

Test Valley Borough Council
New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreation
Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document
Adoption Statement

Test Valley Borough Council adopted the New Forest International Nature Conservation Designations: Recreation Mitigation Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) on 15 January 2025.

The adoption statement is required by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and Regulation 14 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

The main purpose of the SPD is to guide decision makers and developers on the circumstances when mitigation will be needed for recreational impacts on the New Forest international nature conservation designations and what this could comprise. It provides guidance on the application of the adopted Local Plan (2016) policy in respect of biodiversity.

A draft of the SPD was subject to public consultation in line with Regulation 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended) between Friday 18 October and Friday 15 November 2024. The adopted document was modified from the draft version subject to consultation, including to take account of representations received. Further changes were made to update and improve the document. Details of the comments received and the council's response to them are available on the council's website.

Right to challenge

Any person with sufficient interest in the decision to adopt the SPD may apply to the High Court for permission to apply for judicial review of that decision. Any such application must be made promptly and in any event not later than three months after the date on which the supplementary planning document was adopted.

Availability of documents

A copy of the SPD, the schedule of comments received and officer responses, and this adoption statement can be accessed on the council's website:

<https://www.testvalley.gov.uk/planning-services/planningpolicy/supplementary-planning-documents>

Paper copies are also available for inspection at Test Valley Borough Council offices during normal opening hours at the following locations:

- Beech Hurst, Weyhill Road, Andover, SP10 3AJ
- Former Magistrates' Court, Church St, Romsey, SO51 8AQ

In accordance with the Regulations, copies are also available during library opening hours at local libraries in Andover, Romsey, North Baddesley, Chandler's Ford and Lordshill.

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