

New Milton Neighbourhood Plan

Summary of Regulation 16 consultation process

A joint consultation as set out within Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 was undertaken by New Forest District Council and New Forest National Park Authority between 9th September and 21st October 2019. The two local planning authorities jointly made press releases to local media outlets and directly emailed the statutory bodies listed in Table 1 below.

The draft New Milton Neighbourhood Plan, Consultation Statement, Basic Conditions Statement and other supporting information was available online to view by members of the public as per the requirements set out within Regulation 15 Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.

Paper copies and representation forms were made available at the New Milton Town Council offices in New Milton, and additionally at the New Forest District Council offices in Lyndhurst and New Forest National Park Authority offices in Lymington.

Fourteen representations were received by post or email to New Forest District Council. The responses are briefly summarised in Table 2 below.

Table 1 Statutory bodies contacted directly for Reg 16 consultation

Hampshire County Council
Marchwood Parish Council
Fawley Parish Council
Denny Lodge Parish Council
Hound Parish Council
Southampton City Council
The Coal Authority
Homes England
Natural England
Environment Agency
Historic England
Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
Highways England
The Marine Management Organisation
CTIL (Vodafone and Telefonica)
EE, T-Mobile and Orange
Three
BT Openreach
West Hampshire CCG
National Grid
SSE
SGN
Southern Water

Office of Police and Crime Commissioner
Hampshire Local Nature Partnership
Solent Local Enterprise
New Forest Business Partnership
Hythe Alive
Citizens Advice Bureau
Waterside Cancer Support Centre
Hythe Pier Heritage Association
Age Concern New Forest
Dibden Allotments Fund
Handy Trust
Solent Mind
Two Saints
New Forest Disability Information Service
Community First New Forest
Hythe & District Voluntary Car Group
Cornerstone Hythe URC
St John's/St Anne's
St Andrews/All Saints The Parish of Dibden
Waterside Methodist Church
St Michael's Catholic Church
Horrill Day Care Centre
Associated British Ports

Christchurch & East Dorset Councils
Wiltshire Council
Dorset County Council
Eastleigh Borough Council
Isle of Wight Council
Friends of the New Forest
Test Valley Borough Council

Table 2: Summary of Reg 16 consultation responses

Consultee	Summary of response
1. Environment Agency	Policies NM12, NM13: Support for enhancements/improvements to the natural environment. No formal objections
2. Hampshire County Council (as lead local flood authority)	Various comments and suggestions to improve clarity on flooding or drainage matters
3. Highways England	No comments to make
4. Historic England	No comments to make
5. Resident 1	Various comments on family housing, pollution and the living environment, parking, retail and employment opportunities
6. Resident 2	Policy NM7: Objects to proposed footpath link and the ambiguity of the area referred to as a cultural/arts hub.
7. National Grid	Comment: no record of National Grid transmission apparatus in the NDP area
8. Natural England	No formal objections. Various supportive comments in relation to habitat mitigation and the promotion of greenspace and biodiversity enhancements, with some advisory points or clarifications suggested.
9. New Forest National Park Authority	Comments relating to improving clarity of the text in some areas, updating relating to the now-adopted status of the NFNPA local plan, and to monitoring.
10. New Milton Sand and Ballast	Comments and/or objections in relation to aspects of Policy NM3 Caird Avenue (and related aspects of other policies affecting the site - NM12), and to Policy NM19

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11. Penny Farthing Homes	Various objections relating to bringing the NDP text into alignment with the recently adopted NFNPA local plan and with the draft NFDC local plan incorporating Main Modifications. Objections to the availability or capacity of some sources of housing supply identified in the town centre regeneration area.
12. Retirement Housing Consortium ("the consortium") comprising Renaissance Retirement, Pegasus Life, McCarthy and Stone and Churchill Retirement Living	Objections to Policy NM2 and to the NDP as a whole more generally, relating to failure to positively address housing for older people.
13. Sport England	General response on addressing sports needs with no specific reference to the New Milton NDP.
14. Theatres Trust	Comments on lack of reference to the Forest Arts Centre and the absence of a policy protecting community and cultural facilities.