

Friends of Ringwood Forest

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Welcome . . .

. . . to the first Newsletter of 2012. The Campaign Office is open again after a break in campaigning during the holiday season and so we would now like to wish all our readers a belated happy and healthy New Year.

Unfortunately we have to start this year with an apology for the delay in the publication of this edition which was due to technical difficulties which have been fixed.

Club31 – Closed

By now you will know that Club31 closed at the end of last year. The news was greeted with sadness by the campaign team because we have lost a valuable local amenity and the direct support given to the campaign of a venue for supporters to meet regularly.

Do you wish to have a place to meet up with other supporters regularly? Please let us know your thoughts by emailing notoph@btinternet.com.

Christchurch Borough and East Dorset Councils' Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation

Attached to this newsletter's covering message you will find an extract from the above Core Strategy showing proposed development plans for Verwood.

The details will already be familiar to people who commented previously on the Core Strategy, readers of local press items and

members of the Association of Verwood Residents (AVR), which leads on the local campaign, and the Verwood Local Action Group (LAG).

FoRF has an interest in the proposed development area near to Forestside as shown in the extract maps.

We are supporting local residents who wish the Councils to consider using the development to improve local amenity space including better access to Ringwood Forest.

We support the AVR in lobbying for all properties which may be built locally, or within economic supply distance of the proposed Purple Haze quarry and landfill, to be eco friendly and with zero carbon impact. Achieving zero carbon developments should reduce the demand for soft sand to be mined and exported from Purple Haze to Dorset.

Somewhat belatedly, information about how you can have your say on the Core Strategy is included below. More information about the meeting being held on 1st February 2012 for East Dorset residents is [available online](#).

Once again, please accept our apologies for the unavoidable delay in getting this information to you.

Finally –

The [FoRF Committee](#) holds its inaugural meeting on Monday, 30th January 2012. We will discuss newsletter publication frequency in this quieter campaign period prior to the Public Examination of HCC's plans getting underway in late Spring. Are there any specific items you wish us to consider? If so, please let us know by emailing notoph@btinternet.com.

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Christchurch Borough and East Dorset District Councils' Core Strategy Pre-Submission Consultation

Notice of Committee Meetings to discuss the Pre-Submission Core Strategy

Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 6pm
Special Community Services Committee (Christchurch Borough Council)
Council Chamber, Civic Offices,
Bridge Street, Christchurch. BH23 1AZ

Wednesday 1st February 2012 at 6pm
Special Policy and Resources Committee (East Dorset District Council)
The Barrington Theatre, Penny's Walk, Ferndown. BH22 9TH

You have previously commented on the Core Strategy and wished to be kept informed of the progress of the document. The Core Strategy will contain the broad development planning strategy for the area until the year 2028.

I am writing to advise you of two special Committee meetings organised to allow the public and community groups to address elected councillors on the subject of the Core Strategy Pre-Submission Document. The agenda for the meetings will be available from 17th January 2012 and will give the detail upon which the Councils will be consulting. It is anticipated, however, that you or other community representatives may wish to comment on issues under the following headings:

- The Airport
- Allotments / Open Space
- Economy / Employment
- Environment
- Housing
- Proposed New Neighbourhoods (EDDC)/Urban Extension (CBC)
- Transport / Infrastructure

The Councillors will not be making decisions at these meetings; the purpose of the meetings is to allow elected members to listen to the views of stakeholders and the community before the Pre Submission Consultation Document is finally approved for public consultation at a Joint Council meeting on 5th March 2012.

Due to time constraints, speakers will be allocated a 3 minute slot in which to address the meeting and there will be 20 such 3 minute slots at each Committee meeting. It is suggested that representatives with a common issue may wish to combine together in order to make their points more succinctly. We cannot guarantee that everyone who wishes to speak will be able to do so, but we will try to make sure that all of the themes

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raised are given the opportunity. Slots will **not** be allocated on a first come-first-served basis but with the aim of being representative of the areas of interest. For the same reason, organisations or individuals may speak at only one meeting.

To enable us to draw up a list of speakers which is representative of the local communities and issues please register your interest to speak by contacting the following members of staff:

Christchurch

Vanessa Ricketts, Democratic Services Officer at Christchurch Council
v.ricketts@christchurch.gov.uk 01202 495141

East Dorset

Sarah Culwick, Committee Services Manager at East Dorset District Council
sculwick@christchurchandeastdorset.gov.uk 01202 639174

The deadline for requesting a slot in which to speak at Christchurch is noon on Friday 20th January 2012, and at East Dorset, the deadline is noon on Friday 27th January 2012. Those who have been allocated a slot will be notified on the Monday after each deadline. Those people who are successful in obtaining a slot to speak will be asked to produce a written copy of what they intend to say when they arrive at the meeting. This will also ensure that an accurate record of their comments is included in the minutes of the meeting. Those who are unsuccessful in obtaining a slot will be able to make their views known through the normal 12 week consultation process which follows.

The Core Strategy Pre Submission document will be ratified for consultation by a Joint Full Council meeting of Christchurch Borough Council and East Dorset District Council on Monday 5th March 2012 at 6pm at The Village Hotel in Bournemouth. Public speaking **will not** be allowed at this meeting.

Following this meeting, the Core Strategy Pre Submission Consultation will begin on Monday 2nd April 2012 running for a period of 12 weeks until Monday 25th June 2012.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully

Judith Plumley
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Christchurch and East Dorset Partnership