

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TOWN & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Friday 7th March 2025 at 10.00am at Ringwood Gateway, The Furlong, Ringwood.

PRESENT: Cllr Philip Day (Chairman)
Cllr Glenys Turner (Vice Chairman)
Cllr Luke Dadford
Cllr Gareth DeBoos
Cllr Mary DeBoos
Cllr Rae Frederick (*from 10:12am*)
Cllr Janet Georgiou
Cllr Peter Kelleher
Cllr James Swyer

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk
Nicola Vodden, Office Manager (*until 12:20pm*)
Cllr Michael Thierry

ABSENT: Cllr Becci Windsor

P/6407 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was one member of the public and Councillor Peart from Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley Parish Council present for items on the agenda.

P/6408 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

P/6409 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest at this stage.

P/6410 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 7th February 2025, having been circulated, be approved and signed as a correct record.

With the agreement of Members, the Snails Lane agenda item was brought forward for those present.

P/6411 STRATEGIC SITES

Land at Snails Lane – The Chairman welcomed Cllrs Peart and Thierry from Ellingham, Harbridge and Ibsley (EHI) Parish Council, who both addressed Members.

This Committee considered an application for the site and submitted comments in January 2021, following EHI request for support and assistance. The matter went before NFDC Planning Committee and it was refused.

An informal meeting with the developer took place in January 2024 and they said another application was imminent. The application has now been submitted, with a deadline for comments of 11th April 2025. A video call had been offered to both RTC and EHI Councils, but the developer was not prepared to attend a meeting in person. EHI have declined this offer, indicating that it should be a face-to-face meeting to enable the public to attend. The Council would follow suit and decline the meeting.

EHI's Planning Committee will meet on 11th March to discuss the application and RTC Councillors were invited to attend. Cllr Thierry confirmed that EHI had commissioned its own flooding survey, as this was a significant issue.

The recommendation agreed was R(4) Recommend refusal with the full observation to follow. Aspects of the previous response would be considered for relevance. Members were asked to submit any comments to the Chairman so that a draft response could be prepared for the next meeting.

RESOLVED: 1) That the previous response, EHI Parish response and the Planning Officers decision notice in respect of 18/11606 be circulated to Members; and
2) That a draft observation be brought before the next meeting on 4th April to be agreed and submitted by the deadline of 11th April.

ACTION Jo Hurd

**P/6412
PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

With the agreement of members, application 25/10129 was brought forward. The remainder of the list was dealt with in list order.

Cllr Frederick declared a pecuniary interest in application 24/01143FULL and took no part in the discussion.

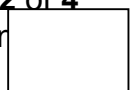
RESOLVED: That the observations summarised in *Annex A* be submitted.

ACTION Nicola Vodden

**P/6413
STRATEGIC SITES**

Land off Crow Lane / Crow Arch Lane (Beaumont Park) – There was no update. Application 24/10015 for removal of conditions 20 & 21 in relation to the pedestrian / cycle link is still undetermined (an extension was granted until 31st March).

Land north of Hightown Road (21/10042) – The case officer has been asked whether this application will go before NFDC Planning Committee on 9th April and if there is any additional information, such as how the developer is intending to comply with RNP policies. He said that he is



still awaiting further submissions from the applicant and the agreed extension of time is being kept under review dependant on this.

Land off Moortown Lane (21/11723 and 23/10707) – There was no update.

2 Market Place and Meeting House Lane (23/11255) – The Environmental Health Officer has requested additional information in respect of the Noise Assessment, to assess mitigation for traffic noise. The developer had indicated he was working through issues raised by consultees and there was no substantial update at this point.

Land at Snails Lane – This had been dealt with earlier in the meeting (*P/6411 refers*).

RESOLVED: That the update on Strategic Sites be noted.

P/6414

NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

A draft response to NFDC's consultation on the 'Issues and Scope document' was considered by Members. Thanks were extended for all contributions. Each question was discussed in detail, amended where required and the final version was approved for submission.

Cllr G Deboos left the meeting at 12 noon (after question 36).

RESOLVED: That the response to NFDC's consultation (*Annex B*) be submitted.

ACTION Jo Hurd

Cllr M DeBoos left the meeting at this point.

P/6415

NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Members considered and approved the response to the consultation on the scope of the New Forest National Park Local Plan Review which had been circulated with the agenda.

RESOLVED: That the response to NFNPA's consultation (*Annex C*) be submitted.

P/6416

PROJECTS (current and proposed)

Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan – The Deputy Town Clerk reported that a solicitor at NFDC has been assigned to look at the requested modifications and it is hoped that a response would be received soon.

Thriving Market Place – HCC is considering how it can expand on the next steps into an actionable plan and how it can help with engagement. A response was expected shortly, but if not forthcoming the County Councillor will be asked to escalate this.

Bus shelters – HCC has been asked for an update on potential funding and a response is awaited. There has been a delay in laying the concrete slab for the seat near the shelter on Salisbury Road, but the Deputy Town Clerk had had confirmation that it will be done.

RESOLVED: That the update in relation to projects (*Annex C*) be noted.

P/6417

NFDC/NFNPA PLANNING COMMITTEE

Application 24/10919 - 41 and 43 Manor Road will be considered by NFDC Planning Committee on 12th March. The Chairman detailed the history and the Planning Officer's report.

RESOLVED: That a representative be registered to speak at the meeting.

ACTION Jo Hurd

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.22pm.

RECEIVED
26th March 2025

APPROVED
4th April 2025

TOWN MAYOR

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Note: The text in the Action Boxes above does not form part of these minutes.

Annex A to Planning, Town Environment Committee Minutes 7th March 2025
Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFDC

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
25/10069	Tesco Express Supermarket, 1 Butlers Lane, Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 1UB	Installation of a new plant within service yard area with fence enclosure, and 3 no. new AC units (Retrospective)	Permission (1)	
25/10107	3, Hiltom Road, Ringwood. BH24 1PW	Proposed single storey extensions at side and rear; replacement porch; detached garage and log cabin/outbuilding	Refusal (4)	The Committee was not opposed to the proposal in principle, however it required a condition to prevent the log cabin/ outbuilding becoming a new dwelling in accordance with 'Granny's Law' i.e. the outbuilding should not be severed from the main house by reason of being sold or let as a separate unit of accommodation. If this condition is imposed, the Committee would be prepared to agree P(1) and recommend permission, but would accept the Planning Officer's decision.
25/10108	Lake Farm, Long Lane, Upper Kingston, Ringwood. BH24 3BX	Replacement dwelling following demolition of existing (Outline application with all matters reserved)	Permission (1)	

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
25/10112	Ringwood Town Football and Social Club, Long Lane, Ringwood. BH24 3BX	Variation of conditions 2 and 3 of application 21/11170 to allow for inclusion of a water storage tank and change in design including roof tiles, fenestration and signage alterations.		Not appropriate for the Committee to comment as the application has been submitted by the Council.
25/10114	Land off, Snails Lane, Blashford, Ellingham, Harbridge & Ibsley. BH24 3PG	Full planning application for the demolition of existing outbuildings and the erection of 140 dwellings (including affordable housing), public open space (including alternative natural recreational greenspace), SuDs, landscaping, access and associated works	Refusal (4)	Full reasons are to follow.
25/10116	39 Northfield Road, Ringwood. BH24 1LT	Conversion of an existing detached garage to provide ancillary accommodation	Refusal (4)	The Committee was not opposed to the proposal in principle, however it required a condition to prevent the outbuilding becoming a new dwelling in accordance with 'Granny's Law' i.e. the outbuilding should not be severed from the main house by reason of being sold or let as a separate unit of accommodation. If this condition is imposed, the Committee would be prepared to agree P(1) and recommend permission, but would accept the Planning Officer's decision.

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
25/10120	Goudings Farm, Salisbury Road, Ringwood. BH24 3PA	Siting of a mobile home for use as a temporary rural workers dwelling (Retrospective)	Permission (1)	
25/10129	Monks Hatch, 30 Lynes Lane, Ringwood. BH24 1EH	Single storey extension; replacement garage.	Permission (1)	

1 - Recommend Permission, but would accept officer's decision 2 - Recommend Refusal but would accept officer's decision 3 - Recommend Permission 4 - Recommend Refusal
5 - Will accept officer's decision

Ringwood Town Council - Planning Observations - NFNPA

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Observation	Comments
24/01143FULL	Fir Tree Cottage, Cowpitts Lane, North Poulner, Ringwood. BH24 3JX	Replacement dwelling and garage; formation of new vehicular access (AMENDED PLANS)	Refusal (2)	<p>There is no reference in the application (or the officer's briefing note) of the need to comply with Policy R10 (zero carbon buildings) in the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan. Under this Policy, all new dwellings are required to assess predicted energy performance. There is no evidence this has been assessed, therefore the application is contrary to policy.</p> <p>The room identified as bedroom 4 / study is too small to be used as a bedroom as it does not meet nationally described space standards (NDSS). Therefore, a condition should be applied to prevent its use as a bedroom, or the plans should be amended to show the windows are non-opening.</p>

Applications decided under delegated powers: to be noted on 7th March 2025

Number	Site Address	Proposal	Decision
TPO/25/0047	1 Yewtree Gardens, Ringwood. BH24 1NR	Sycamore - Reduce	12.2.25: P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Tree Officer's decision.
TPO/25/0054	3, Sycamore Court, Lin Brook Drive, Ringwood. BH24 3LU	Oak x 2 Reduce	12.2.25: P(1) Recommend permission, but would accept the Tree Officer's decision.



Issues and Scope Consultation: Question Booklet

New Forest District Council
(outside the National Park)

Version for Consultation

February 2025

Purpose

This document contains the consultation questions from the 'Issues and Scope Consultation' document. Please refer to the 'Issues and Scope Consultation' document for further context, and to assist in answering the questions in this booklet.

Consultation Questions

Spatial Vision and Outcomes	
1.	What would you like see as our main focus for our review?
	<i>A focus on genuine local needs rather than housing numbers. This means providing facilities and homes for younger generations within the district and potentially limiting the ability for smaller properties to be extended by more than 30%. This should include an honest appraisal of the need to provide proper infrastructure to support not just proposed developments but existing applications that have outline or even detailed planning consents – this in terms of things like the provision of doctors and dentists, proper schooling, useable active travel routes and improved road network to name but a few.</i>
2.	What do you think the key issues will be to deliver a new vision and why?
	<i>A wholly unrealistic “housing target” set by central Government given that the majority of the NFDC area is constrained by its National Park status The ability to provide proper supporting infrastructure – see response to Q1.</i>
3.	How should our Plan look to address the ‘duty to seek to further the purposes’ of the New Forest National Park and the Cranborne Chase National Landscape?
	<i>By arguing against the wholly unrealistic Government target for additional housing. We make no comment regarding Cranborne Chase other than if there is no choice between development there and within the National Park, our view is that development should be in the Chase (although we consider that too to be wholly inappropriate).</i>
4.	How long ahead should we plan for in the new Plan, and why?

	<i>Given the current proposals for “devolution” and the creation of a “strategic authority” we consider this question to be of academic interest only but otherwise, 15 years.</i>
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Distribution of New Development

	In seeking to meet our identified development needs, what should our strategy be?
5.	<i>This begs the question as to what “our identified development needs” means but the overall strategy should be to provide affordable housing for local people and by that, we do not mean “affordable” in the technical sense but open market housing that local residents looking to get onto the “housing ladder” can actually afford to buy. This means a greater emphasis on smaller houses, flats and the like and (for example) the provision of bungalows for older and physically disabled people wishing to downsize and who need accommodation that caters for lack of mobility etc.</i>
	Is the existing settlement hierarchy appropriate, or are there changes that should be included?
6.	<i>Yes, it is appropriate as far as Ringwood is concerned (but we do not consider that it would be appropriate to remove any (further) land from the Green Belt, including in particular land south of Moortown Lane.)</i>
	Do you think it is appropriate for us to consider new development within the Cranborne Chase National Landscape?
7.	<i>Yes, but only if that saves inappropriate development in or adjacent to the New Forest National Park.</i>
	Are there other strategic options that could help meet the need for development that we should also consider?
8.	<i>We are afraid not</i>

Linking the Local Plan to the Corporate Plan

9.	<p>Are our Corporate Plan priorities of 'People', 'Place' and 'Prosperity' appropriate to also be used within the Local Plan?</p> <p><i>Yes, provided that the same do not override our other concerns. These priorities are poorly defined and do not, in our view, provide any clarity or focus.</i></p>
Housing	
10.	<p>Do you have any comments on our housing need and how it can be met?</p> <p><i>We do not accept that the "housing need" is or has been properly addressed. The population in the New Forest has declined of late and the "need" is to provide housing for our younger generation who are forced out of the housing market because new builds tend to be 3 bedrooms plus and are bought predominantly by people moving into the area.</i></p>
11.	<p>Are there any specific sites not currently allocated in existing Local Plans or otherwise permitted for development that should be considered for their development potential?</p> <p><i>Please refer to the Town Council's response to the Call for Sites (12/12/2024). Sites identified are as follows:</i></p> <p><i>The Bus Depot, West Street Land to the rear of 20-28 Christchurch Road BT Openreach site, The Close Carvers Trading Estate, Southampton Road NFDC/HCC Maintenance Depot, 169-171 Christchurch Road 158 Christchurch Road Former Ringwood Brewery Site, 138 Christchurch Road NFDC owned garage blocks Ringwood Trading Estate</i></p>
12.	<p>What role can town and parish councils have in addressing the development needs of the area, such as through preparing neighbourhood plans?</p>

	<p><i>Ringwood already has a Neighbourhood Plan, but we are dismayed that its policies have been effectively ignored by the Planning Authority in recent applications on the basis of “a tilted balance” in favour of development. What please is the point of such a plan if its policies are then ignored?</i></p>
13	<p>Should we consider a policy to restrict second home ownership within the area?</p> <p><i>Yes. Also consider how to ensure that conversion of outbuildings into annexes are not subsequently repurposed by being severed from the main house by reason of being sold or let as a separate unit of accommodation.</i></p>
14.	<p>Are there any specific forms of affordable housing that we should aim to prioritise to provide for those most in need locally?</p> <p><i>Yes, but affordable in terms of open market houses (as against the legal definition) such as First Homes and smaller one or two bed flats and houses, as supported in Policies 5 and 6 of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan. You should also please adopt a more localised policy that prioritises (in our case) people with direct Ringwood connections as opposed to those resident anywhere within the District.</i></p>
15.	<p>How should we aim to meet the housing needs of our population and the current population trends?</p> <p><i>Please see responses to Q10 and Q14. The population trend in the District appears to be declining. The “housing need” appears to be based on national trends and the “quota” allocated to the District should be challenged not only on that basis but also because the majority of the district is a National Park.</i></p> <p><i>The LPA could consider providing a greater number of Council and social housing units via conversion of some of the existing properties into flats or by building on the garage blocks that exist. Note that conversion of these properties could provide the opportunity to comply with the soon to be required improved EPC standards for rented accommodation.</i></p>

	<i>You should also please adopt a more localised policy that prioritises (in our case) people with direct Ringwood connections as opposed to those resident anywhere within the District.</i>
	Do you have any comments on the range of densities that should be sought on new development sites?
16.	<i>Yes. Developers prefer to build larger houses as they generate more profit. The local need is for smaller houses, as evidenced by the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan, and provided that adequate garden space is provided for each dwelling a higher density would not be inappropriate. However, densities should be lower as one gets closer to the National Park. Further, NFDC could consider redefining "density" based on occupancy rather than house numbers.</i>

	How should we aim to meet the identified accommodation need of the Gypsy, Traveller, and Travelling Showpeople community?
17.	<i>This is a difficult topic, but our experience is that a lack of a dedicated site for "Travellers" causes issues. Whilst we cannot point to a suitable site in our Parish, efforts should be made to identify one. The reference to "Travelling Showpeople" is perhaps a little misleading. We understand that this refers to basically the provision of a yard where a particular family may "over-winter". We do not consider that this is an issue that should be included in the plan.</i>

Infrastructure

	What are the key infrastructure priorities that need to be delivered and how can they best be delivered?
18.	<i>As stated in Q1, we believe there is a need to fully review the projected need for schools, health services, road improvements and active travel routes. The results of this review should be published as part of the evidence base such that the assumptions behind any assertions that, for example, no new schools are required can be understood by the public.</i>

19.	What do you think are the key considerations for increased electricity generation from renewable sources in the New Forest (outside the national park), such as onshore wind or solar power?
	<i>We would suggest that any new development, residential or employment land, should include solar power as part of the design so as to make all new property at least "self-sufficient" for electricity. This might also be applied to extensions to existing buildings. Some sites might also have potential for small wind turbines.</i>
20.	Do you have any suggestions for incorporating art and culture into our Local Plan?
	<i>We believe access to "arts venues" should be considered as part of infrastructure.</i>

Health & Wellbeing

21.	Do you agree with the description of issues regarding health and wellbeing, and are there other issues to consider?
	<i>No comment</i>
22.	What options do you think should be followed for addressing health and wellbeing?
	<i>We believe that the Local Plan should mandate the use of a framework for objectively assessing any major developments e.g. Building for a Healthy Life. This would enable the LPA to encourage better design and site layouts. The current desire for ANRG that is a large open space rather than a series of smaller open spaces throughout major developments should also be considered as a way of reducing density in the built-up area. The policy should require all ANRG to be located within the proposed housing development area and to not be remote or unsafe to access.</i>

Design & Placemaking

23.	<p>Are we identifying the correct principles for creating a place people want to live and work, or are there any other principles that need to be considered?</p>
	<p><i>No - the policy does not prioritise local people and does nothing to prevent Ringwood from becoming a “dormitory town” for people working in Bournemouth, Southampton and Portsmouth or becoming a haven for retirees with no local connections.</i></p> <p><i>See also response to Q22.</i></p>
24.	<p>Should we seek to set a policy for the size of houses and gardens that are different from those set nationally?</p> <p><i>Yes, we have evidence that we need more smaller dwellings and that many of the existing small dwellings are bought and then significantly extended so as to render them unaffordable to e.g. first time buyers. You should also set a policy for “study rooms” - a device used by developers to “comply” with policies relating to the number of “smaller dwellings”. These rooms are well capable of being used as bedrooms. Study rooms should have conditions attached that mean that they cannot be legally used as bedrooms such as they cannot have opening windows. Also, if the Nationally Described Space Standard (NDSS) is to be used as a basis for suggesting a study room is not a bedroom then NFDC should formally adopt NDSS.</i></p>

Climate Change

25.	<p>How do you think we should work towards achieving net zero?</p>
	<p><i>The single biggest thing that the LPA can do to achieve net zero is to include policies that demand energy efficient buildings. See answer to Q19. Plus, one could implement Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan Policy R10 across the district. Please note that Policy R10 came from an analysis that showed that the EPC ratings in 2020 in the New Forest were worse than those for the South of England which in turn was worse than the National ratings.</i></p>

26.	<p>What measures do you think we should take to ensure appropriate climate change adaptation, mitigation, and resilience?</p> <p><i>Do not allocate sites that are known to regularly flood, rewilding and planting of these sites should be encouraged instead, perhaps as part of off-site BNG improvement projects.</i></p> <p><i>Ensure that any sites that are allocated have an updated flood assessment as part of any planning application. This should include discussion with residents and local councils. We suggest this because every winter is becoming wetter and an assessment as part of this Local Plan review will almost certainly be based on incorrect data in less than 3 years' time (i.e. probably before the plan is adopted)</i></p>
27.	<p>Should we seek more ambitious targets and measures to address climate change?</p> <p><i>See answer to Q25.</i></p>
28.	<p>Other than the private car, what other form of transport (including buses, walking, cycling, rail and water transport) would you use more if you could?</p> <p><i>Whilst we would love to see increased bus service, we doubt that these will be used widely due to costs and perceived inconvenience. However, better active travel routes (pavements, no parking on narrow roads and more cycle lanes) secure cycle storage facilities and reduced speed limits or more one-way systems in urban areas could be considered to increase cycling and walking safety and attractiveness.</i></p>
29.	<p>What approach should we take to large-scale renewable energy generation?</p> <p><i>Setting an example for others e.g. installing PV panels (canopies) on all NFDC owned car parks including Appletree Court.</i></p>
<p>Natural Environment</p>	

30.	What should be our approach to ensuring that people do not harm the particularly environmentally sensitive parts of the New Forest? For example, additional rangers, considering providing a new country park or new more local areas of accessible green space.
	<i>The use of the New Forest National Park is typically for longer walks than can be achieved in an area of ANRG, therefore the concept of a new country park could be attractive. Any such park should have good active travel links.</i>
31.	What are the key mechanisms we should use to achieve benefits for the environment? How can this be measured?
	<i>Renewable energy production levels and at least self-sufficiency for new buildings are likely to have the biggest impact.</i>
32.	Should we look to introduce biodiversity net gain targets above the mandated 10%?
	Yes

33.	How can we make greenspaces more accessible? Should we include minimum standards of access to green space (for example, by size and type)?
	<i>The key to encouraging use of green spaces is connectivity. Within Ringwood the existing green spaces are well used and this should be encouraged. New green spaces should have good, safe connectivity and access all year round (including during periods of wet weather). One could consider applying the 15 minutes Neighbourhoods approach.</i>
34.	Should we look to address the issue of backup grazing land? If so, what evidence is there to inform future considerations?
	<i>No comment</i>
Green Belt	

35.	<p>How should our previous Green Belt study be updated and what factors should be considered?</p> <p><i>We believe that the previous study was flawed – in particular, land to the north of Moortown Lane, Ringwood was removed from the Green Belt partly on the basis that it was low quality agricultural land. It was anything but! Proper account should be taken of the damage caused by the loss of productive agricultural land. Any new study should take into account accessibility for active travel and road networks, because areas of green belt that are only accessible via country lanes with no pavement are not likely to be suitable for development without major environmental impacts. Indeed, any further erosion of the Green Belt is entirely contrary to the spirit of the previous questions about climate change and the environment.</i></p>
36.	<p>Are there current Green Belt sites that you feel have the potential for more positive uses?</p>
	<p><i>Not in the vicinity of Ringwood.</i></p>

Strategic Development Locations and Opportunities

	<p>Do you have any views on what the approach should be to existing site allocations that have not yet come forward or where progress has stalled?</p>
37.	<p><i>Yes – specifically land at Moortown (SS 13) owned by Hampshire County Council and allocated in one case as employment and in the other for housing. The failure to bring these forward means that the sole access to the site that now has planning consent is via the narrow Moortown Lane. Pressure should be brought on the County Council to either bring forward a plan or to dispose of the land to someone that is in a position to do so.</i></p>

	<i>See response to Q26 – an outline planning application for SS14 was submitted in January 2021 and a decision is still pending, with one of the consequences being that the data used for the Flood Risk Assessment is out of date. Where applications are taking so many years to determine, reports (such as FRAs and Transport Assessments) submitted at the time of application should be reviewed prior to determination to ensure they reflect the changing situation on the ground.</i>
38.	Are there further sites for any type of development that we should consider?
	<i>None within the Parish of Ringwood other than perhaps the former Brewery site.</i>
Open Space, Sport, Recreation and Play	
39.	What should we do to ensure there is sufficient provision of open space, which is also functional and attractive to our residents?
	<i>Adopt a more rigorous approach with developers, particularly with regard to formal recreation space – Ringwood lacks the same. Where developer contributions are received for formal recreation space, this should include an allowance for upkeep.</i>
40.	What do you believe should be our approach to providing open space? This could be either creating a few new larger sized destinations for play areas, sports pitches, smaller scale areas as part of new developments or a new country park?
	<i>We do not consider that creating a new country park will achieve anything given the existence of the New Forest National Park. As per Q39, we consider a more robust approach to ensure developers provide such areas within their proposed development rather than artificially seek to comply by designating land outside the allocated strategic sites as ANRG etc.</i>

Historic Environment

41.	<p>What should our approach be in relation to the historic environment?</p> <p><i>The historic environment, particularly of Ringwood Town itself should be given greater respect and policies should make it clear that any proposal for development that is not sympathetic to the historic environment (particularly in terms of height, scale and appearance) will be refused. Support and funding to protect and improve the historic environment should be included as part of S106 monies where a town is likely to be impacted by increased population even if the development is outside of the Parish but will impact the town.</i></p> <p><i>Establish a Local List of Heritage Assets (as per the NFNPA, and encouraged by Historic England) to identify buildings and other assets of architectural or historic interest which contribute to the character and appearance of an area. Much of the work for the Ringwood area has already been undertaken by Ringwood Society as part of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan evidence gathering.</i></p>
42.	<p>How can we secure the sustainable long-term use of our heritage assets, and help to protect archaeological features as part of new development?</p> <p><i>Please see response to Q41. No site should be allocated that is in close vicinity of a heritage asset or that is known to have archaeological value.</i></p>
Economy	
43.	<p>How can we make our high streets more vibrant?</p> <p><i>By supporting initiatives such as that promoted in Ringwood by the Town Council to rejuvenate the Market Place and High Street and resisting inappropriate changes of use to non-retail. Supporting independent businesses through reduced/no “business rates” for a “start-up” period of time.</i></p> <p><i>Having an active approach to attracting new retail to the area by identifying gaps in the current retail provision and seeking out potential organisations that might fill those gaps. The Furlong Shopping Centre in Ringwood is an example of where this is done well.</i></p>

44.	How can we ensure that the opportunities from the Solent Freeport designation are made available to all New Forest residents?
	<i>We have concerns about the impact this may have on the National Park and sensitive habitats.</i>

45.	<p>Are there any existing business/employment sites that are no longer appropriate, or fit for purpose for that use and should be considered for alternative development?</p> <p><i>Yes. In Ringwood, the bus depot could easily be re-located to a far more appropriate site (e.g. the employment allocated site on SS14 or the Council depot on Christchurch Road, or the long-stay car park). Given also the apparent lack of interest on the part of HCC to bring forward any proposal for development of the designated employment site at Moortown (SS13) (see Q37), this could also be considered for housing.</i></p> <p><i>Please see the Council's response to the Call for Sites in December 2024, and opportunity sites identified in the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan (Land to the rear of 20-28 Christchurch Road; BT Openreach, The Close; Carvers Trading Estate; NFDC/HCC Maintenance Depot, 169-171 Christchurch Road; 158 Christchurch Road; Ringwood Brewery Site; Ringwood Trading Estate)</i></p>
46.	<p>What should be our approach towards town centres and primary, secondary, and local shopping frontages? Do the boundaries that appear on our policies map need to be changed and if so, how?</p> <p><i>These should be consistent with those in the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan – see primary shopping area and essential core identified on the Town Centre Policy Map.</i></p>
47.	<p>In relation to tourism, should we consider allocating new, or protecting existing, land or sites for tourist attractions or accommodation?</p> <p><i>In terms of new sites, no. The most important aspect is protecting the National Park from development and preserving the Green Belt.</i></p>

Transport

	What are the key transport issues to be addressed to help new development come forward?
48.	<i>Ensuring that development sites are adequately served by both public transport and an appropriate road network that is fit for purpose but at the same time, ensuring that foot and cycle paths connecting sites to local facilities such as shops, schools, medical facilities and the like are fit for purpose so that residents in new developments have a sensible alternative to using their cars.</i>

	How can our planning policies help make you, and our communities, travel by the sustainable modes of walking, cycling and public transport?
49.	<i>Please refer to the Council's response to the Draft New Forest LCWIP in November 2024. Also, proposals for major developments should adopt the Sustainable Accessibility and Mobility Framework (as outlined in Policy R11 of the Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan).</i>

Next Steps

50.	Are there any other issues that you feel we have missed and should be addressed?
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Yes. It appears to us that there is a distinct lack of enforcement when it comes to breaches of planning conditions and obligations. The Policy should include an "enforcement policy". More importantly, it is often the case that permission is granted on the basis of a proposal to comply with the existing policies regarding affordable housing for the developer to later submit that compliance with the policy would render the proposal "unviable". The policy should require any development that is subject to the "affordable housing % policy" to submit at the outset a viability study to demonstrate that compliance is indeed viable and that any subsequent application to effectively reduce the proportion of affordable dwellings will be refused save in exceptional cases where it can be clearly demonstrated that there has been a material change of circumstances that could not reasonably have been foreseen when the original application was submitted. We also believe that viability assessments should look at profit margins with more rigour.



**New Forest National Park Authority Local Plan Review
February 2025**

Comments Form

**Consultation on Scope of the New Forest National Park Local
Plan Review**

(Reg 18 Part 1)

This comments form relates to the review of the emerging Local Plan for the New Forest National Park following the adoption of the previous document in 2019. The consultation period will be open for 6 weeks from **Tuesday 4 February 2025 until Tuesday 18 March 2025**. Before completing this form please take the opportunity to read the 'Direction of Travel' document (702/25) available here: [New Forest National Park Authority Meeting 23/01/25 - New Forest National Park Authority](#) and returning it to the Policy Team by email via policy@newforestnpa.gov.uk.

Or by post to:

Policy Team
Lymington Town Hall
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Comments need to be received by 5pm Tuesday 18 March 2025

To keep up to date on this consultation and others relating to the local plan review please visit our consultations page here: [Consultations - New Forest National Park Authority](#).

Please write your comments in the sections provided below

*Before providing us with your comments, please ensure you have read and consulted the [‘Direction of Travel’](#) Document.

1. Introduction

n/a Please comment below:

2. Strategic policies & development principles

Q1 Do you consider the current Local Plan Vision is still broadly appropriate? Please comment below:

Yes

Q2 Do the existing Strategic Objectives still represent the main considerations for development in the National Park? Please comment below:

Yes

Q3 Is the Spatial Strategy the most sustainable way to deliver new development over the next 20 years? Please comment below:

Yes

3. The natural environment

Q4 Do you consider the current Local Plan policies on the natural environment still broadly align with national policy? Please comment below:

Yes

Q5 Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below:

No

Q6 Do you have views on the planning policy approach to climate change and are there areas we should look to go further on? Please comment below:

Policies should include greater reference to the design and construction of any buildings (and extensions to the same) to ensure that they are insofar as possible carbon neutral and demonstrate high levels of energy efficiency. This should include a policy that encourages electric car charging points for example.

Q7 How can we use local planning policies to protect the relative tranquillity of large areas of the New Forest National Park? Please comment below:

By minimising new developments, particularly of commercial uses that are not compatible with the strategic objectives.

4. Protecting and enhancing the historic and built environment

Q8 Do you consider the current Local Plan policies on the historic and built environment still broadly align with national policy? Please comment below:

Yes

Q9 Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below:

No

5. Vibrant Communities (including housing)

Q10 Pending the conclusions of the current evidence base work on local housing needs, what do you consider to be the best approach to meeting needs in a way that is compatible with the statutory National Park purposes? Options include site allocations, revisions to the Defined Village boundaries and other alternatives that will be tested through the Sustainability Appraisal/SEA process. Please comment below:

RTC does not consider it appropriate to comment other than to assert that we do not consider that any area within the Parish should be included.

Q11 Should the revised Local Plan identify specific settlements where rural exception sites would be supported in principle? Please comment below:

RTC does not consider it appropriate to comment other than to assert that we do not consider that any area within the Parish should be included.

Q12 Do you agree with our intentions to retain policies focusing on commoners' dwellings and Estate workers' dwellings? Please comment below:

Yes

Q13 What is the best policy approach to protecting the character of the National Park from incremental change from proposals for replacement dwellings, extensions to dwellings and outbuildings? Please comment below:

Existing policies appear to be effective in this regard and should be retained.

Q14 Are there any additional key issues that we have missed? Please comment below:

No

6. Local economy

Q15 Do you consider the current Local Plan policies on the local economy still broadly align with national policy? Please comment below:

Yes

Q16 Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below:

No

Q17 Do you have views on the planning policy approach to the range of uses within the defined shopping areas of the National Park? Please comment below:

No

Q18 Do you support our proposed approach to campsite development and continued use of Article 4 Directions? Please comment below:

Yes

Q19 What should be the local planning policy approach to the impacts of national permitted development rights on the local economy (e.g., office to residential)? Please comment below:

We do not propose to comment.

7. Sustainable transport and access

Q20 Do you consider the current Local Plan transport policies still broadly align with local and national policy? Please comment below:

Yes

Q21 Are there any additional key issues that we may have missed? Please comment below:

No

Q22 Do you have views on whether the current transport policies adequately respond to the climate emergency? Please comment below:

Yes

Q23 Do you support the current cycle and car parking standards, or consider that they should be reviewed to support sustainable transport? Please comment below:

We support the current principles.

Current Projects Update

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No.	Name	Status	Recent developments	Description and notes	Lead Officer/Member	Financing
Full Council						
FC1	Long Lane Football Facilities Development	In progress (legal and financial aspects only outstanding)	The artificial turf pitch and the new pavilion are both now completed and in use. The old pavilion has been demolished. A formal opening ceremony/open day took place on 1st November.	A joint venture with Ringwood Town Football Club and AFC Bournemouth Community Sports Trust to improve the football facilities for shared use by them and the community.	Town Clerk	The current expectation is that the Council's contribution to the project will, in effect, be limited to a modest loss of income from the site (but over a long term).
Planning Town & Environment Committee						
PTE3	Crow Stream Maintenance	Annual recurrent	Spraying of stream banks undertaken 19/06/24, annual flail was carried out in August and stream clearance by volunteers on 3 October. Working with various agencies and local landowners on developing wider project on holding back flood water and increasing outflow.	Annual maintenance of Crow Ditch and Stream in order to keep it flowing and alleviate flooding	Deputy Town Clerk	Budget of £1,000 funded by transfer from earmarked reserve
PTE6	Shared Space Concept - Thriving Market Place	In progress	£10,000 released by NFDC from UKSPF to undertake options appraisal/feasibility study. Project Brief agreed and HCC instructed to carry out work outlined in Brief. Members received an informal briefing on draft proposals on 25/09/2024, prior to consultation with stakeholders.	Concept for town centre shared space identified through work on the Neighbourhood Plan. Working in partnership with NFDC and HCC.	Deputy Town Clerk	HCC funded survey work. £10,000 grant from UKSPF (via NFDC). NFDC Cabinet agreed on 02/10/2024 to allocate a share of £4.5 million CIL funds to the scheme.
	Greening Ringwood	In progress	Official launch of Phase 2 held on 20/04/2024 in Gateway Square. Update on activities presented to Committee in September 2024.	Greening Campaign Phase 2 to run from Sept 2023 to July 2024, focussing on making space for nature; energy efficient greener homes; climate impacts on health and wellbeing; waste prevention; and cycle of the seed.		£50 signing up fee funded from General Reserve.
	Bus Shelters	In progress	Action Plan prepared. Awaiting response from HCC about possible funding before proceeding further. Action to install new bench beside shelter in Salisbury Road (A338 northbound) being progressed.	Review of Council owned bus shelters.		No agreed budget
Projects being delivered by others which are monitored by the Deputy Clerk and reported to this committee:						
	Crow Lane Footpath	In progress	Developers' contributions paid to HCC to implement. Additional funds required to progress and approved by NFDC Cabinet on 02/11/2022. HCC working on design, with expected delivery in summer 2025.	New footpath to link Beaumont Park with Hightown Road, alongside west of Crow Lane	Hampshire CC	Developers contributions
	Railway Corner	In progress	Project supported by RTC. Planning application approved (23/11081). Works on site commenced.	Project to improve and promote historical significance of triangle of land at junction of Hightown Road and Castleman Way.	Ringwood Society	No financial implications.
	Memorial Bench for Michael Lingam-Willgoss	In progress	Consent to install bench has been granted by HCC. Legal fees covered by County Cllr Thierry. Date for installation in first quarter of 2025 yet to be agreed.	Provision of memorial bench in Market Place in memory of Michael Lingam-Willgoss.	Ringwood Carnival / Ringwood Rotary	No financial implications.
Policy & Finance Committee						
PF5	Poulner Lakes Lease	On hold		Negotiating a lease from Ringwood & District Anglers' Association of the part of the site not owned by the Council	Town Clerk	Some provision for legal advice or assistance may be needed eventually.
PF11	92 Southampton Road	In progress (commenced March 2023)	Vacant possession has been recovered. The planned refurbishment prior to re-letting has been delayed by a damaging break-in.	Reviewing the letting of this council-owned house	Town Clerk	The refurbishment will be funded from the buildings reserve.
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee						
RLOS4	Grounds department sheds replacement	In progress (Commenced design work in April 2021.)	The planning application has been submitted.	A feasibility study into replacing the grounds maintenance team's temporary, dispersed & sub-standard workshop, garaging and storage facilities. Combined with a possible new car park for use by hirers of and visitors to the club-house.	Town Clerk	Revised capital budget of £4,000 (originally £10,000 until virement to RLOS19)

RLOS5	Cemetery development	Cancelled January 2024	The proposed columbarium/memorial wall was scrapped following the cemetery base budget review. A panel has been appointed to consider alternative developments when officer time is available.	Planning best use of remaining space, provision for cremated remains, etc.	Town Clerk	Capital costs will be met from a combination of earmarked reserves.
RLOS10	Waste bin replacement programme	In progress (Commenced April 2020)	Future needs are being assessed.	Three-year programme to replace worn-out litter and dog-waste bins	Grounds Manager	Budget of £2,000 a year.
RLOS14	Poulner Lakes waste licence	In progress	The permit surrender application and associated report and forms has been submitted to Environment Agency.	Arranging to surrender our redundant waste licence to avoid annual renewal fees	Town Clerk	One-off costs of about £8,000 will save the council annual recurring charges of about £1,000 each. Yet to be settled
RLOS21	Poulner Lakes track maintenance	In progress (under discussion since Jan. 2021)	NFDC has developed a concept design of an improved access on the basis that RTC will fund essential maintenance/improvements to the vehicular access element and NFDC will fund the rest. Solicitors have been instructed to implement an agreement to resolve the boundary discrepancies.	Devising a sustainable regime for maintaining the access tracks at Poulner Lakes to a more acceptable standard.	Town Clerk	
RLOS23	North Poulner Play Area skate ramp request	In progress (commenced Mar. 2023)	A 'half-pipe' has been identified as a likely cheaper and easier option. The costs are now clearer and the funding arrangements were agreed at the P&F meeting on 18th September.	A local resident requested provision of a 'quarter-pipe ramp' at this site and has been fund-raising for it	Deputy Town Clerk	Total cost of project £16,290 to be funded by various donations (£7,665), an NFDC Community Grant of £5,915 and the remaining £2,710 from CIL funds held by RTC (F/6343 P&F 18/9/24). Staff time only
RLOS25	Open Spaces Management Review	Commenced September 2024	The task and finish group has agreed a list of sites and considered practical information about these. Preparation of reports for each site is now in hand.	A strategic priority project to review the council's management of all its public open and green spaces	Town Clerk	
RLOS26	Carvers Development Phase 1	Commenced Sept. 2024	A public tender for the main elements is under way.	Replacing the tennis courts with a multi-use games area, creating a timber log walk with benches and boulders and pollinator planting.	Town Clerk	£68,072 (90% grant from Veolia Environmental Trust and 10% from RTC's CIL reserve)
RLOS27	Carvers Clubhouse Solar Panels	Commenced Nov. 2024	The contract award decision was made by the P&F committee on 20th November. Installation has been booked with the contractor.	Installing photo-voltaic panels on the Clubhouse roof to achieve a long-term saving in energy costs.	Town Clerk	£18,322.50. £15,000 grant from HCC Parishes Fund. £3,322.50 from RTC reserves.
RLOS28	Skate Park Picnic Tables	Commenced November 2024	Benches now received and awaiting installation.	Replacing the two large picnic tables beside the skate park at Carvers which are beyond further repair	TBA	Est. £3,000. £750 grant received from Carnival Club. Balance TBA

Staffing Committee

None

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Proposed/Emerging Projects Update

No.	Name	Description	Lead	Recent developments	Progress / Status Stage reached	Estimated cost	Funding sources
Full Council							
	None						
Planning Town & Environment Committee							
	Roundabout under A31	Planting and other environmental enhancements		Area being used by National Highways for storage of materials during works to widen the A31.	Floated as possible future project		
	Lynes Lane re-paving Rear of Southampton Road	Ringwood Society proposal Proposal by Ringwood Society to improve appearance from The Furlong Car Park and approaches			Floated as possible future project Floated as possible future project		
	Dewey's Lane wall	Repair of historic wall		Re-build/repair options and costs are being investigated	Shelved as a TC project		
	Signage Review	Review of signs requiring attention - e.g. Castleman Trailway, Pocket Park, Gateway Square	Cllr Day		Floated as possible future project		
	Crow ditch	Investigate works required to improve capacity and flow of ditch alongside Crow Lane, between Hightown Road and Moortown Lane					Developers contributions
Policy & Finance Committee							
	Paperless office	Increasing efficiency of office space use	Cllr. Heron	Discussions with Town Clerk and Finance Manager			
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee							
	None	(Current projects expected to absorb available resources for several years)					
Staffing Committee							
	None						

Closed Projects Report

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No.	Name	Description	Outcome	Notes
Full Council				
FC2	Strategic Plan	Exploring ideas for medium term planning. Aim to have complete for start of budget-planning in Autumn 2022.	Completed in October 2022	
Planning, Town & Environment Committee				
	Pedestrian Crossings - Christchurch Road	Informal pedestrian crossings to the north and south of roundabout at junction of Christchurch Road with Wellworthy Way (Lidl)	Completed by HCC	
	Cycleway signage and improvements	New signage and minor improvements to cycleway between Forest Gate Business Park and Hightown Road	Completed by HCC	
	Carvers footpath/cycle-way improvement	Creation of shared use path across Carvers between Southampton Road and Mansfield Road	Completed by HCC	
	Replacement Tree - Market Place	New Field Maple tree to replace tree stump in Market Place.	Completed in January 2022 by HCC	
PTE4	Climate Emergency	Funds used to support Greening Campaign, community litter-pick and Flood Action Plan leaflets.	Completed March 2023	
	A31 widening scheme	Widening of A31 westbound carriageway between Ringwood and Verwood off slip to improve traffic flow; associated town centre improvements utilising HE Designated Funds	Scheme completed by National Highways and road re-opened in November 2022.	
	SWW Water Main Diversion (associated with A31 widening scheme)	Diversion of water main that runs along the A31 westbound carriageway. Diversion route included land in RTC's ownership at The Bickerley.	Scheme completed by SWW in 2022.	
	Surfacing of Castleman Trailway	Dedication and surfacing of bridleway between old railway bridge eastwards to join existing surfacing.	Surfacing works completed by HCC early April 2022.	
	Bus Shelter Agreement	Request by ClearChannel in Nov. 2020 for RTC to licence the bus shelters in Meeting House Lane and the advertising on them. Despite various communications, we have had no contact for over a year and therefore regard the original request to be defunct.	Request not followed up by ClearChannel, therefore defunct and removed from project list October 2023.	
PTE5	Human Sundial	Work to refurbish human sundial and install surrounding benches complete. Time capsule cover stone replaced on 21/07/2023. Interpretation board with details of sundial, Jubilee Lamp etc. to be considered as part of Thriving Market Place project.	Completed.	
PTE2	Neighbourhood Plan	The Ringwood Neighbourhood Plan was adopted (made) by NFDC and NFNPA in July 2024 (83% of residents voted "yes" in the Referendum on 04/07/2024) and is now part of the Development Plan for both authorities and must be taken into consideration in the determination of planning applications.	Completed, but will be monitored and reviewed.	
PTE1				
Policy & Finance Committee				
PF1	New Council website	Arranging a new website that is more responsive, directly editable by Council staff and compliant with accessibility regulations.	Completed	
PF2	Greenways planning permission	Consideration of applying to renew planning permission for bungalow in garden previously obtained	Decided not to renew	
PF3	Detached youth outreach work	To provide youth workers for trial of detached outreach work	Transferred to Recreation Leisure & Open Spaces Committee (see RLOS20)	
PF4	Review of governance documents	A major overhaul of standing orders, financial regulations, committee terms of reference, delegated powers, etc. Routine periodic reviews will follow completion of this work.	Completed in July 2022	All governance documents will now receive routine annual reviews.
PF6	Health & Safety Management Support Re-procurement	Re-procuring specialist advice and support for discharge of health and safety duties	Completed in February 2023	
PF7	Financial Procedures Manual	Preparation of a new manual for budget managers and other staff detailing financial roles, responsibilities and procedures	Completed in September 2022	Will be updated by Finance Manager as necessary
PF8	Bickerley Legal Title	An application to remove land from the Council's title was made	Completed in October 2023	Application successfully resisted
PF9	Greenways office leases	The tenant of the first floor suite gave notice and left. The building was re-let as a whole to the tenant of the ground floor suite.	Completed in November 2022	
PF10	Councillors' Email Accounts	Providing councillors with official email accounts (and devices, if required) to facilitate compliance with data protection laws.	Completed in August 2023	

PF12	Base budget review	A review by members and officers of the council's base (revenue) budget, probably focused on a few types of expenditure or areas of activity, to identify possible options for change and/or savings.	Completed in January 2025
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Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces Committee

RLOS1	War Memorial Repair	Repair by conservation specialists with Listed Building Consent with a re-dedication ceremony after.	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS2	Bickerley Tracks Repair	Enhanced repair of tracks to address erosion and potholes (resurfacing is ruled out by town green status) and measures to control parking.	Fresh gravel laid in 2021-22.	No structural change is feasible at present.
RLOS3	Public open spaces security	Review of public open spaces managed by the Council and implementation of measures to protect the highest priority sites from unauthorised encampments and incursions by vehicles	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS6	Community Allotment	Special arrangement needed for community growing area at Southampton Road	Ongoing processes adapted	Agreed to adopt as informal joint venture with the tenants' association
RLOS7	Bowling Club lease	Renewal of lease that expired in April 2023.	Completed in July 2023	New lease granted for 14 years.
RLOS8	Ringwood Youth Club	Dissolution of redundant Charitable Incorporated Organisation	Completed in July 2023	Charity removed from Register of Charities
RLOS9	Aerator Repair	Major overhaul to extend life of this much-used attachment	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS11	Ash Grove fence repair	Replacing the worn-out fence around the play area	Completed in 2021-22	
RLOS12	Van replacement	Replacing the grounds department diesel van with an electric vehicle	Suspended in 2023	Van will be replaced in accordance with Vehicle & Machinery replacement plan
RLOS13	Bickerley compensation claim	Statutory compensation claim for access and damage caused by drainage works	Completed March 2022	Settlement achieved with professional advice
RLOS15	Acorn bench at Friday's Cross	Arranging the re-painting of this bespoke art-work	Completed in 2021-22	Labour kindly supplied by Men's Shed
RLOS16	Town Safe	Possible re-paint of this important survival, part of a listed structure	Suspended indefinitely in September 2022	Complexity and cost judged disproportionate to benefit
RLOS17	Crow Arch Lane Allotments Site	The transfer to this Council (pursuant to a s.106 agreement) of a site for new allotments off Crow Arch Lane	Completed in November 2023	
RLOS18	Cemetery Records Upgrade	Creation of interactive digital cemetery map and scanning of cemetery registers as first stage in digitizing all cemetery records to facilitate remote working, greater efficiency and improved public accessibility.	Completed in 2021	Cost £5,467. Further upgrades are needed to digitize the records fully
RLOS19	Carvers Masterplan	Devising a strategic vision and plan for the future of Carvers Recreation Ground pulling together proposals for additional play equipment and other features	Completed in 2024 but subject to implementation and review	Completed within the £6,000 budget.
RLOS20	Detached youth outreach work	Trialling the provision of detached outreach work by specialist youth workers.	Completed in May 2022	
RLOS22	Bickerley parking problem	Unauthorised parking on the tracks crossing the Bickerley is causing damage and obstruction	Closed off in September 2023	Additional signage has been installed. An estimate of £5,510 to move the "dragon's teeth" was judged disproportionate to the problem.
RLOS24	Poulner Lakes circular path	HCC has funded the creation of a circular path for pedestrians and cyclists to improve accessibility and so encourage greater use	Completed in May 2024	RTC is now responsible for maintenance

Staffing Committee

S1	HR support contract renewal	Renewal of contract for the supply to the Council of specialist human resources law and management support	Completed in 2021-22
S2	Finance Staffing Review	Reassessing staffing requirements and capacity for finance functions and re-negotiating staff terms	Completed in 2021-22