

Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan Update
FoRF Response: Regulation 24 Public Consultation February 2026
Main Modifications to Submission Plan

1. Introduction

The Friends of Ringwood Forest (FoRF) Regulation 24 Public Consultation Response is submitted to raise Community concerns addressing potential harm to the future of a cherished amenity identified in the Hampshire Minerals & Waste Plan (HM&WP) as “Purple Haze” which lies within Ringwood Forest contiguous to Moors Valley Country Park.

Community concerns have been raised continuously by FoRF since development of the Purple Haze site was first mooted, initially as a landfill & minerals site and now identified solely for sand & gravel extraction. We are encouraged to note that some of our concerns have now been addressed by Policy changes within the current Submission Plan.

However, no great certainty is offered in the Submission Plan which adequately guarantees that the development of the Purple Haze site allocation will do no harm to Ebblake Bog & the Moors River System. We also note that the East Dorset Environment Partnership (EDEP) consultation response will expertly present the significant environmental, ecological & hydrological reasons why Purple Haze must be removed from the Submission Plan for it to be legally compliant and sound.

Collaboration with the East Dorset Environment Partnership (EDEP), and others, has enabled FoRF to contribute to the myriad of environmental, ecological & hydrological concerns EDEP has tirelessly pursued when considering the potential development of the Purple Haze allocation. **In order to avoid unnecessary duplication of those concerns, PLEASE NOTE that FoRF fully supports the EDEP Regulation 24 Public Consultation Response in its entirety.**

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2. Introduction, Vision and Spatial Strategy

MM3: Key Diagram / Figure 6

1. Do you consider this/these modification(s):

Legally compliant (prepared in accordance with legislation) Yes No

Sound (fit for purpose) Yes No

2. Reason for above status: Neither the Key nor Diagram are easy to read even if expanded.

3. Suggested change or comment: Sharpen all text and expand the Diagram

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3. Implementation, Glossary, and Appendices

MM4 Policy 1 / Para. 3.2, 3.3, 3.6 & 3.14

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Sound (fit for purpose) Yes No

2. If you do or do not consider the above modification(s) to be legally compliant and/or sound, please explain your reasons for this:

Verwood is a thriving community located near to the proposed Purple Haze sand & gravel extraction site. It has been adversely impacted for too long by previous nearby mineral extraction sites, some followed by landfill activity, and then further blighted by subsequent failed restoration. We therefore welcome the modification to include previous minerals development in assessment of cumulative impact.

MM6 Policy 3 / Para. 4.15 (footnote), 4.19, 4.22, 4.23, 4.25, 4.27, 4.28, 4.29 & 4.30-4.32

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Sound (fit for purpose) Yes No

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We welcome the changes to both the Policy and supporting paragraphs. However, the Plan should state clearly that heathland habitats should be identified as irreplaceable and that any heathland site will require management in perpetuity.

MM23 Policy 20 / Para 6.75 - 6.78, 6.82 and 6.83

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Sound (fit for purpose) Yes No

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PLEASE NOTE: FoRF welcomes & supports all changes suggested by EDEP and especially removal of the Purple Haze site allocation from the Submission Plan.

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MM43 Appendix A Purple Haze Planning Consideration 8

PLEASE NOTE: FoRF supports all related changes requested by EDEP

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Sound (fit for purpose) Yes No

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3. Change to read: A dust, noise, and lighting management plan and monitoring are required with information about reporting processes in place and related information provided enabling local residents to be informed before site development commences.
