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Response submitted . . .

The FoRF response to Hampshire's Plan Changes & DCLG Consultation was submitted on 12th December 2012. It is available online [here](#).

What happens next . . .

It's now a waiting game . . . Hampshire will forward all submissions to the Planning Inspector who has driven this Public Consultation. He then reviews and considers them.

If the Planning Inspector requires it, the Public Examination, adjourned in June 2012, will be re-opened at public sessions to be held between 11th & 13th March 2013. The Inspector's Report will be published some time afterwards.

It is only on publication of the Inspector's Report that will we know whether or not Purple Haze remains in Hampshire's Minerals & Waste Plan.

After that the Hampshire Authorities consider the Inspector's Report. Their Council members will eventually decide their approach to adopting the Plan. There is likely to be more than one possible approach.

While the bad decision could be made to keep Purple Haze in the Plan for primarily soft sand extraction and then a landfill, no work can be undertaken on site until a Planning Application has been approved. That will entail considerable further public consultation both before and during the process. We will have our say.

What you can do NOW . . .

You may have decided not to submit a Consultation response. If, however, you wish to endorse the arguments¹ presented by FoRF to Hampshire on your behalf then emails can be sent to planning.policy@hants.gov.uk by **NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm Monday 17th December 2012** . . . and it would be

¹ Summarised in an earlier newsletter available at <http://www.no2purplehaze.co.uk/Documents/Newsletters/Newsletter22.pdf>

great if you will let us know at info@forf.org.uk if you decide to do so.

Thank You . . .

. . . to all FoRF supporters for staying with the campaign during 2012 while we focused mainly on the democratic process, i.e. on the Public Examination and subsequent Changes/DCLG consultation. There has therefore been little by way of public activity driven, in the main, by the need to use what scarce resource has been available in those areas where we could build campaign impact.

Without a doubt that aim was achieved and demonstrated in countless ways – great press coverage, local companies providing sponsorship, help & services free of charge, industry & environment experts volunteering their knowledge & experience, publicly declared Council support, unexpected freebies from a top London law firm and from international hydro/geological consultants, and much, much more.

Together we have matured into an organisation that is now listened to and whose opinion on matters concerning Purple Haze is considered by others.

And all this has been achieved through the leadership of a small group of hard working volunteers who are supported unstintingly by their families & friends and who would never claim to be planning, quarrying or landfill experts.

Thank You ALL!! Let's all look forward to success for the campaign in 2013.

Finally –

The Campaign Team would like to wish you, and those you care about, a peaceful and joyous Christmas time and the prospect of a happy and healthy New Year.

Soon we will be taking a short break until later in January 2013 when we will be in touch again. We will tell you, however, should anything crucial crop up in the meantime.

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