



# Friends of Ringwood Forest

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### EDDC has played a blinder!

East Dorset District Council (EDDC) has strongly challenged Natural England (Hampshire)'s approach towards Purple Haze in a letter that really tells it like it is. Please go to <http://spencerflower.wordpress.com/> to read the Leader's blog and access this important letter which we welcome.

### FoRF Draft Response . . . News Bites

**Your Feedback** - a big "Thank You" to everyone who contacted us after the FoRF Draft response to Hampshire's Plan Changes/DCLG Guidance consultation was the subject of our previous newsletter:  
<http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/Newsletters/Newsletter22.pdf>.

We were delighted to receive your responses, including those from supporters with professional, relevant expertise whose comments will add clarity and gravity to our formal response. You are all contributing to the campaign's aim to get Purple Haze out of Hampshire's Plan.

The FoRF DRAFT response is available online for public scrutiny & comment by 12th December 2012 at [http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/HMWP\\_Mods\\_DCLGConsultationForFResponseFINALDRAFT271\\_112.pdf](http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/HMWP_Mods_DCLGConsultationForFResponseFINALDRAFT271_112.pdf). Feedback and comments will be welcomed by the Campaign Team at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk).

Hampshire's Consultation closes on 17th December 2012 at 5:00 pm.

**Informing MPs** – those MPs who have constituents within the Dorset and Hampshire County Council boundaries have been told about the campaign's draft response . . . maybe they will take notice and also ask some questions?

**Press Release** - we circulated a Press Release last week which outlined what we will be telling Hampshire later this month. It generated a number of positive and welcomed responses from our press & media contacts including from the Echo, the Salisbury Journal and ForestFM.

The Salisbury Journal story, under the headline "**New challenge over Purple Haze plans**", is available online at  
[http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/10089727.New\\_challenge\\_over\\_Purple\\_Haze\\_plans/](http://www.salisburyjournal.co.uk/news/10089727.New_challenge_over_Purple_Haze_plans/)

The Echo story entitled "**"Join our Moors Valley Quarry fight: Protestors to put plans online"**" is also available online at  
[http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/10092170.Join\\_our\\_Moors\\_Valley\\_Quarry\\_fight\\_Protestors\\_to\\_put\\_plans\\_online/](http://www.bournemouthecho.co.uk/news/10092170.Join_our_Moors_Valley_Quarry_fight_Protestors_to_put_plans_online/)

Read the original Press Release on our News Page at  
<http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/Newsletters/PressRelease28112012CampaignRespondstoHampshirePlanConsultation.pdf>.

**Council activity** - Verwood Town Council (VTC) has agreed to respond to Hampshire referring particularly to the issues around soft sand quality at Purple Haze and Change DC38 affecting Buffer Zones.

This is good news for the campaign - as is learning that elected representatives have been actively lobbying both East Dorset District & Dorset County Councils to also respond to Hampshire on issues we have highlighted.

More details of the VTC response will be included in the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 4th December 2012 which are yet to be published at  
[http://www.verwood.gov.uk/Minutes\\_2012.htm](http://www.verwood.gov.uk/Minutes_2012.htm).

We also understand that **St Leonards & St Ives Parish Council** may inform Hampshire they also support the campaign's Soundness arguments.

### Works on the B3081 . . .

We have asked a Verwood Town Councillor why what appears to be an electricity transformer has been installed next to one of the Moors Valley car park points along the B3081 which is used mainly by local dog walkers. A channel for possibly cables or duct has been dug across land on the opposite side of the road.

We had not been advised beforehand of the works or their purpose. We understand that questions will now be asked and we will let you know the outcome.



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### Thinking of Others . . .

Business supporters of the campaign have been standing up publicly for people in need of help at what can be a particularly difficult time of year, especially for those who have very little by way of shelter, food, clothing, health support or social contact.

[Irvings Estate Agents](#), who generously sponsored the campaign's "No Quarry, No Dump" signage, have drawn attention to the Help the Homeless campaign 2012. Find out what they are doing to help practically & locally at  
<http://www.irvingandsons.co.uk/GenericPage.aspx?type=OurOffice&key=community>

. . . and [2able](#), the local internet marketing gurus who so kindly manage the campaign's website and other communications channels free of charge, are supporting Crisis at Christmas. See -  
[http://community.crisis.org.uk/xmasappeal?utm\\_source=Test+list&utm\\_campaign=75416530c7-Xmas\\_2012-12&utm\\_medium=email](http://community.crisis.org.uk/xmasappeal?utm_source=Test+list&utm_campaign=75416530c7-Xmas_2012-12&utm_medium=email)

Finally –

### Keep in touch via Facebook . . . NO ACCOUNT required

A reminder . . . we use Facebook from time to time to share news affecting the campaign. This is often in addition to information we publish via the FoRF newsletters.

To see what we, and other people, are saying about the campaign you **DO NOT NEED a Facebook account**. Just click on (and then bookmark, perhaps?) our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/No-2-Purple-Haze/144871228914877> which is open to everyone to view.

If you do have a Facebook account, then please "Like" and share the campaign's page. Thank you.

*Your feedback, comments and/or questions will be welcomed by the Campaign Team – please email us at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk)*