

## Test Valley Borough Council

### Draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

#### Statement of Consultation

The draft New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreational Mitigation Framework SPD covers the Borough and is to provide advice on how the need for mitigation in relation to recreational impacts on the New Forest international nature conservation designations is to be implemented. This is linked to policy E5 of the adopted Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan 2016.

It is the Council's opinion that the below supporting documents are relevant to the preparation of the draft SPD:

- Adopted Test Valley Borough Revised Local Plan Development Plan Document 2011-2029
- Recreation use of the New Forest SAC/SPA/Ramsar reports by Footprint Ecology
- New Forest Strategic Access Management and Monitoring Strategy report by Footprint Ecology

The consultation period during which representation can be made, Friday 18 October to 12 noon on Friday 15 November 2024, a 4 week period (28 days).

Representations should either be:

- Sent in writing to Planning Policy and Economic Development Service, Test Valley Borough Council, Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 3AJ; or
- Emailed to [planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:planningpolicy@testvalley.gov.uk).

Any representations may be accompanied by a request to be notified at a specific address of adoption of the document as an SPD.

If the draft SPD is adopted, it would supersede the New Forest SPA Mitigation – Interim Framework, which was approved on 1 October 2014.

Hard copies of the draft SPD will be available to view at the Council's Offices during opening hours at Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ and Former Magistrates Court, Church Street, Romsey, as well as local libraries during their opening hours at Andover, North Baddesley, Romsey, Chandler's Ford, and Lordshill. An electronic copy is available via the Council's website at: <https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/supplementary-planning-documents>.

The Council is consulting the following bodies listed below prior to adoption of the document as an SPD. It is considered that this is in accordance with the Council's Statement of Community Involvement in Planning Matters (SCI) 2023 (amended May 2024). Statutory notices have been placed in the Andover Advertiser, Romsey Advertiser, and Hampshire Independent.

### *Specific and General Consultation Bodies*

Specific consultation bodies and general consultation bodies that are considered likely to have an interest in this matter including neighbouring local planning authorities, town and parish councils within Test Valley Borough, and Natural England.

### *Other Interested Parties*

This includes, but is not limited to, Dorset Council, BCP Council, and Forestry England, as well as those individuals and organisations on the Council's Planning Policy consultation database.

### **Sustainability Appraisal**

Section 180 (5) (d) Planning Act 2008 removed the compulsory requirement for a Sustainability Appraisal for a SPD. It is not considered that this SPD would have a significant social, environmental or economic effect, therefore this document has not been subject to assessment under The Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 (as amended).