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Purple Haze Consultation: UPDATE

The Public Hearing concerning the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (HM&WP), which includes the allocation of the Purple Haze site, was adjourned on 15th June 2012 for reasons explained previously in [Newsletter 18](#) - the main reason being the Planning Inspector's directions for changes to be made to enable the Plan to be considered Sound.

The major & minor changes to the Plan, requested both prior to and during the Hearing, are still being worked on in detail. The major changes will require a further and formal public consultation of 8 weeks duration.

All 5 Hampshire Planning Authorities will agree their approach to further consultation on the Plan changes at individual Council meetings being held during September 2012.

Hampshire County Council held their special Cabinet meeting on Monday, 10th September to cover this part of the democratic process – click [here](#) for more information about the meeting arrangements.

The Cabinet meeting was open to the Public and deputations had been invited. The Campaign Team decided not to attend the Cabinet meeting nor did we submit a written deputation. Our extensive evidence regarding Purple Haze had been submitted & examined and the major changes required at this stage (see the link provided below for details) neither change nor impact on the position regarding Purple Haze.

We have therefore noted, with very deep regret, that for now it remains a site allocated within the Plan.

The Cabinet Report considered on 10th September 2012 has been published – click [here](#) to view it online together with the [Schedule of Draft Changes](#).

Once all the Hampshire Authorities have agreed their approach, the major changes will be made public for an 8 week public consultation period on their Soundness. At this stage the Campaign Team will review the changes for impact on the Purple Haze site proposals and will publish guidance on what we could do next.

Only after this additional public consultation period has been completed, and the responses reviewed, will the Public Hearing resume. The best estimate is that this will not happen until early next year.

After the Public Hearing cycle has been completed the Planning Inspector will write his report. It is at this stage that we will know for certain whether or not Purple Haze is to remain as an allocated site within Hampshire's Plan.

So, frustratingly, we still have a long way to go before a decision about Purple Haze is known.

The Campaign Team continues to consider and follow up on all angles to influence the right outcome and we monitor this activity at least monthly during FoRF Committee meetings. We will certainly let people know when further action can be usefully taken.

In the meantime we are very grateful that you have stayed with us and continue to provide us with essential support & feedback, even during the current "quiet" periods – we can't do it without you. Sincere thanks go to you all.

In the Press – Salisbury Journal

The above activity has been covered by the Press – click [here](#) for the detail and to also see the supportive position of East Dorset District Council.

Annual General Meeting

Thanks also to everyone who told us about their views on when the 1st FoRF Annual General Meeting (AGM) should be held and also to those who offered ideas on how the meeting should be managed and what we should include. Your feedback has been very helpful.

We are finalising arrangements for the AGM to be held in either late October 2012 or early November 2012. Please look out for a special newsletter to be published soon which will cover the arrangements and also provide information about how you can get involved.

Your feedback, comments and/or questions will be welcomed by the campaign team – please email us at info@forf.org.uk