

Annex 2 to Cabinet Report on Sustainability Appraisal Scoping Report for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople

	Respondent	Summary of Representation	Response and Changes
1	Marine Management Organisation (MMO)	<p>Summary of MMO’s responsibilities and remit provided for reference. Including that the MMO is the marine planning authority for England responsible for preparing marine plans for English inshore and offshore waters; with the landward extent being the mean high water spring mark; this will overlap with terrestrial plans which generally extent to the mean low water spring mark.</p> <p>The South Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans were published on 17 July 2018, becoming a material consideration for public authorities with decision making functions.</p>	<p>Comments noted. The South Inshore and Offshore Marine Plans are referred to within Appendix 3 of the Scoping Report.</p>
2	Highways England	Reviewed consultation document and have no comments.	Noted. No change required.
3	Southern Water	No comments at this stage.	Noted. No change required.
4	Melchet Park and Plaitford Parish Council	<p>Paragraph 5.3 – definition of Gypsies and Travellers vague and depends on lifestyle choices. No definition of what constitutes ‘nomadic habit of life’. No definition of how long a person must have practiced a ‘nomadic habit’ to qualify as a Gypsy or Traveller. Term ‘have ceased to travel temporarily’ too vague and ‘temporarily’ should be defined.</p>	<p>The definition included within the scoping report is that which is set out nationally in planning guidance. It is not within the Council’s gift to amend or revise the definition.</p> <p>Gypsy and Traveller families may have chosen to reside in bricks and mortar because, for example, a lack of supply of sites. The need arising from those in</p>

		<p>Paragraph 5.23 – refers to Gypsies and Travellers living in bricks and mortar housing – how does this meet the requirement for a ‘nomadic habit of life’.</p> <p>Paragraph 6.9 – how can anyone who lives and works at the same location be deemed to have a ‘nomadic habit of life’?</p> <p>Paragraph 9.3, bullet 5 – has TVBC met the accommodation needs of all other residents in the Borough or are Gypsies and Travellers being signed out for preferential treatment? Would presumably be in contravention of any Equality Act.</p>	<p>B&M is recognised in case law as a source of need which has to be considered when calculating future requirements.</p> <p>The Council has to aim to provide sufficient homes for all its community, this is primarily undertaken through the local plan process in meeting its ‘objectively assessed housing need’.</p>
5	Natural England	<p>Welcome the reference to and table of European designated sites. Recommend that the report makes reference to the Council’s mitigation strategy for New Forest.</p> <p>The ambition for conserving and enhancing biodiversity should be strengthened in line with the revised NPPF and net gain for biodiversity.</p> <p>Appendix 3 references Green Infrastructure Plans but GI is not identified within the report. Recommend that the report includes objectives to protect and improve the provision of access to the natural environment.</p>	<p>Agreed. A reference has been included at footnote 90. <i><u>In relation to TVBCs New Forest interim framework and ongoing mitigation work by the consortium of authorities.</u></i></p> <p>This is acknowledged and the content of Table 21 and within objective 9 has been updated to highlight this issue.</p> <p>Table 21 <i><u>Seek opportunities for enhancement of biodiversity and where possible achieve net gain in biodiversity.</u></i></p> <p>Objective 9</p>

		<p>The report should include potential impacts on access land, public open land and rights of way in the vicinity of the site.</p> <p>The objective 9 indicators are dependent upon a number of factors, many outside the control of the plan. We would therefore suggest refined indicators that would better reflect the outcome of the plan itself.</p> <p>Additional indicators may also be appropriate:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of sites allocated that generate any adverse impact on sites of acknowledged biodiversity importance. • Measures of impact on connectivity of habitats <p>Appendix 3 should include the following plans:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green infrastructure strategies 	<p><u>“receive statutory protection The importance of accessing the natural environment and establishing improvements”</u></p> <p>a) <u>Does it provide for net biodiversity and environmental gain?</u></p> <p>b) <u>Does it protect and improve the provision of access to the natural environment</u></p> <p>c) <u>Does it have the potential to impact on access land, public open land and rights of way in the vicinity of the site</u></p> <p>It is recognised that the indicators are dependent on factors outside of the control of the plan. Those indicators which have been suggested are to be included. However, it should be noted that the choice of indicator is also consistent with the scoping report used for the Local Plan.</p> <p>Indicators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Number of sites allocated that generate any adverse impact on sites of acknowledged biodiversity importance.</u> • <u>Measures of impact on connectivity</u>
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6	Historic England	<p>Pleased to see the historic environment included as a theme and welcome the key messages.</p> <p>Unfortunate that the Council does not have information on Grade II buildings at risk or a comprehensive local list which would contribute to the evidence base for this DPD and the local plan.</p> <p>Welcome the identification of conserving and enhancing heritage asset within the Borough although would suggest that objective 8 should refer to “built and historic environment” rather than “built and natural environment” and refer to the significance and special interest of the heritage asset in the objective and indicative test a).</p>	<p>Noted. No change</p> <p>The Council recognise this and will be reviewing the merits of undertaking and producing a local list as part of the local plan evidence gathering process.</p> <p>The proposed amendments are agreed and changes have been made to objective 8 to state “<i>Heritage assets (designated and non-designated) and the evolution of the built and natural historic environment form a key part of the character of the Borough. This <u>Their significance and special interest of the heritage interest should be conserved and where possible enhanced having regard to the assets themselves and their setting.</u></i>”</p>

		Appendix 3 could include Culture White Paper 2016	<p>a) Will it conserve or enhance the <u>significance and special interest of the heritage asset heritage...</u>”</p> <p>The white paper will be included (where relevant) within appendix 3 once full details from the respective author has been received regarding their current status.</p>
	Wellow Parish Council	Would have liked to respond to the consultation but the size of the document detracts from the overall consultation. A key issues summary would have been of benefit rather than cover-complicating it with matters of geology etc.	<p>By necessity the scoping report has a wide breadth of areas/topics that need to be included to ensure that it meet the requirement of the appraisal process. To not to do so would not be of a standard required to satisfy the legal process.</p> <p>Effort has been made to make a technical process easy to understand through both layout and language used. A summary document would be difficult to produce given the breadth of the issues. Where there is scope to help the consultation is by explaining why the document has to include such a variety of topics.</p>