

Planning Strategy
Planning and Development,
Fareham Borough Council
Civic Offices
Civic Way
Fareham
Hampshire
PO16 7AZ

Beechcroft House
Vicarage Lane
Curdrige
Hampshire
SO32 2DP

e feedback@hiwwt.org.uk
t 01489 774400
www.hiwwt.org.uk

Sent via email only to :
planningpolicy@fareham.gov.uk

4th March 2015

Respondent number: WP632

Dear Planning Policy Team

Response to Consultation on the :

- **Schedule of Main Modifications to the Welborne plan Submission version (June 2014) dated January 2015**
- **Schedule of the Minor Modifications to the Welborne plan Submission version (June 2014) dated January 2015**
- **Sustainability Appraisal/Strategic Environmental Assessment and Habitat Regulations Assessment for the Welborne plan modifications, second addendum, dated January 2015**

Thank you for informing the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust of this consultation.

We are disappointed that no changes (either minor or major) have been made in relation to the representations the Wildlife Trust has previously made to the examination in public and to yourselves.

We have stated throughout our representations that we do not believe that the provision of SANGS is the correct approach to mitigating the recreational impacts on the Solent coast arising from residential development at Welborne.

We found that the additional information supplied by Fareham Borough Council to the Examination (Examination document CD-41) backed up our concerns. As explained in our submission to this additional information, this demonstrated that even if SANGS are provided residents will still go to the coast.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust have previously expressed a wish to see Fareham Borough Council request that the full 100 % of the Welborne residential development contribute towards the strategic access management measures set out through the Solent Recreation Mitigation Partnership (SRMP). If SANGS are to be provided then we would expect these to be in addition to the SRMP contribution. We still believe that this should be the case.

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust have also previously expressed our concerns over the use of Dash wood as a public open space or SANGS. We wish to see this site removed from being used for public open space or for SANG provision. It is disappointing and concerning that this site still remains included as SANG. Whilst it remains in the Welborne plan as a SANG, we believe the plan is unsound on this point. It will result in a net loss of biodiversity which is against the NPPF and National policy.

In conclusion

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust find that the Welborne plan remains unsound despite the modifications (both major and minor).

In our judgment the Welborne plan will not be effective in preventing adverse impacts on the European designated sites or the local designated SINC sites. This makes it unsound as it will be against national policy which requires no net loss of biodiversity. In relation the European designated sites, it will also be against the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010 (as amended).

Yours Sincerely



**Dr Pauline Holmes
Senior Planning Ecologist (Policy)**



Direct line
Main Switchboard: 01489 774400