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The Proposed New Forest National Park

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The creation of the New Forest National Park will move a step closer this week as the Countryside Agency submits the Designation Order for the National Park to Government. This is an historic occasion that is hugely welcome and follows extensive consultation both in and outside the Forest. In particular, we welcome the proposed boundary, submitted as part of the Designation Order, which encompasses many of the areas that we suggested for inclusion during the public consultation.



**Friends of
the Earth**

We believe that the New Forest desperately needs the better protection and support that a National Park will bring. Whilst current laws help to protect the Forest's heaths, bogs and ancient woodlands, they fail to sufficiently protect the rest of the Forest's special qualities and way of life.



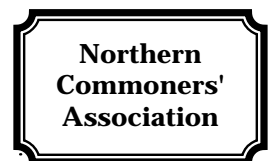
**THE
OPEN SPACES
SOCIETY**

A National Park is needed to:

- curb the urban development creeping into the Forest's countryside;
- enable farmers and commoners to be better supported and rewarded for the work they do to protect the Forest; and
- manage the various pressures that threaten to overwhelm the qualities that make the Forest special.



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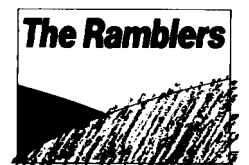
In 1995 National Park legislation was updated with all party support. Despite this some people had hoped that Parliament would pass special legislation for a New Forest National Park. Such an approach, however, had risks and the Government has made it clear that it will not happen. Each of the National Parks is unique. The Government believes that existing legislation is sufficiently flexible to meet the needs of the New Forest. The Countryside Agency shares this view and has



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proposed ways in which the unique characteristics of the New Forest can be addressed.

We shall work with the Government and the Countryside Agency to ensure that this is the case. We will call for:

- the establishment of the National Park that upholds existing Forest laws and respects ancient institutions such as the Court of Verderers;
- the membership and staff of the National Park Authority to reflect the special qualities of the Forest including expertise in commoning, nature conservation, landscape, cultural heritage, quiet enjoyment, visitor management and other issues that are important in the Forest;
- sufficient resources for the National Park to ensure it can fulfil its purposes;
- the National Park to be given the highest status of planning protection and the National Park Authority to be given full planning powers;
- the National Park Authority to augment the work of organisations currently working for the Forest

We urge the Government to ensure that any Public Inquiry that is held into the Designation Order is as concise as possible and does not unnecessarily duplicate the in-depth consultation that the Countryside Agency has undertaken over the last 2 ½ years.

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