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## 1 PI's Report – publication date announced

Everyone on HCC's contact list will be notified either by email or post (depending on their preferences) when the Planning Inspector's Report is published on **19<sup>th</sup> June 2013**. For the details, please go to <http://www3.hants.gov.uk/mineralsandwaste.htm>.

You may not be on HCC's contact list so as soon as we have the website address we will share it with you and Verwood Town Council has kindly offered to provide access to the Report for those without internet access.

The first place we will publish the website link will be on the campaign's Facebook (FB) page - see below how to access the page.

## 2 FoRF's Facebook page

We are keen to keep people informed and therefore use Facebook (FB) as a quick & effective means of sharing news and for gathering opinions - for example, the action which could be taken by the Hampshire Authorities once the PI's Report has been published was recently discussed on the FB page.

The campaign's FB page is open to anyone with internet access at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/No-2-Purple-Haze/144871228914877>.

A FB account is not required. There is therefore no requirement to record personal details to see what the Campaign Team & FoRF supporters are saying.

Are you a FB user? To find us please search for "No 2 Purple Haze" and then Like & Share our page.

## 3 FoRF AGM & Minutes

A big "Thank You" to the 44+ supporters who attended the inaugural FoRF AGM held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013. Given the subject matter (we do recognise that AGM's can be very dry) we were pleased with the turnout and were glad that people got involved with discussions (which did get lively at times) and asked challenging questions.

The meeting lasted just over an hour after which a number of us adjourned to The Monmouth for some very welcome, albeit brief, relaxation.

The covering email for this newsletter provides a link to the AGM Minutes.

## 4 FoRF Committee Vacancies

The campaign team needs a good cross section of the community to be involved in driving FoRF's activities. Without a strong & diverse team willing to share their ideas we will not be ready & able to face whatever challenges may lie ahead once a decision regarding Purple Haze has been made . . . and we have vacancies following the AGM.

Could you spare one hour a month (at most) to attend fairly informal meetings with like-minded & friendly people and to read/respond to any emails?

Even if you have no previous experience but are keen to help please let us know at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk) and do include a contact number if you would like us to call to talk about any related questions or concerns you may have.

## 5 FoRF Accounts & Audit

The FoRF Accounts for financial years 2011/12 & 2012/13 have now been audited. Although the Auditor's Report is awaited, we have been told there are no significant issues.

Updated Statements of Account for both years will therefore be published after the Committee has met with the Auditor (Bob Wilmott) and agreed the changes.

Finally -



### 6 Purple Haze lease for sale

It has come as no great surprise, nor are we unduly alarmed though we could all question the timing, to learn that the lease for the Purple Haze site and adjoining land in Dorset has been put up for sale by the Somerley Estate.

Advice from industry experts who are campaign supporters is that the sale is a normal commercial activity of little cost to the Estate which could be interpreted as Somerley simply testing the waters ahead of any decision by the Hampshire Authorities.

We also believe it means that Somerley are unlikely to have a preferred operator lined up and ready to go should Purple Haze remain in Hampshire's Plan.

Where we can all draw our own conclusions – and we have to say this before you all remind us – is around the erection of the substantial transformer alongside the B3081 and next to the Purple Haze site. Was it really to service an estate property or good planning and/or a major presumption ahead of Hampshire's decision? We may never know.

We shall certainly follow up on the implications of the offer by the Somerley Estate of the use of Dorset land to Dorset County Council (DCC). We appreciate, however, that this is also usual commercial practice and so we are not alarmed it has happened. We also know that DCC will be legally obliged to consider Somerley's offer as part of developing their minerals/waste plan.

We shall, however, have to see how valid earlier statements prove to be that DCC won't locate a minerals site "near to Verwood". For now, and until we have the information we have yet to request from DCC, the outcome of Hampshire developing their Minerals & Waste Plan and the fate of Purple Haze in particular is our primary concern.

Details of the lease sale are available from the following sites:

- <http://www.carterjonas.co.uk/en-gb/our-services/minerals/sites-for-sale.aspx>
- [http://www.estategazette.com/propertylink/advert/land\\_at\\_purple\\_haze-verwood\\_road\\_ringwood\\_bh24\\_2dd-3461173.htm](http://www.estategazette.com/propertylink/advert/land_at_purple_haze-verwood_road_ringwood_bh24_2dd-3461173.htm)

- <http://www.propertypilot.co.uk/search/detail.aspx?id=169+14112752>

If you are interested in seeing the Carter Jonas brochure and wish to avoid sharing your personal contact details with them, just let us know at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk) and we'll provide a PDF copy.

All questions or concerns regarding this item can be directed to the campaign team at [info@forf.org.uk](mailto:info@forf.org.uk).

*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)*