



# New Forest Committee

Agenda Item 7

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Dear Mr. Sheard,

I am writing to make you aware of the results of some initial work carried out by the New Forest Committee to clarify concerns over the Government's decision to designate a smaller than expected New Forest National Park.

We have looked carefully at a number of issues and conclude that there are 6 significant challenges to be addressed outside the National Park boundary to ensure that National Park purposes may be delivered - these are:-

1. **Development pressure around the National Park boundary.**
2. **Management of recreation demand, including the need to provide alternative sites near to centres of population.**
3. **Sustaining New Forest Commoning.**
4. **Integrated management with the Avon Valley.**
5. **Retaining the links between the New Forest and its waterside coastline.**
6. **Conserving New Forest landscape character.**

We hope that by drawing attention to the challenges that need to be addressed, all those with relevant responsibilities and interests, will be able to identify processes and actions that can help assure the success of this newest National Park.

If you would like to explore these challenges in more detail informally, please speak in the first instance to Maddy Jago, the New Forest Committee's Chief Officer.

I would particularly welcome your feedback to this letter so that I may report your organisation's views to my Committee.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Johnson". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Ted Johnson  
Chairman - New Forest Committee

cc Cllr. Kevin Wren, Leader, SDC