I would also suggest that we prepare a Statement of Common Ground to assist the Inspector that sets out the sequence of events that led to the de-allocation and re-allocation of the site through proposed modifications, and to advise the Inspector on the wording of the allocation policy and key points of justification as necessary.

We look forward to discussing these issues with you when we meet later this week and will circulate an agenda for that meeting. Other key matters that will form part of that agenda include:

- The mitigation strategy (as enclosed with this letter) and action to take this forward
- The residential capacity of the site
- The impact of the TPO
- The masterplan
- Public consultation
- Screening opinion

I would be most grateful for your consideration of the issues and recommended actions set out in this letter ahead of our meeting on Thursday 14 February 2013.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M G Newton', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mike Newton
Director
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22 January 2013

Land at North East
Verwood, East Dorset

Suitable Accessible Natural
Greenspace (SANG)
Proposal – January 2013

Report Number: 1522_R05h_JSA_JTF

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SANG and Habitat Mitigation / Enhancement Proposals
(1522/P12f January 2013 JSA/JTF)

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Land at North East Verwood, East Dorset
Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANG) Proposal

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Summary

- S1. A SANG strategy has been agreed with Natural England to address potential adverse effects to the Dorset Heathlands Special Protection Area (SPA) as a result of proposed development at Land North East of Verwood.
- S2. The strategy relies upon the enhancement and diversification of habitats to encourage public access and enjoyment of conifer forestry/woodland owned by the Forestry Commission within the adjacent Ringwood Forest. Consequently, the Forestry Commission and the developer have agreed the strategy and the principles of a mechanism to secure its delivery. Natural England has confirmed that this provides confidence that the SANG strategy will be implemented and mitigation secured to the standards required by the Habitats Regulations.
- S3. As such, this SANG strategy addresses the reason for the site's removal from the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Response Analysis (November 2012) and there is no reason for it not to be reinstated.
- S4. The strategy is to provide a number of enhancing features and can be summarised as follows:
- To attract dog walkers away from the Dorset Heathlands SPA, a variety of attractive, waymarked circular walks of up to 2,350m linked to the development site would be provided, with leaflets informing new residents of their presence;
 - The existing plantation woodland containing the SANG would be made more diverse and hence attractive to dog-walkers than elsewhere by creating open glades supporting heathland vegetation, and through the restoration of 13ha mire habitats that will make the area wetter;
 - Paths and surrounding habitats would be maintained, as required;
 - To seek to avoid adverse effects to sensitive habitats in Ringwood Forest, signage would state the need to pick up dog litter, and open space in the development site will include dog litter bins and a pond for dogs to use; and
 - The SANG features would be secured in perpetuity.
- S5. Ringwood Forest is of inherent ecological value, supporting populations of birds that are found in the SPA, as well as strictly protected reptile species. In order to address potential adverse effects associated with increased use of the forest, 1.5ha of dry heath habitat would be created through plantation felling and management, and mire habitat will be restored. As well as mitigating potential adverse effects, this will deliver significant benefits as a result of development, creating UK BAP priority habitats.
- S6. Impacts to wetland habitats at Ebblake Bog Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC) and Ramsar site will be avoided by adopting drainage design as described in this report, in combination with the proposals to restore the mire habitats upstream which will further ameliorate flows.



Section 1: Introduction

- 1.1. This report describes a Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANG) proposal in respect of future development at Land at North East Verwood, East Dorset and a strategy for avoidance of impacts to the Dorset Heathland Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Special Protection Area (SPA) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC).
- 1.2. In addition, it sets out how impacts to wetland habitats at Ebblake Bog SSSI and SAC and Ramsar site can be avoided.
- 1.3. The site is centred on National Grid Reference SU 107 080.

Planning Background and the Need for a SANG

- 1.4. The site was identified for residential development in the Core Strategy (CS) Pre-Submission March 2012 under policy VTSW5.
- 1.5. At a meeting on 16th October 2012 with Nick Squirrell of NE and East Dorset District Council (EDDC), it was confirmed that the Core Strategy Pre-Submission March 2012 would be modified such that all sites outside of settlement boundaries would be required to provide their own SANG to address potential adverse effects upon the Dorset Heathland Special Protection Area (SPA) (see meeting note in **Appendix 1**). Policies ME2 and ME3 have been modified such that it is no longer possible for proposed developments of 50 units of less (as is the case here) to make financial contributions towards creation of SANGs which were to be identified by the Council through the emerging Dorset Heathland DPD.
- 1.6. A SANG proposal, which involved use of FC land, was prepared and submitted before the 31st October CS deadline (Tyler Grange report ref. 1522_R05b). The proposal was devised in consultation with NE and FC. However, based on advice from Natural England, the site was removed from the CS Pre-Submission Response Analysis (November 2012) for the following reason:

"The proposal is deleted as the location of the proposed residential as the proposal would be likely to cause harm to Ebblake Bog, which is part of the internationally protected Dorset Heaths [Ebblake Bog being the nearest component part of the Dorset Heathlands SSSI, SPA and SAC to the site]. It is uncertain whether the impacts of the development could be mitigated."
- 1.7. This strategy updates a previous one prepared in advance of the CS Pre-Submission Response Analysis (November 2012). It has been devised in consultation with Natural England (NE) and the Forestry Commission (FC) (refer to meeting notes in **Appendices 1 and 2**) to provide NE and EDDC with sufficient information to address their concerns so that the site can be reinstated in the CS. It reflects the requirements of new policy in the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Response Analysis (November 2012), and specially ME2 'Protection of the Dorset Heathlands' (which replaces ME2 and ME3). Guidelines for SANG provision are set out in Appendix 5 of the Core Strategy, which reflects design standards set out in the Dorset Heathlands Planning Framework 2012-2014 Supplementary Planning Document (the 'SPD')(September 2012).



Section 2: SANG Proposal

SANG Location

- 2.1. The site is not large enough to accommodate on-site SANG provision (size as specified in the SPD), though the open space within it can be designed to contribute to a wider SANG provision.
- 2.2. The site is adjacent to Ringwood Forest, that part closest to the site being either owned by the FC, or leased by them from the Somerly Estate.
- 2.3. Whilst much of it has no permissive rights of access (Jane Smith, FC *pers. comm.*) the forest already has a SANG function, being used for recreation, it being accessed close to the site via public footpaths and a small public car park to the south east of the site (see **Plan 1522/P12f**). **Appendix 3** illustrates the findings of an FC GPS survey of users of the forest close to the site¹.
- 2.4. The FC owns the freehold for 44.8 ha of land adjacent and to the north of the site. This is also 'Open Access Land', as defined in the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 (see **Plan 1522/P12f**).
- 2.5. The land owned by the FC is sufficiently large to accommodate a SANG. A SANG could also be situated on land owned by the Somerly Estate. Whilst the FC lease this land and has provided an initial view that it is likely an agreement could be reached regarding SANG provision, this would require approval from the Estate. Owing to the CS timetable, this option was not pursued, and indeed it was not considered necessary to do so given the FC freehold land is suitable. Habitat enhancement work described below on Somerly Estate land reflects the FC's strategy for land at Ringwood Forest and so no additional permissions are required.
- 2.6. Nick Squirrell was of the opinion that the SANG requirement for the proposed development could utilise the forest, which can be modified to improve its SANG function. This is in keeping with Appendix 5 of the CS that states SANGs may be created from "*existing open space that is already accessible but which could be changed in character so that it is more attractive to the specific group of visitors who might otherwise visit the Dorset Heathlands*".
- 2.7. However, Ringwood Forest is of inherent ecological value, supporting populations of birds that are found in the SPA, as well as heavily protected reptile species (as confirmed by data in the public record, together with surveys within 400m of the site undertaken by Tyler Grange in 2012). As required by Appendix 5 of the CS, the impact on its nature conservation value "*should be assessed and considered alongside relevant policy in the local plan*". Consequently, this SANG strategy also addresses potential effects resulting from increased disturbance by people and their pets.

SANG Design

- 2.8. The CS states that a SANG should provide a recreational route of 2.3 to 2.5km. There are a number of existing pathways within the forest. Possible routes that follow existing rides or paths within the FC owned land, with some new paths to ensure a circular route is created, are shown on **Plan 1522/P12f**. The two circular route options shown, including a path within the site, are 2,350m and 2,200m in length, respectively, with other combinations possible. They are approximately 415m from the SPA at their closest point.

¹ Note, the plan is based on data from a single day so an absence of a line need not mean a path is not used, though it does provide an indication of patterns of use (Jane Smith, FC *pers. comm.*)

- 2.9. It is envisaged these would be Permitted Rights of Way that, if required by forestry operations, could be moved within the FC land, provided routes of the required length were retained. Given it is Open Access Land, it would be possible to devise a number of routes of differing lengths within this area.
- 2.10. Walking routes would be opened up by felling of some trees to create wider rides that are more attractive to users, and so that dogs can be exercised off the lead. A bench would also be provided at the SANG's northern extent. Paths would be unsurfaced but usable year round, with 'passageways' constructed over wetter areas.
- 2.11. The CS states the SANG should be wild and attractive to ensure users are attracted to use it, rather than the SPA. Existing plantation woodland will be felled in discrete areas within the SANG route to create open glades supporting heathland vegetation. Mire restoration upstream of the SANG will create wetter habitats than currently exist, to provide additional interest.
- 2.12. Waymarking points will be included to direct users along the defined routes, whilst directing them away from the SPA and other valuable heathland outside of the SPA. Signage would also state the need to pick up dog litter, with leaflets for residents of the proposed new development.
- 2.13. The SANG route will include the open space within the proposed development, which can be designed to provide a footpath within it. Dog litter bins and a pond would be provided specifically for dogs on-site and in a location when they are most likely to be needed (at the start and end of a walk) to minimise disturbance to sensitive habitats within the forest.
- 2.14. Nick Squirrell indicated that, owing to the relatively small size of the development and the fact it is designed to serve the residents of the new housing, no specific parking provision associated with the SANG would be needed.

Mitigation of Ecological Effects of SANG

- 2.15. NE considers that potential adverse effects to ecological resources within Ringwood Forest can be addressed by bringing forward restoration aspects in the East Dorset Forest Design Plan Design Concept (**Appendix 4**). Locations of habitat modification are shown on **Plan 1522/P12f** and have been agreed. Proposals include:
- Dry heath restoration (0.5ha) within land leased by the FC from Somerly Estate east of the proposed development site. This would not require changes to permissive rights of access (refer to paras 2.4 and 2.6, above). Smaller glades involving tree felling to promote heath growth (total area 1ha) would be created within the SANG to create a habitat mosaic of plantation, heath and mire. This would increase the habitat available to ground nesting birds and reptiles, thereby making populations more robust and able to withstand adverse effects in that area most likely to be affected by increased disturbance as a result of development of the site; and
 - Mire restoration upstream of the SANG, at the headwaters of Ebblake Stream. This will restore a UK BAP priority habitat that will also benefit birds and reptiles, as well as a range of other flora and fauna. Restoration will involve engineering works to raise the water level in the area affected. It will also increase the flow of water downstream, making the SANG, which contains Ebblake Stream and tributaries, a more diverse and interesting place to walk.



Timing, Management and Aftercare

- 2.16. In order to mitigate effects to the SPA and upon biodiversity within Ringwood Forest, the SANG and habitat enhancements will be completed in advance of first occupation of the proposed development.
- 2.17. The CS requires that SANGs should be provided and managed in perpetuity (125 years, *NE pers. comm.*). The proposed SANG shown on **Plan 1522/P12f** is in the ownership of the FC. Linden Homes has agreed with the FC that this strategy document, together with a negotiated commercial financial contribution, will form the basis for the delivery and maintenance of the SANG provision, associated with a future planning application. The financial contribution and mechanism for securing any contributions to the Forestry Commission by Linden will be agreed between both parties during the course of pre-application discussions for the site. Both parties are actively engaged in this process.
- 2.18. It is intended that habitat management works in respect of the heath and mire would be managed for a period of 10 years.

Conclusion

- 2.19. In conclusion, this strategy document demonstrates that a SANG can be provided on land owned by the FC that meets the requirements of the CS, Dorset Heathland SPD and East Dorset Forest Design Plan Design Concept. Provision utilises existing paths and creates new ones within FC land, though need not do so, if agreed by all parties. As the land is freehold owned by the FC, the provision of SANG for the site would be in perpetuity.
- 2.20. NE is satisfied that potential adverse effects upon ecological resources as a result of the SANG strategy can be addressed by bringing forward restoration aspects in the existing Forest Design Plan Design Concept.



Section 3: Avoidance of Effects to Ebblake Bog SAC

- 3.1 The issue identified by NE relates to the potential for increased flow in the Ebblake Stream, which follows a course along the eastern boundary of the site, resulting in nutrient rich water overtopping the banks and spilling into the Ebblake Bog SSSI, SAC and SPA downstream. The interest of the bog is dependent on nutrient poor water.
- 3.2 A surface water drainage solution that does not increase flows to Ebblake Stream, and that would not affect the quality of the water in the stream, has been devised by AMA (**Appendix 5**). It involves a combination of SUDS including porous paving and soakaways, designed to address a 1 in 100 year plus 30% storm event. In the event of a storm event that exceeds this then, owing to the site's existing topography, surface water will flow into the open space comprising woodland and restored wetland habitats to the east and north-east, rather than entering the stream.
- 3.3 With the implementation of the drainage solution, impacts to Ebblake Bog as a result of development of the site would be avoided.



Appendix 1: Note of a meeting with Natural England & EDDC (16th October 2012)



Land at Ringwood Road, Verwood

Meeting with EDDC and Natural England at EDDC, 2.30pm 16th October 2012

Purpose: To discuss SANG Requirements

Attendees:	Lynda King	EDDC
	Nick Squirrell	NE
	Frances Pickering	Linden
	Donna Palmer	Boyer
	Julian Arthur	Tyler Grange
	Lauren West	Tyler Grange

1. At the outset, LK stated that owing to concerns regarding deliverability (sustainability of location, drainage, SPA, access, trees, layout, level of objection) the site was not likely to be included in the submission draft Core Strategy, to be published in November for consultation. To meet this timetable, officers will need to complete the drafting of the consultation document by 26th October. The Council currently anticipate submission of the Core Strategy in March 2013. LK indicated that the Core Strategy would now have a single housing target covering both East Dorset and Christchurch Districts. LK stated that the loss of this 50 unit site does not affect EDDC's housing figures.

2. Issues related to the SPA and Ebblake Bog SAC were discussed.

SPA

3. JA noted that, further to a meeting with Richard Henshaw at EDDC, our approach had been based on that set out in draft policy ME2. ME3 was not triggered because the site is not proposed to be of greater than 50 units in size.
4. It became apparent that, owing to a recent Inspector's report in respect of the EIP for Purbeck, EDDC Core Strategy policies ME2 and ME3 relating to the SPA will be changed, and that this will change the policy mechanism previously relevant to the Verwood site. The approach to SPA mitigation will therefore need to be amended for the site.
5. Policies ME2 and ME3 will be modified to refer to the Dorset Heathland DPD (yet to be adopted). The current SPD does not include a 50 unit threshold (currently referred to in draft policies ME2 and ME3), and, we were informed that the SANG sites identified in the SPD will not satisfy the SANG need for developments proposed outside of the existing Verwood development boundary. No other suitable SANG sites that could be funded as set out in ME2 have been identified. Consequently, for developments outside the Verwood boundary, financial contributions to create SANGs are not an option – each development site must provide its own SANG.
6. This means that for all strategic sites, they must either: provide a SANG on site; or they must identify land that could be enhanced as a SANG. LK gave an example of a site south of Verwood alongside the river where an agreement with a 3rd party landowner to provide a SANG had been worked up to the satisfaction of NE. However, there are still issues as to whether this SANG is deliverable.
7. In the absence of another suitable SANG site, given Ringwood Forest already has a SANG function (it could be improved), NS felt that the best option was to seek to improve the existing SANG function of the forest close to the site, based on principles set out in the SPD.



8. The fact that this is managed by a public body (Forestry Commission) could avoid possible cross boundary (land in New Forest DC) or land ownership (Somerley Estate) issues. The SANG strategy must be secured in perpetuity (the exact duration of this needs to be confirmed; between 80-120 years discussed), though again, the FC lease is likely to be very long-term so may not be an issue.
9. As per the SPD, the SANG would need to:
 - a. Provide a 2.3-2.5km circular dog walking route from the site, extending into the forest. NS felt a permissive right of way would be best, which could be moved in future if necessary;
 - b. Some tree thinning;
 - c. Include a ball throwing/dog exercising area (clearance of trees and levelling need), a bench;
 - d. Dog bin at start/end;
 - e. Wet pond within development site for dogs/children;
 - f. Signs and leaflets for the new residents/users
10. Given the known presence of Annex 1 birds and EPS reptiles, NS also mentioned how habitats should be enhanced to ensure disturbance resulting from SANG creation does not result in impact (Rufford case and risk based approach was raised). The FC Forest Plan has an objective to create open heathland and restore wetland/mire, though they have run out of funds and so some contribution to this and ongoing management could be an option for the Verwood site as part of the surface water drainage strategy for the site. This could be costed through discussion with FC, but would need to be agreed pre planning.
11. A meeting ASAP with FC is needed. NS will provide contact details and can attend to help ensure a solution that would satisfy NE can be agreed.
12. Possible implications of mineral extraction in that part of the forest within Hampshire will need to be explored to ensure no conflict with the possible strategy for the site.
13. LK noted that given 3rd party agreement is required, this issue was not likely to be resolved before the Core Strategy submission.
- Ebblake Bog SAC**
14. The potential issue concerning NS relates to the potential for increased flow in the Ebblake Stream resulting in nutrient rich water overtopping the banks and spilling into the Ebblake Bog downstream. The interest of the bog is dependent on nutrient poor water.
15. It is essential that development of the site does not increase flows in the stream, and this will need to be demonstrated in an engineering solution.
16. NS noted that upstream of the site within Ringwood Forest, there are issues associated with a mire creation project, which has stalled. The intention was to restore this habitat and address water supply issues to the stream at the same time. NS felt the development would present an opportunity to address this by making contributions to FC to enable them to continue with this work.

Appendix 2: Note of a meeting with Forestry Commission, Natural England and EDDC (12th November 2012)



Land at Northeast Verwood Meeting to discuss SANG provision and biodiversity mitigation and enhancement

Venue: Forestry Commission Offices, Lyndhurst

Date: 9am, 12th November 2012

Attendees

Tom Nicholson	Linden Homes
Frances Pickering	Linden Homes
Mike Newton	Boyer Planning
Nick Squirrell	Natural England
Jane Smith	Forestry Commission (area head of planning and environment)
Iain Skinner	Forestry Commission (area land agent)
Simon Smith	Forestry Commission (recreation and community manager)
Julian Arthur	Tyler Grange
Lynda King	East Dorset District Council

Meeting Notes

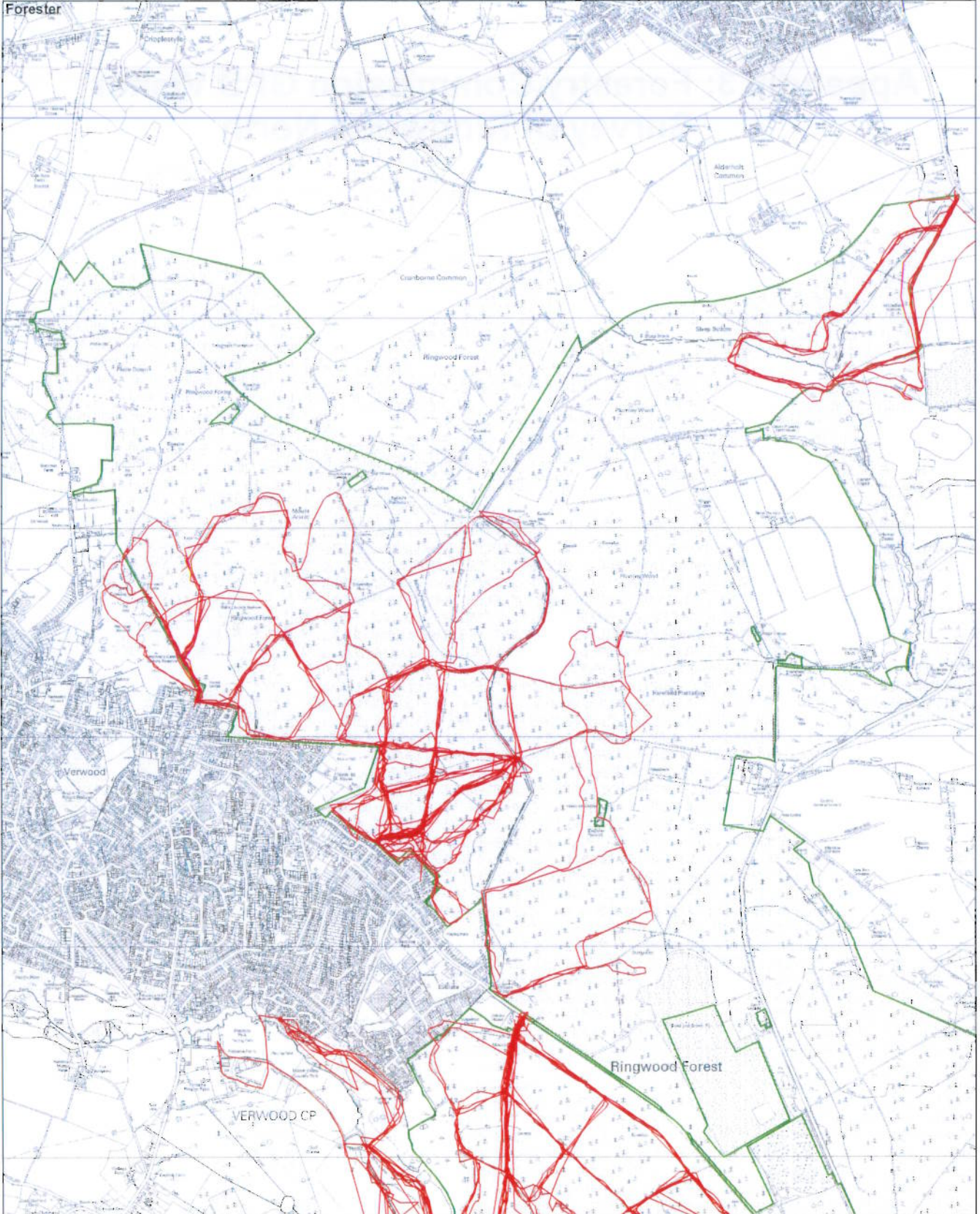
1. Planning background and meeting purpose
 - a. JA/MN described requirement for SANG / biodiversity mitigation, and the strategy set out in the Tyler Grange SANG Proposal, 29th October 2012, which was submitted to EDDC in respect of the site's promotion in the Core Strategy (policy VTSW5 allocation).
 - b. The site was dropped from the Core Strategy on Natural England's advice owing to uncertainty at the time of draft Core Strategy submission in delivery of a SANG and biodiversity mitigation on 3rd party (Forestry Commission) land (LK noted that most other developers have acquired land or an option to secure their SANG strategy). NE did note that the site could be promoted at the Core Strategy Examination in Public if delivery details can be agreed, and a statement of common ground prepared between all parties. Linden Homes have sought legal advice and this confirmed that the decision to drop the site was unsound, since there was an in principle agreement with FC. Linden will be pursuing this further, with a view to seeking reinstatement of the site in the Core Strategy
 - c. Notwithstanding this, it is acknowledged that in any event for the site to be developed an agreement between Linden and FC in terms of a mitigation strategy is required that suits both parties and importantly satisfies the requirements of the Habitats Regulations and existing and emerging planning policy. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the detail of a proposal that would provide the certainty required by NE and EDDC at this stage in the planning process, and mechanisms for securing delivery.
2. Forestry Commission freehold land vs land leased from Somerly Estate
 - a. It was agreed that, given the terms of the FC lease for forestry operations on the Somerly Estate, it would be advantageous for the SANG to be within the FC freehold land, which adjoins the site.
 - b. Biodiversity enhancement work can occur on leasehold land. What is proposed by Linden is in accordance with FC's design concept in their East Dorset Forest Design Plan
3. SANG strategy, capital works and maintenance
 - a. Path routes were agreed, and shown on a plan circulated by FC which broadly followed TG's plan. However, there would be a need for a bridge structure crossing Ebblake Stream on to Somerly Estate land to complete the yellow route (see attached) – this is

- best avoided. NS considered the path could be a Permitted Right of Way, which could be moved to allow for forestry operations, but a route must be maintained. Moors Valley Country Park was ruled out of the SANG option as a) more difficult to access from site b) it is an SPA in its own right, so do not want to encourage increased use. NS stated that in advance of a planning application an access survey would need to be considered in summer 2013 to provide a baseline for future monitoring of use of Ringwood Forest.
- b. Dog exercising area – the design of this was discussed. There is no need for a formal area, it merely needs to be an area clear of scrub and trees, and relatively flat, to enable dogs to exercise/ball throwing. A location with FC freehold was discussed.
 - c. Signage / interpretation would be required, which FC would design and install
 - d. Timings – must be in place before first occupation
 - e. Maintenance – the SANG must be in place in perpetuity, as required by the SANG SPD. [post meeting note: NS confirmed in perpetuity is 125 years]
 - f. Costings – FC circulated costing for path works, which are to be discussed and agreed by FC/Linden
 - g. Mechanism for securing delivery – likely to be S106 rather than CIL, given timings for planning application
4. Biodiversity enhancement strategy
- a. Dry Heath restoration – NS explained why this was needed to ensure opportunities are increased for heathland birds specifically to offset increased disturbance effects of development (though other species, including European Protected Species of reptile will benefit). Consequently, some work would be needed to the east of the site, to address indirect increased predation/disturbance effects of development. But it need not be of the extent shown on TG's plan. NS would accept some strategic thinning of land along SANG route to create a woodland/heathland mosaic, and variety for SANG users. Certainty in respect of the design and means of securing this with FC was needed at this stage in planning.
 - b. Mire restoration – it was agreed that it would be best for restoration work to occur to the north of FC land. This has been already costed by FC, but not implemented. Given this would not be required to mitigate effects to the SPA (or qualifying birds in Ringwood Forest), certainty in respect of design and delivery would not be needed by NE/EDDC at this stage in the planning process.
 - c. Costings and mechanism for securing delivery – FC provided costings, to be agreed by FC/Linden
5. Ebblake Bog – NS confirmed that the drainage principles had allayed his concerns regarding Ebblake Bog. This was not a reason for the site's exclusion from the Core Strategy
6. Next steps and programme
- a. JA to modify SANG/biodiversity strategy in light of agreed position
 - b. Linden and FC to agree approach and commercial arrangement, and a statement for submission to EDDC to support the site's inclusion in the Core Strategy
7. AOB - none

Appendix 3: Forestry Commission GPS Visitor Survey of Ringwood North



Forester



Forest District: New Forest
Title: GPS Tracks Dorset
Type of Map: Stock
Scale: 1:12,500
Date: April 2010

— GPS Tracks

- Management area - - - - -
- Compartment Bdy - - - - -
- Compartment No. and Area (ha) - - - - - 2032
- Sub-compartment Bdy - - - - - 32
- Sub-compartment, Species & Planting Year - - - - - a 55/DF 56
- FC Road:
 - Class A (Main road) - - - - -
 - Class B (Spur road) - - - - -
 - Class C (Other road) - - - - -
 - Transfer Point - - - - -

- Unclassified - - - - -
- Unassigned - - - - -
- All other values - - - - -
- Rides - - - - -
- O/H Powerline - - - - -
- U/G Powerline - - - - -
- Ancient Monuments - - - - - H J (Scheduled/Unscheduled)
- Recreation: Camp Site - - - - -
- Car Park - - - - -
- Bench - - - - -
- Other - - - - - k

Appendix 4: Design Concept – taken from East Dorset Forest Design Plan



Land at North East Verwood, East Dorset
Suitable Accessible Natural Greenspace (SANG) Proposal

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New Forest District NEW 201 Design Concept



Ringwood North and Somerley

Illustrates the main features and broader character of the forest in the long term

Legend

- Scheduled Ancient Monument (SAM) managed according to approved SAM Plan
- Unscheduled Ancient Monument - protect during forest operations
- Bridleway
- Byway open to all traffic
- Footpath
- Grazing units
- Proposed grazing unit
- Recreation Zone
- Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)
- Heathland ride management
- Broadleaf woodland to be sustained mainly by natural regeneration to provide a permanent tree cover but at the same time providing a variety of different age and canopy heights. Some small scale felling and replanting may take place where conditions are unsuitable for natural regeneration. Any conifers will be removed over time through thinning or group felling
- Conifer woodland sustained by a cycle of clear felling, replanting and thinning. Woodland will contain a mosaic of open spaces and a diversity of species and age classes to enhance the visual quality.
- Continuous cover mixed woodland sustained by thinning and natural regeneration to produce a permanent tree cover but at the same time providing a variety of different age and canopy heights.
- Continuous cover conifer woodland sustained by thinning and natural regeneration to produce a permanent tree cover but at the same time providing a variety of different age and canopy heights.
- Existing Ancient Semi Natural Woodland (ASNW). Woodland that contains greater than 80% oak native species.
- PAMWS restoration sites - areas where ancient woodland sites have historically been replanted with non-native species. The intention is to restore these sites over time to contain greater than 80% native species through thinning and natural regeneration.
- Coppice stands maintained using traditional rotational coppice techniques
- Wet woodland sustained by minimum intervention. The removal of non-native species or interventions in accordance with SSSI management plans will be accepted.
- Heathland - areas managed and maintained as open heathland.
- Wooded Heath - areas managed as heathland but with up to 20% tree cover in either isolated groups or individual character trees. Aves have been designated as wooded heath either for landscape purposes or because the area contains a high conifer seed bank that would be difficult to eradicate in the medium to long term and hence meet the criteria for pure heathland.
- Grassland - area maintained as open grassland
- Mire (marsh/boog) habitats that will be kept clear of trees and scrub.
- Hydrological regimes restored and grazing introduced where practical.
- Streamside corridors that will be managed in accordance with the Forests and Water Guidelines.
- Pond
- Agricultural land
- Felled / unplanted areas
- Minerals site

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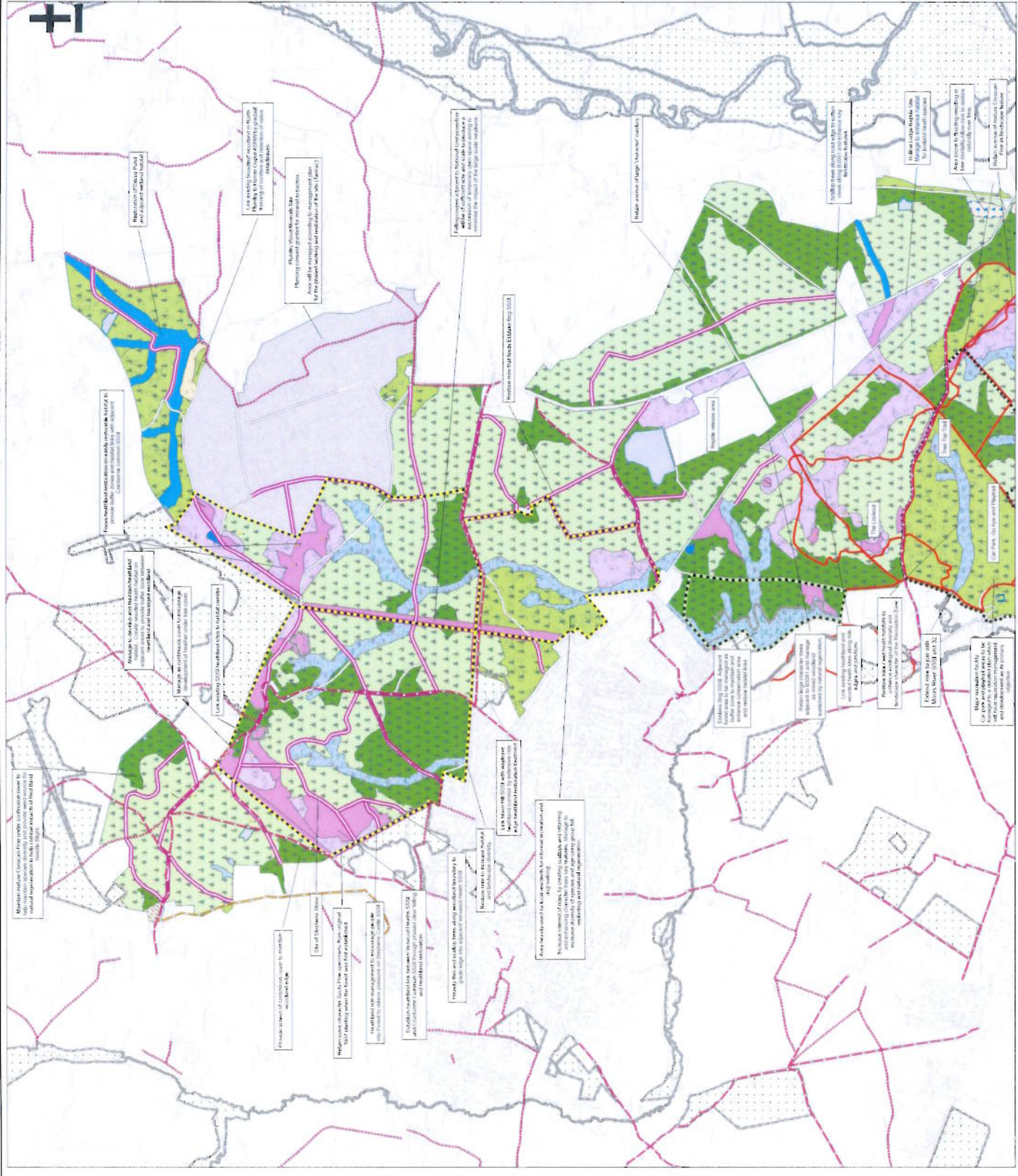
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Appendix 5: Surface Water Drainage Solution





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23 October 2012

**Drainage Assessment for Proposed Development
Land at rear of 217-241 Ringwood Road, Verwood, Dorset, BH31 7AG**

Please note the following comments regarding the proposed drainage strategy at the above site. Copies of relevant correspondence and reports are attached at the end of the report.

Foul Drainage

(To be read in conjunction with Drainage Strategy dwg.no.LIND37-sk1 revA).

Wessex Water have provided details of their existing sewers in the vicinity of the site. These confirm that there is an existing foul sewer running along Ringwood Road to the Ebblake Sewage Pumping Station located to the south of the site next to 253 Ringwood Road. Connected to the sewer in Ringwood Road, there is a 150mm diameter sewer laid to the boundary of the site, in the driveway fronting no's 219-223 Ringwood Road.

An enquiry has been made to Wessex Water and they have confirmed that the existing sewers and pumping station have sufficient capacity to serve the development. See E-mail from Wessex Water dated 01-06-12.

With respect to the existing sewer laid to the boundary of the site, the site falls gently away to the east from this boundary and as such the sewer does not have sufficient depth to serve the whole of the proposed development by gravity. To develop the site it will therefore be necessary to provide a new foul pumping station to serve at least 12 of the proposed units, even if the existing sewer in the driveway fronting no's 219-223 Ringwood Road is re-laid at a flatter gradient.

It should be noted that in accordance with new drainage legislation, the proposed pumping station will need to be constructed to adoptable standards, which could have an impact on the site layout.

An alternative foul drainage solution for these 12 units is to provide a new gravity sewer to the existing foul sewer in Parklands Close. To implement this option it will be necessary to negotiate an easement with the owners of 3rd Party Land or to requisition the sewer from Wessex Water.

Storm Drainage

(To be read in conjunction with Drainage Strategy dwg.no.LIND37-sk1 revA).

Wessex Water have provided details of their existing sewers, which confirm there are no surface water sewers in the vicinity of the site.

In accordance with current planning policies, the surface water run-off from the proposed development should be disposed of using SUDS. This involves a surface water drainage system that should replicate as near as possible the existing green field run-off.

The western half of the existing site is open farm land and gently falls eastwards through a heavily wooded area to the Ebblake Stream on the Eastern Boundary. The wooded area is the lowest part of the site and in some areas is very wet, often with standing water. The surface water run-off from the open land soaks into the ground or in the event of an exceptional storm, flows overland to the wooded area. There is no direct connection from the woodland area to the Ebblake Stream, and so it has permanently wet areas which do not dry up unless there is a prolonged dry spell.

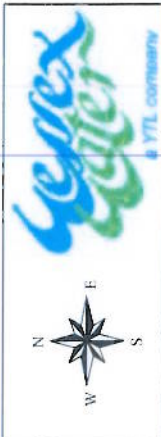
GESL have carried out a site investigation, including soakage tests. These details have been attached to this report and confirm that although soakaways can be used for the disposal of surface water run-off, they are only viable to a depth of 1.0m. Below this depth ground water and running sand is encountered.

Taking into account these issues, a SUDS scheme has been developed using shallow trench/cellular soakways and porous paving. These infiltration features should be designed to cater for a 1in100yr storm +30% allowance for climate change in accordance with PPS25 and the code for sustainable homes.

This method of surface water run-off disposal, ensures that the proposed drainage system replicates as near as possible the existing green field run-off, so that there will be no discharge to the Ebblake Stream. Consequently there will be no affect on the quality of water in the stream, as any pollutants in the form of debris and sediments washed from hard surfaces on the proposed development will be discharged to the infiltration features already described.

The use of porous paving is often promoted as a Suds solution, even for sites where it is evidently not suitable because of ground conditions or the topography. In this instance the site is relatively flat and the ground conditions provide adequate soakage potential at shallow depths, so the proposed development lends itself to the use of porous paving wherever possible. However, its use is not recommended on those carriageways that are more heavily trafficked and these should be of a more traditional blacktop construction, with soakaways used for the disposal of surface water run-off.

It should be noted that using this strategy the proposed estate roads could not be offered for adoption. However, if the Water and Flood Management Act is implemented (currently scheduled for October 2013), Dorset County Council will be responsible for the approval and future maintenance of all SUDS and consequently the roads could be adopted, as the highway drainage will discharge to SUDS features maintained by themselves.



WW Map SU10NW_6

WATER MAINS		Public	Private
Public	Raw Water	Abandoned	Valve
Hydrant	PRV	Meter	
SEWERS			
Public - Section 104 - Private			
Foul	Combined	Surface	Abandoned sewers
OTHER WESSEX PIPES			
Rising Mains	Effluent Disposal Main	Overflow	
NON-WESSEX PIPES			
Private Rising Mains	Culverted Water Course	Highway Drain	

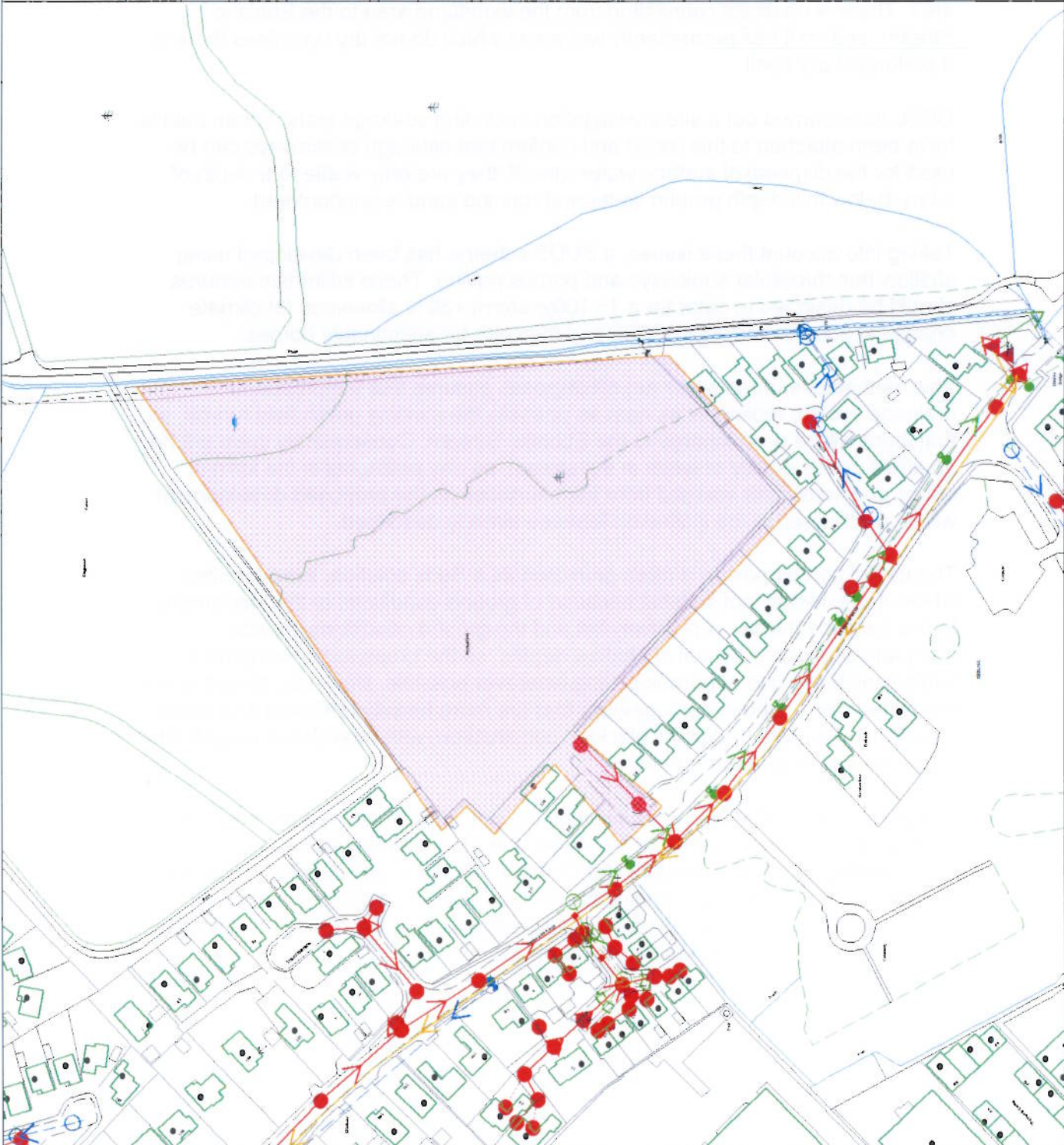
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Sewers and lateral drains adopted by Wessex Water under the Water Industry (Schemes for Adoption of Private Sewers) Regulations 2011 are to be plotted over time and may not yet be shown.

In carrying out any works, you accept liability for the cost of any repairs to Wessex Water apparatus damaged as a result of your works. You are advised to commence excavations using hand tools only. Mechanical digging equipment should not be used until pipe work has been precisely located.

If you are considering any form of building works and pipe work is shown within the boundary of your property or a property to be purchased (or very close by) a surveyor should plot its exact position prior to commencing works or purchase. Building over or near Wessex Water's apparatus is not normally permitted.

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Mail

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WW Resp Ebblake PS SU10NW/ 6

2 messages

Gillian Sanders <Gillian.Sanders@wessexwater.co.uk>
To: Andrew Malcolm <amassoc@ntlworld.com>
Cc: Dave Cherrett <Dave.Cherrett@wessexwater.co.uk>

1 June 2012 11:00

Dear Andrew,

I refer to our email correspondence below.

Further to investigation it has been confirmed that Ebblake Pumping Station is included within a Wessex Water upgrade program. Apologies that this fact was not discovered earlier. I have been advised by the project manager that the upgraded pumping station will be able to accommodate flows from an additional 50 dwellings. If further development proceeds within the catchment; additional storage may be required.

I note from the proposed East Dorset Core Strategy that the other "major" proposed sites at Verwood (North Western Neighbourhood and Upper School at Howe Lane) are outside of the Ebblake Pumping Station catchment.

Connection to the public sewerage system for the Ringwood Road Site should not precede the necessary improvements. It would be helpful if you could advise, if you plan to proceed with the site; your proposed construction date / build rates.

Many thanks.

Gillian Sanders

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-----Original Message-----

From: Gillian Sanders

Sent: 22 May 2012 16:14

To: 'Andrew Malcolm'

Subject: RE: WW Resp SU10NW/6 Proposed Development, Land at rear of 217-241 Ringwood Road, Verwood. BH31 7AG

Thanks Andrew - trying to program in for next week - will drop you a line then.

Regards

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From: Andrew Malcolm [mailto:amassoc@ntlworld.com]

Sent: 21 May 2012 11:49

To: Gillian Sanders

Cc: Michael.Obrien@lindenhomes.co.uk; Richard Ayre (Linden Homes)

Subject: Re: WW Resp SU10NW/6 Proposed Development, Land at rear of 217-241

Andrew Malcolm

From: "Richard Ayre (Linden Homes)" <Richard.Ayre@lindenhomes.co.uk>
Date: 04 May 2012 13:56
To: "Andrew Malcolm" <amassoc@ntlworld.com>
Attach: GE8715 TP LOGS.PDF; GE8715 Figs.pdf; GE8715 soakage test calc sheet.pdf
Subject: FW: GE8715 Ringwood Road, Verwood - Preliminary Information
 As discussed.

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From: Gavin Roberts [mailto:gavin.roberts@gesl.net]
Sent: 04 May 2012 13:35
To: Richard Ayre (Linden Homes)
Subject: GE8715 Ringwood Road, Verwood - Preliminary Information

Richard

Further to the ground investigation undertaken on this site yesterday, please find draft logs, soakage test results and plans attached.

The ground conditions generally comprised sand and groundwater was present at varying depths, generally as a steady seepage at c. 1m and a more rapid ingress at c. 2.5m bgl. These water inflows resulted in running sand at shallow depth and rapid collapse of the pits at depth. However, this could be mitigated during any possible development by keeping foundations shallow and allowing for support and groundwater control for any deep excavations.

It is likely that shallow foundations would be suitable with a minimum founding depth of 0.75m (assuming non-shrinkable soils). This could need to increase at the southern and western portion of the site where clays and clayey sands were present as distinct layers.

Trial pit soakage testing failed in TP1, where the test was undertaken in a 3m deep pit, but the test undertaken at shallow depth in TP2 did see water levels fall sufficiently for permeability values to be calculated. Thus, it is probable that shallow trench soakaways would function better than deep chambers, or attenuation tanks.

In-situ probing recorded CBR values of 5-7% and thus adoptable roads are likely to be constructible without any special measures other than removal or compaction of any 'soft' spots in the formation.

There was a fair amount of interest from neighbouring residents although due to poor weather none actually engaged us in conversation.

Lab testing is in hand and the ground investigation report is on target for issue in approximately 3 weeks time.

In the meantime if I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to come back to me.

kind regards

Gavin

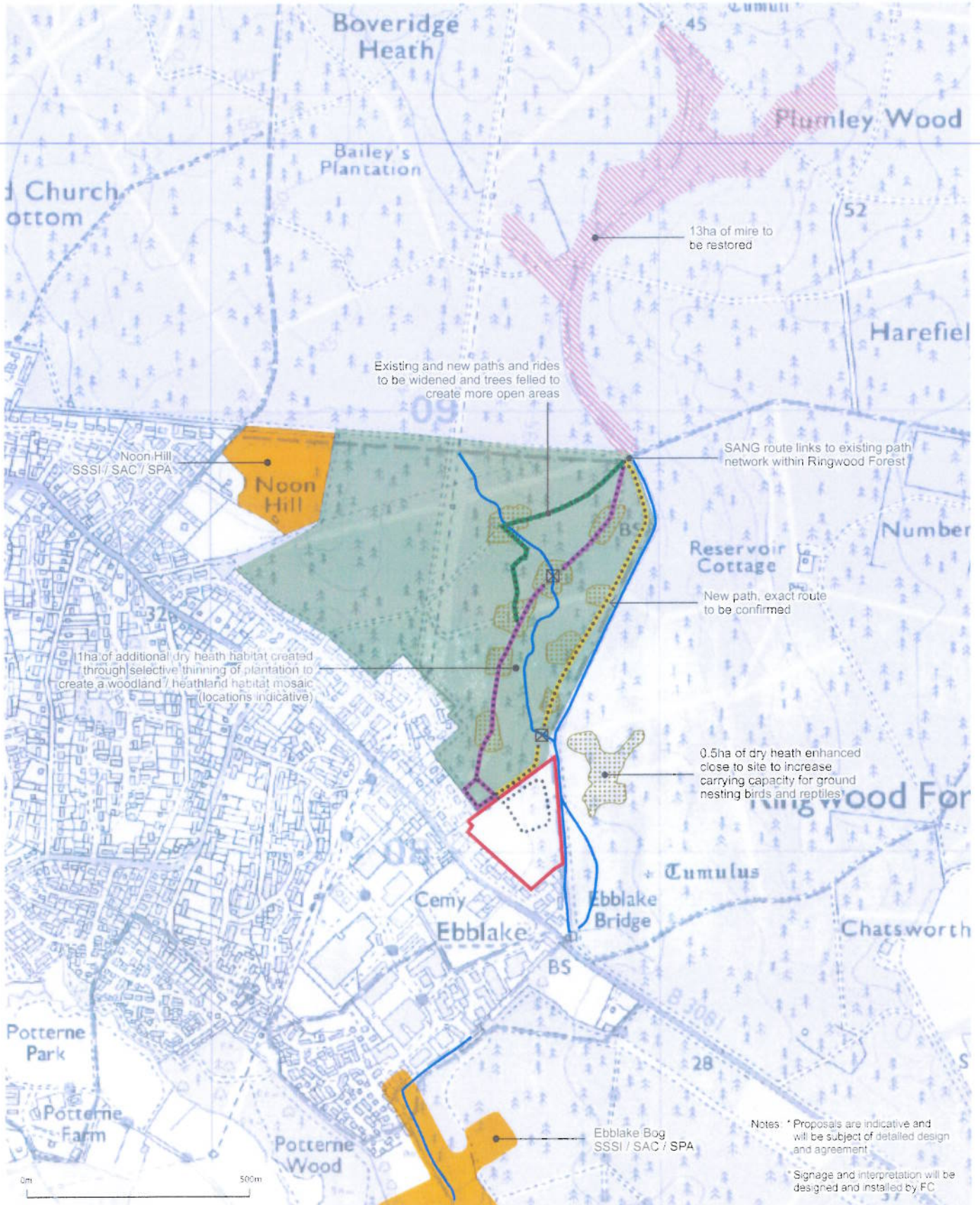
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Plan

SANG and Habitat Mitigation / Enhancement Proposals
(1522/P12f January 2013 JSA/JTF)





- Site Boundary
- Walking Route (Permitted Right of Way)
 - Route A
 - Route B
 - Route C
- Approximate route of Ebblake Stream

- Special Protection Areas / Special Areas of Conservation / Sites of Special Scientific Interest
- Open Access Land (Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000)
- Mire Restoration
- Dry Heath Restoration
- Passageway

Project	Land at North East Verwood, East Dorset
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Date	January 2013
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Note of Meeting with Bloor Homes re North Wimborne Site

25th February 2013

Present:

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R Hatchett – Bloor Homes
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R McCulloch – DTA
R Henshaw – EDDC
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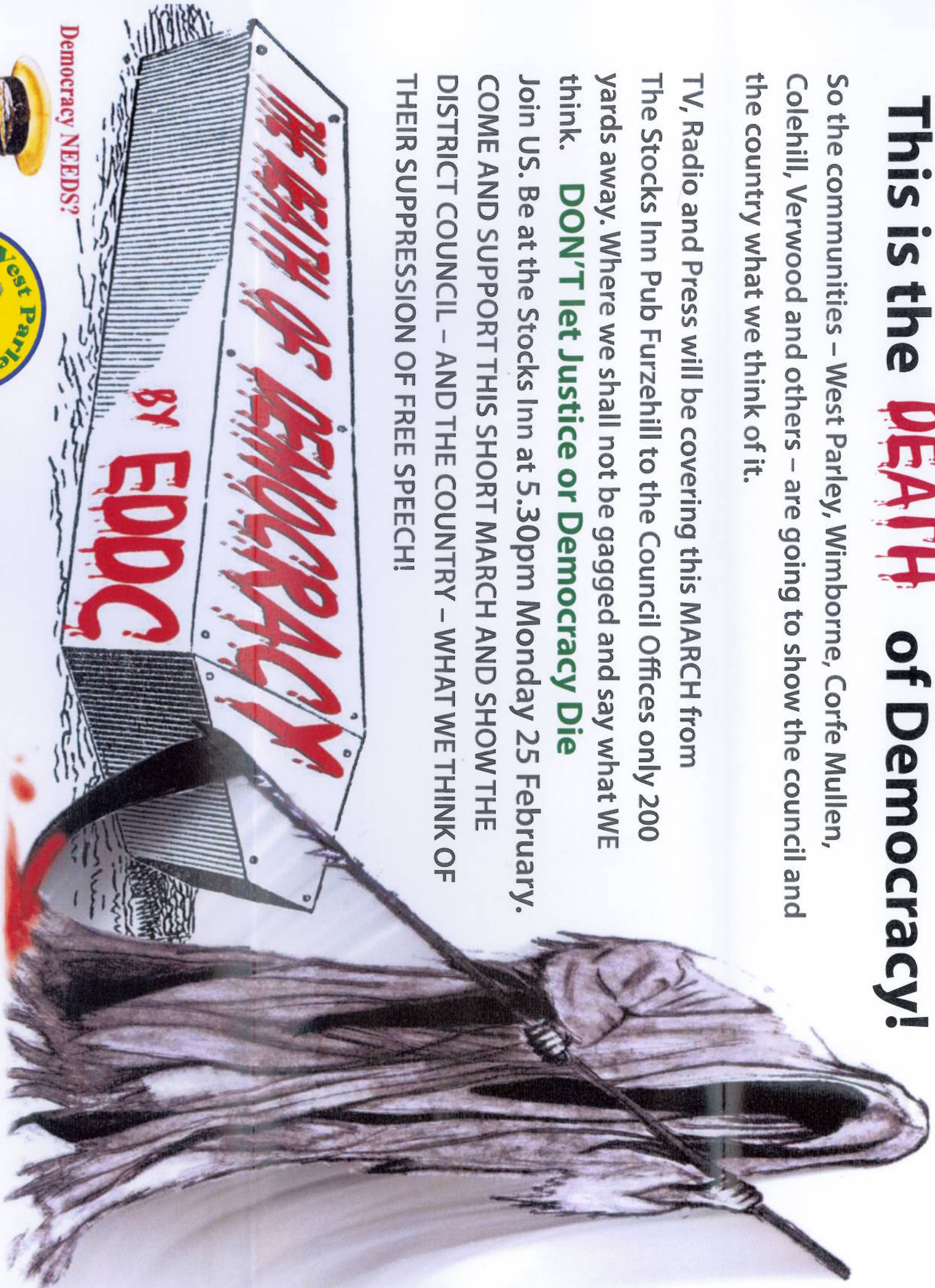
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DAVID MCINTOSH
Chief Executive

Friday 15 February 2013

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Cllr Mrs A. Warman

Cllr J. L. Wilson

Corporate Plan Key Themes – 2012 to 2016

Leader of the Council: Councillor Spencer Flower – The Leader performs an important role in the Council's relations with other authorities and organisations. The Leader is also responsible for managing the Council's financial and physical resources.

Deputy Leader of the Council: Councillor Alex Clarke – The Deputy Leader supports the Leader in all his duties and takes the lead in the areas of partnership working and change.

Our priority areas...

COMMUNITIES

Lead Member: **Councillor Barbara Manuel**

- During the plan period we will:
- Provide communities with opportunities to take greater involvement in running public services
- Improve opportunities for young people to live healthy and successful lives
- Work with partners to ensure crime levels in 2016 do not exceed 2011 levels
- Improve life chances for vulnerable people
- Deliver improvements for health and wellbeing across Christchurch and East Dorset communities

ENVIRONMENT

Lead Member: **Councillor Simon Tong**

- During the plan period we will:
- Minimise waste to landfill and optimise recycling
- Manage the conflicts between developing the built environment and protecting the natural environment
- Ensure that the principles of sustainability are embedded in the conduct of the Council's business

ECONOMY

Lead Member: **Councillor Malcolm Birr**

- During the plan period we will:
- Create conditions for existing and new businesses to thrive
- Encourage thriving and welcoming town centres and a strong rural economy

HOUSING

Lead Member: **Councillor Jean Hazel**

- During the plan period we will:
- Enable provision of housing appropriate to meet all needs
- Promote sustainable housing development
- Facilitate innovative approaches to housing need

PERFORMANCE

Lead Member: **Councillor Ian Monks**

- During the plan period we will:
- Maximise Partnership activities which maintain services and increase efficiency
- Ensure Council resources are used efficiently and effectively
- Promote a positive reputation with residents, customers and businesses

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The Chairman (Councillor Mrs L J Clark) will be in the Chair.

PART 1 – Open Matters

1. **Prayers**
Prayers will be said by the Reverend Vanessa Herrick.
2. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive apologies for absence.
3. **Minutes**
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 17 December 2012.
4. **Declarations of Interest by Members**
To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of the following items.
5. **Announcements**
To receive any announcements from the Chairman, Council Leader or Chief Executive.
6. **Questions by Members of the Public**
To deal with questions to the Council Chairman, Council Leader, Committee Chairmen or Lead Members submitted in writing by members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 8(2).
7. **Petitions by Members of the Public**
To deal with petitions or similar communications submitted by members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 8(3).
8. **Deputations by Members of the Public**
To deal with deputations from members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 8(4).
Note: Deputations by members of the public have to be received by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the meeting.
9. **Questions by Members of the Council**
To deal with questions to the Council Chairman, Council Leader, the Chairman of any committee or sub-committee or Lead Members submitted in writing by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 9(2).
Note: Questions by Members of the Council have to be received by 12 noon on the Friday prior to the meeting.
10. **Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy – Submission to Secretary of State**
To consider a report outlining the responses to consultation on the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Schedule of Proposed Changes, and to seek approval to formally submit the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State (copy attached).

11. Committee Minutes – 2012/2013

- (A) To receive the Committee Minutes for the last cycle of meetings (Bound Copy – Cycle 5).
- (B) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Community Committee held on 15 January 2013:-
Tenancy Strategy
Minute No. 331
- (C) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 21 January 2013:-
Concessionary Travel – Provision of All Day Travel
Minute No. 337
- (D) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 13 February 2013:-
Publication of Pay Policy
Minute No. 353
- (E) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 13 February 2013:-
Medium Term Financial Plan – Budget 2013/14
Minute No. 354

12. Setting of the Council Tax – 2013/14

To consider a report on the passing of a formal resolution to determine the Council Tax for the year commencing 1 April 2013 incorporating the Borough, County, Police, Fire and Parish Requirements (copy to follow pending the meeting of the Fire Authority on 21 February 2013).

13. Approval of Leave of Absence

The Chief Executive to report that owing to illness Councillor D. J. Wallace has not been able to attend meetings since 3 September 2012.

Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972 states that "if a Member of a local authority fails throughout a period of 6 consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a Member of the authority".

It is RECOMMENDED that due to ill health, a period of 6 months leave of absence be granted to Councillor D. J. Wallace with effect from 25 February 2013.

Background Papers: Published works

PART 2 (Confidential Items)

Items in this part of the Agenda are exempt from disclosure prior to consideration by the Committee and the press and public may be excluded from the meeting while the items are discussed. Whether the items remain exempt after the meeting will be reviewed in light of the public interest test.

None



CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL AGENDA

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the **CHRISTCHURCH BOROUGH COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber at the Civic Offices, Bridge Street, Christchurch on **TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2013 at 6pm.**

DAVID McINTOSH
Chief Executive and Town Clerk

Friday 15 February 2013

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The Mayor (Councillor Peter R A Hall) will be in the Chair.

PART 1 – Open Matters

1. Prayers

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain, the Reverend Christopher Mann.

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence.

3. Minutes

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the last meeting held on 18 December 2012.

4. Declarations of Interest by Members

To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests from Members in respect of the following items.

5. Announcements

To receive any announcements from the Mayor, Council Leader or Chief Executive and Town Clerk.

6. Questions by Members of the Public

To deal with questions to the Council Leader, Committee Chairmen or Portfolio Holders submitted in writing by members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 9.

Note: Questions by members of the public have to be received by midday 7 working days before the meeting.

7. Petitions by Members of the Public

To deal with petitions or similar communications submitted by members of the public under Council Procedure Rule 22.

Note: Petitions have to be received by 2pm on the day of the Council meeting.

8. Questions by Members of the Council

To deal with questions to the Council Leader, Policy Committee Chairmen or Portfolio Holders submitted in writing by Members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 10.

Note: Questions by Members of the Council have to be received by 10am on the Friday prior to the meeting.

9. Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy – Submission to Secretary of State

To consider a report outlining the responses to consultation on the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Schedule of Proposed Changes, and to seek approval to formally submit the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State (copy attached).

10. Council and Committee Minutes – 2012/2013

(A) To receive the Committee Minutes for the last cycle of meetings (Bound Copy – Volume 5).

(B) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Community Services Committee held on 19 December 2012:-

Tenancy Strategy Minute No. 373

(C) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 6 February 2013:-

Publication of Pay Policy Minute No. 459

(D) To consider the following recommendations arising from the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 6 February 2013:-

Medium Term Financial Plan – Budget 2013/14 Minute No. 461

11. **Setting of Council Tax – 2013/14**

To consider a report on the passing of a formal resolution to determine the Council Tax for the year commencing 1 April 2013 incorporating the Borough, County, Police, Fire and Parish Requirements (copy to follow pending the meeting of the Fire Authority on 21 February 2013).

12. **Deputy Mayor Elect – 2013/14**

The Mayor to announce the nomination for Deputy Mayor in 2013/14 (and subsequently Mayor in 2014/15).

The current Deputy Mayor, the Honorary Freeman Councillor Lofts, will become the Mayor-Designate for 2013/14.

PART 2 (Confidential Items)

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None

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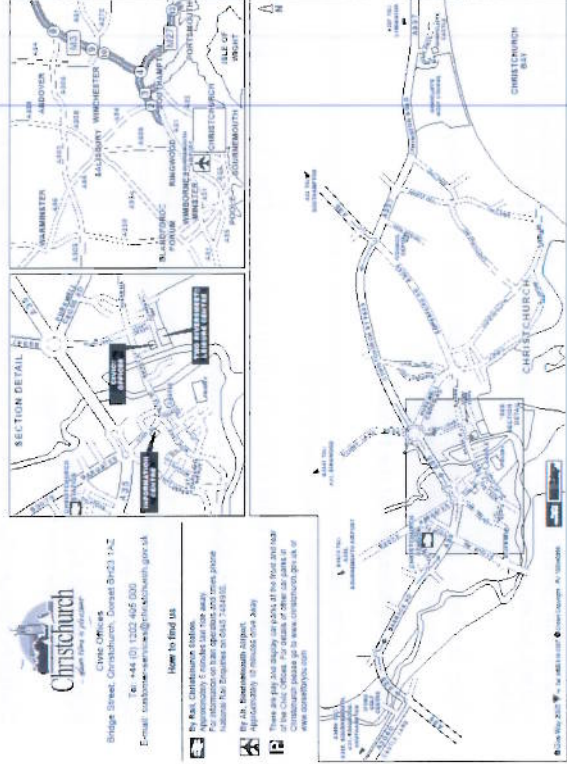
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COUNCIL
26 FEBRUARY 2013
**CHRISTCHURCH AND EAST DORSET CORE STRATEGY –
SUBMISSION TO SECRETARY OF STATE**

1. PURPOSE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Purpose of Report: To inform members of the response to consultation on the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Schedule of Proposed Changes, and to seek member approval to formally submit the Core Strategy to the Secretary of State.

Recommendations: It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Council notes the responses received during the consultation on the Schedule of Proposed Changes, and approves the Submission of the Christchurch and East Dorset Core Strategy to the Secretary of State. Any minor textual amendments required subsequent to this Council meeting to be agreed by the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leaders of the Councils.

Lead Members: Councillor Ray Nottage, Leader Christchurch Borough Council

Councillor Mrs Margaret Phipps, Portfolio Holder for the Environment, Christchurch Borough Council.

Contact Officer: Judith Plumley, Head of Community & Economy.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. The Core Strategy is the primary document in the Local Plan, setting out the Councils' major planning strategy and policies for the period up to 2028.
- 2.2. The Core Strategy is a joint document covering Christchurch and East Dorset. A large proportion of policies within the document will apply in both areas, with others being specific to each Council.
- 2.3. The document has been through 4 significant consultation stages:
 - Issues & Options – March – May 2008
 - Options for Consideration – October 2010-January 2011
 - Pre-Submission – April – June 2012
 - Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Pre-Submission Document – November – December 2012
- 2.4. This represents a total of 40 weeks of consultation, including many exhibitions, roadshow events, meetings and deposit of documents at Council offices, libraries, and online.

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3. CONSULTATION ON THE SCHEDULE OF PROPOSED CHANGES

- 3.1. This latest consultation was limited to a series of changes proposed to the Pre-Submission document, and took place on the advice of the Planning Inspectorate.
- 3.2. Only representations relating to a change proposed in the schedule were accepted as duly made.
- 3.3. A total of 158 people made representations on the schedule of proposed changes with around 500 individual comments received. These are set out in Appendix A, including an officer response. The main issues attracting representations were as follows:
 - Objections that the revised joint approach to housing delivery is inappropriate and results in under provision of housing.
 - Additional 100 houses on the urban extension in Christchurch not supported.
 - Objection to the deletion of the New Neighbourhood at North East Verwood.
 - Removal of reference to allotments north of the railway line at Roeshot Hill not supported as no alternative site is mentioned.
 - Comments both supporting and objecting to changes of wording to the affordable housing policies.
 - Support for Colehill being included in the affordable housing exception sites policy.
 - Objections to reduction in the renewable energy target in new developments being reduced from 15% to 10%.
 - Objections to removal of text from the Vision regarding a new community facility in Christchurch town centre.
 - Concern from English Heritage regarding development near Dudsbury Camp.

4. SUBMISSION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

- 4.1. Section 20 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 requires a Local Planning Authority to submit its Core Strategy to the Secretary of State for his or her approval.
- 4.2. The Secretary of State will appoint an Inspector to conduct an Examination into the soundness of the Core Strategy. This examination will include formal sessions where the Inspector will discuss the major issues of interest to him or her, as well as considering representations received, and possibly asking for further written statements.
- 4.3. All duly made representations at both Pre-Submission stage and to the Schedule of Proposed Changes, will be sent to the Inspector for consideration.
- 4.4. The Examination is likely to take place in the summer.
- 4.5. There is a clear message from the National Planning Policy Framework that local authorities should take a lead role, with their communities, in developing

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planning strategies for their area. Where this does not happen, or such strategies are not based on sound plans, the NPPF cautions local authorities against standing in the way of development and growth. It is important therefore to stress that there are significant benefits to completing the remaining stages of the process and having an adopted Core Strategy.

- Enabling housing and economic growth as part of a sustainable strategy, developed on robust evidence and minimising impact upon the environment.
 - Having a clear plan for delivery of much needed infrastructure, and supported by a CIL charging schedule adopted in line with the Core Strategy.
 - Development of well planned new neighbourhoods, and of key town centres and employment sites including Bournemouth Airport and Ferndown Industrial Estate.
 - At the same time reducing the potential for a planning vacuum, which might lead to "rogue" planning applications for major development in less sustainable locations where environmental impact would be greater.
 - Development of robust new policies securing better quality development through provision of affordable housing, open space, high quality design, and low carbon homes, through the development process.
 - Setting a framework upon which to develop further planning documents, including Supplementary Planning Documents, and for communities to bring forward their own Neighbourhood Plans.
- 4.6 In formal terms, the Submitted Core Strategy comprises the Pre-Submission document from April 2012, together with the Schedule of Proposed Changes from November 2012.
- 4.7 In addition, the following documents are appended to this report (circulated separately):
- Appendix A – Schedule of Representations and Responses received at Schedule of Changes consultation stage.
 - Appendix B – Consolidated version of the Submission document showing any text changed as part of the Schedule of Changes, and any minor typographical changes or corrections.
 - Appendix C – Core Strategy Key Diagram.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Corporate Plan & Council Objectives

- 5.1. As the Core Strategy policies cover almost all aspects of future planning and development within Christchurch and East Dorset, they impact on all the Corporate Plan themes and Council Priorities set out in the shared Corporate Plan for Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council.

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- 5.2. The Core Strategy forms part of the statutory Development Plan, and its production is therefore a requirement of the planning acts. Submission of the document to the Secretary of State represents an important milestone in the preparation of the document.

Environmental

- 5.3. There has been thorough assessment of the environmental impacts of the policy options contained in the Submission document, and these assessments will form part of the documentation to be approved for submission.

Financial and Risk

- 5.4. There are no specific financial implications in this report. There will be costs associated with the Examination, including the employment of a dedicated Programme Officer. These costs can be met from existing budgets.

- 5.5. In term of risk, two matters need to be noted at this stage:

- Firstly, any further amendments to the document made at this stage are likely to require further consultation. No amendments are however proposed by officers.
- Secondly, the Core Strategy is now well advanced and ensuring it is submitted for Examination will be the final stage in its development, hopefully leading to adoption, and therefore establishment of robust new planning policies and strategy for the next 15 years in Christchurch and East Dorset. Further changes will introduce delay and may lead to a risk of major planning applications being received in the absence of an up-to-date planning strategy for the area.

Equalities

- 5.6 An Equalities Impact Assessment of the Core Strategy has been prepared and concludes that the policies and proposals do not have a negative impact.

6. CONCLUSION

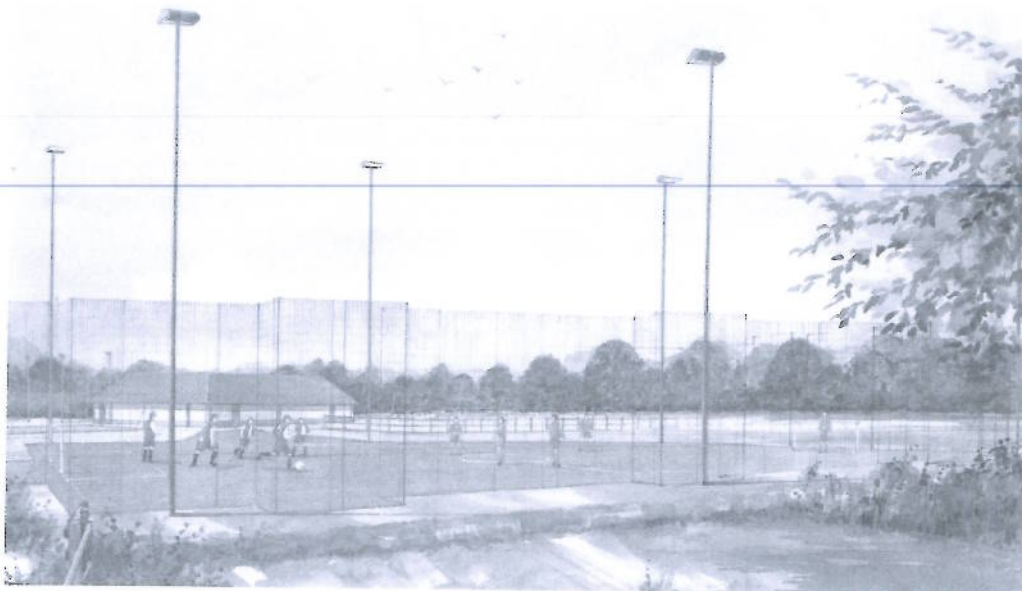
- 6.1 The Core Strategy has now completed its lengthy consultation and development stages and is now ready for Submission to the Secretary of State.

- 6.2 Duly-made representations received at Pre-Submission stage, and to the Schedule of Proposed Changes, will all be sent to the Inspector for consideration as part of the Examination.

- 6.3 Members are now invited to formally endorse the Core Strategy for Submission to the Secretary of State.

Background Papers:

Christchurch & East Dorset Core Strategy: Pre-Submission, April 2012.
Christchurch & East Dorset Core Strategy: Schedule of Proposed Changes to the Pre-Submission Document, November 2012.



New state-of-the-art sports pitch at Potterne Park

Work has progressed well on the construction of a new top-of-the-range 3rd generation artificial grass pitch facility at Potterne Park in Verwood.

The new pitch specification provides a football and rugby small-sided match and training facility replacing the old grass pitch which was unusable at times during wet weather. The new playing surface meets the requirements of football's FIFA two-star standards and the rugby IRB Regulation 22. Work started in September to deliver the 65m by 40m pitch which will perform in a similar way to good-quality natural grass, allowing players to enjoy their football and rugby without compromise all year round. As shown in the illustration, the pitch is fenced and lined to provide alternative layouts and floodlit to allow play to extend into dark evenings. The facility will be maintained and managed by the Verwood Arts and Leisure Association, which is based at The Hub in Verwood.

The works, which were budgeted to cost £244,000, have been funded from the Verwood Developer Contribution Fund. The Council has acted in the role of engineering consultant for the design and tendering through to completion. The pitch has been built by S & C Slatter Ltd who were awarded the contract via a competitive tendering process. The launch of the pitch will take place on **15 December at 10am**, with Bournemouth FC player, Matt Tubbs and Leader of the Council, Cllr Spencer Flower.

East Dorset Local Plan

Work is continuing on preparing the new joint Core Strategy which is part of the Local Plan for Christchurch and East Dorset. A 6-week period of consultation is taking place until 21 December on the proposed changes to the document, before it is submitted to the Secretary of State for approval in March 2013.

The Core Strategy sets out the planning strategy for Christchurch Borough and East Dorset District over the 15 years to 2028. It looks at how much, what type, where and how development should take place and what infrastructure is required to service it, with a vision and objectives for the areas and planning policies to achieve this.

To take part in the consultation or read the documents, please look at www.dorsetforyou.com/348323 or visit your local library, Town Council or District Council Offices, where copies of the document are available to read.

For more information please contact the Policy Planning Team [01202 886201](tel:01202886201)

Consultation Protocol launched

The Council undertakes a number of consultations each year to give residents the opportunity to make their views known about certain issues before a final decision is made by Councillors.

It's not always appropriate or practical to consult on every decision made. We will aim to consult on issues affecting major changes in policy, where large numbers of the community will be affected or where consultation is required by law. The results of consultation will be used to inform the decision-making process and decisions will be made not on sheer number of responses but by weighing all other considerations carefully, as well as the level of public opinion.

A Research Board, comprising officers drawn from Christchurch and East Dorset Councils with the skills, expertise, experience and qualifications in undertaking consultation, has been established. The intention is that the Board will ensure that the quality of research undertaken is of an industry standard and is compliant with any relevant legislation.

The Councils have adopted a Consultation Protocol which sets out the principles by which consultation will be undertaken.

To view the Protocol, please visit www.dorsetforyou.com/consultation/east or call [01202 495132](tel:01202495132) for a copy.



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Vision for the future

The Council will soon be asking for your further views on a document that will contain the vision for the future of the Borough up until the year 2028.

In order for Christchurch to thrive as an economy and a community with a mix of ages and backgrounds, we need to plan for the future and provide more housing. However, the Borough is severely constrained with regard to finding areas for new housing as there are very few urban sites which are vacant and much of Christchurch is susceptible to flooding. There are also restrictions on building within 400 metres of heathland.

A solution to this problem, found in the draft Core Strategy document, is to build an urban extension on the edge of town. The best site for this has been identified at Roeshot Hill off Lyndhurst Road to the north east of Sainsbury's and Stewarts Gardenlands. Naturally, we need to ensure that there is an adequate infrastructure to cope with this increase in housing and that will also form part of the final Core Strategy.

On 5 March, councillors from Christchurch and East Dorset will hold a special meeting when they will give their approval for a consultation on the proposals contained in the draft Core Strategy. The consultation will start on 2 April and will be open for 12 weeks.

The next edition of the Courier will contain full details on the consultation and will give you the opportunity to make your views known.

Christchurch to be part of the Olympic Torch Relay Route

People in Christchurch will be able to welcome the Olympic Flame as it makes its way round the country as part of the London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay.



The Flame will be coming from its overnight stop in Bournemouth to travel through the Borough on Saturday 14 July.

It will be carried by Torchbearers from the local community and everyone will be invited to welcome the Olympic Flame on its journey and share in the excitement of the Relay.

Exact details of the route are being kept under wraps by the torch relay organisers until just before the relay.

The Council will be working with members of the community to come up with a fitting way of welcoming the torch. More details will be given in the next Courier.

Showing up dog fouling problem

Officers from Christchurch Council and Dorset Police have shown up the problem of dog fouling at Purewell Meadows in Christchurch with yellow markers. The problem was identified during meetings of the Purewell PACT (Partners And Communities Together) where residents expressed their disgust at the number of people allowing their dogs to foul the area and watching out for offenders. Any dog caught fouling in the area could be given a £50 Fixed Penalty Notice.



CHRISTCHURCH COURIER

WINTER 2012

From 5pm to 7pm Police and Council officers will be attending locations that regularly generate a lot of complaints such as Stanpit Recreation Ground, Purewell Meadows and Steamer Point. They will be speaking to dog walkers about the importance of picking up and giving out anti-fouling leaflets and free poop scoop bags throughout the week.

Postal and proxy vote signature update

If you have been a postal voter or a proxy voter for some time then the law requires you to provide a fresh signature after five years. If this affects you then you will have been sent a form to complete. Please complete and return it within the six-week deadline given.

If a fresh signature is not received by the deadline, then the postal or proxy vote will be cancelled and you will be notified of the cancellation. Should you wish to vote by proxy or post again then you will need to re-apply.



If you have any queries about this or anything else related to voting, call the elections helpline on 01202 495130.

Surviving Winter Appeal

Dorset Community Foundation is urging people over 60 who receive the winter fuel allowance and who may not need it to donate it to their Surviving Winter Appeal. Since October 2010 Dorset Community Foundation has been at the forefront of what has now become a national campaign to raise awareness of the effects of fuel poverty and social isolation amongst the elderly. The Foundation has particularly striven to make people aware of the high number of preventable cold weather related deaths that occur every winter. Last winter 269 elderly people in Dorset died from preventable illnesses caused by fuel poverty and social isolation. During the same twelve week period 1,600 elderly people were hospitalised.

The Appeal message is particularly targeting affluent people and business leaders in Dorset that can afford to donate part, or all, of their winter fuel allowance to Dorset's own Surviving Winter Appeal. The Appeal guarantees that unwanted winter fuel allowances are specifically used to fund services and support that will help reduce the number of cold weather related deaths in our county.

To learn more about the Appeal, or to make a donation send cheques made payable to: Surviving Winter Appeal, Dorset Community Foundation, 24 St Peter's Road, Bournemouth BH1 2LN.

Credit/Debit Card telephone hotline: 01202 292255



Online: <http://www.dorsetcommunityfoundation.org/how-to-donate/surviving-winter-appeal/>