

Neighbourhood Plan notes

Theme

Considering the protection and enhancement of wildlife areas and measures to support biodiversity.

The plan is about the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues. The plan itself cannot deal with non-planning matters although non-planning issues could be included as a supplement or annex.

Local authorities have a duty to have regard to conserving biodiversity. Conserving biodiversity can also include restoration and/or enhancement to a population or habitat. This is something that is fully supported and our Plan integrates this principle throughout its content. (Possibly it expands on it in an Annex).

The Plan

- Aims and Vision - include a statement on biodiversity in the area.
- Infrastructure - integrate references and examples when referring to public and green spaces and their enhancement.
- Policy - integrate references and examples on the quality of the environment; the natural environment such as landscape, geo-diversity, trees, allotments and open spaces; mitigating the the impact of climate change; alleviating flooding; improving air quality; providing space for recreation and enhancing the natural environmental e.g. wildlife habitats, tree planting and food growing initiatives.
- Other themes - sustainability
- Plan- Sustainable development
 - - Support biodiversity
 - - Possible environmental assessment

Specifics for possible inclusion.

Although outside the Plan area, make reference to the following because of their importance and impact in the plan area:-

- Titchfield Haven - a site of special scientific interest brackets (SSSI)
- Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection area (SPA).Relating to birds including internationally important assemblage of waterfowl
- Solent and Southampton Water Ramsar Site - a wetlands site of international importance (RAMSAR)

Titchfield Haven is part of both the Solent and Southampton water schemes

Main areas

- Meon and Canal/Navigation valley
- Abbey and surrounding area
- Agriculture areas mainly to the south and west of the village
- Other areas e.g. gardens, allotments, play areas, roadside verges.

- Overview of current land use
- Organic farms?

Priority habitats and protected species

Broadleaved Woodland

Veteran trees

Water courses

Wetlands

Flower rich meadow/ grass land

Heathland

Mature hedgerows

Bats, all species

Dormouse, hazels or common

Breeding birds

Amphibians

Water vole (note reintroduction to Meon)

Badger

Crayfish - white clawed

Reptiles

The great crested newt

(Wild birds)

(Protected plants)

(Invertebrates)

(Freshwater fish)

(Natterjack toads)

Also consider

Bio. field edges

Tree planting to help absorb traffic pollution e.g. outside schools

Reduction of notifiable weeds, ragwort, dock, thistle etc

Flooding

Development of sites- sustainable, SUDS, water run-offs, standards of installation etc

Examples of enhancement for new sites and where appropriate existing areas:

New footpaths

Hedgerows

Ponds

Planting trees

Native plants in landscapes

Swift and bat boxes

Lighting to encourage wildlife

Green roof to buildings

Air-quality

Note the combination of muck spreading (ammonia) and traffic pollution (nitrous oxide) is a problem

Local shoreline not in Plan area - query reference to shore debris and discarded fishing tackle

Bridleways

Follow up

*The Assets of Community Value (England) Regulations 2012. Right to bid.

*SANG-Suitable Alternative Green Space

*SAC -Special Areas of Conservation

*LNR -Local Nature Reserve

Non statutory

*SINC-Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (Nationally known as Local Wildlife Sites)

*Sites listed in the Ancient Woodland inventory

*Road verges of ecological importance

*Sites listed in the Solent Waders and Brent Goose Strategy 2010

*The Solent Recreation Migration Partnership

*Bird Aware Solent campaign

*Landlines: why we need a strategic approach to land

Things to check

- Availability of ordinance survey aerial data
- Google maps

Acronyms and other abbreviations in use in natural environment texts

*PROW -Public Rights of Way

*ECOSA-Organisation carrying out bat and ecological surveys in Hampshire and Gloucester

*EIA -Organisation protecting the environment with intelligence

Sources of information (in no particular order)

Magic geographical information about the natural environment

Magic Partners

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

Historic England

Natural England

Forestry Commission

Marine management organisation

Landscape Institute

Hampshire Biodiversity Centre

Environmental Agency

The Solent Recreation Migration Partnership

Bird Aware Solent campaign

Landlines: why we need a strategic approach to land

Titchfield Trust

HCC Countryside Service + HCC Ecology

Farmers Weekly

Habitats regulation

NFU

HCC Biodiversity check list

Policy DSP14 Supporting sites for Brent geese and Waders

NPPF related to agricultural land classification

Natural England's technical info. note 049-See also NPPF

National trails (footpaths)

www.natureonthemap.org.uk

www.magic.gov.uk Sites with authoritative geo.info about the natural environment

Wildlife Trust

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