

## EDP

### Meeting Notes

30<sup>th</sup> June 2006

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#### Attendees

Nick Griffin	-	Wokingham District Council
Kyle Lisack	-	English Nature
Winnie ...	-	DCLG
Susan Barnes	-	GOSE
Rob Cameron	-	English Nature
Leslie Credon	-	GOSE
Alison Williamson	-	EDP
Martin Leay	-	EDP

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#### 1 Aims

To identify a:

- List of key questions;
- List of current research;
- Gaps in research;
- How we can best work together;
- Time frames for future actions.

#### 2 Key SPA Issues

- (i) Current condition and thresholds of individual SSSI components of the SPA;
- (ii) Alternatives to addressing the SPA issue (especially mitigation land) (e.g. Surrey Heath are struggling to identify alternative land);
- (iii) Barriers to SPA (motorways/rail lines) / accessibility;
- (iv) Compensation for development within 400m of SPA where can't develop;
- (v) Carrying capacity of recreation sites (SPA, non-SPA and SANG sites);
- (vi) Relative impact of flats / houses;
- (vii) Property nos v people nos;
- (viii) Validity of 16 / 20 ha standards and catchments;
- (ix) Size of mitigation groups;
- (x) Legal interpretation of Regs and Delivery Plan;
- (xi) Restrictive covenants on pets;
- (xii) Linear mitigation;
- (xiii) Testing transferability of Dorset;
- (xiv) Prioritising actions;
- (xv) Experience from other countries;
- (xvi) Establishing collective info base on appeal decisions;
- (xvii) Distribution of birds and people;

- (xviii) Visitor data from existing SANGS;
- (xix) Effectiveness of management measures (access and habitat management);
- (xx) Conflicting designations and objectives for the SPA;
- (xxi) Factors affecting birds (other than disturbance);
- (xxii) Further case studies.

### 3 Studies Underway

**TVNHC / House Builders:** (i), (v), (vii), (xi), (xii), (xiii), (xvi) and (xvii)

**DCLG:** (ii), (iii), (viii), (x), (xiii), (xv), (xix)

**Planning Authorities:** Have a joint working group but no joint studies

- Could look at issues such a new open space (SANGS);
- Also could review 8/16 ha provision;
- Experience from other countries.

**EN:** No studies underway. However:

- Distribution of birds v people (xvii), going out to tender;
- Are planning visitor surveys on some TBH sites, with fives sites going out to tender;
- Covenants: Would like to do some joint work with a partner organisation.

**LUC:** (iii) and (ix)

### 4 Other Key Issues for Consideration

- MJL Impacts on the integrity of SPA
- KL Potential to buy SANGS land
- NG Quick win solution required, which allows flexibility for how mitigation is provided and on-site payments towards SPA
- LC Wants EN to stop objecting!
- Winnie Whether or not we have to have mitigation for every house.

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