

APPENDIX 2: PROPOSED RESPONSE TO NATURAL ENGLAND

New Forest District thanks you for your inclusive approach to engaging with us during the development of a route for the Calshot to Gosport stretch of the England Coast Path (ECP). As you are aware, the Council has both an interest in the route as a landowner for some areas and as a planning authority, with some of the route for the ECP also being covered by our recreational mitigation strategy.

As a landowner, the District Council does not have any objections to the proposed route.

As a local authority, the District Council fully supports the inclusive and evidence-based approach taken by Natural England and the report's recommendations (Report CCG 1) for the implementation of the England Coast Path between Calshot and the Itchen Bridge. However, the Council does have concerns that the ECP will lead to a rise in the number of visitors to sensitive parts of this length of coast, thus causing increased disturbance to protected European sites. We duly note that environmental protection objectives were taken into account in the development of your proposals and that these have been subject to the HRA process.