



## **The Moors at Arne Project**

### **Summary of feedback 2017 Consultation**

Thank you for attending the stakeholder meeting / public drop-in session on the Moors at Arne project held on the 3 October 2017 in the Town Hall in Wareham and the meeting organised by Arne Parish Council on the 31 October in Furzebrook Village Hall. Both meetings and the exhibition were well attended and a variety of thoughts were shared both on the day and in feedback since the events. The consultation period ran from 3 October until the 30 November. This document provides a summary of the collated feedback forms received during and since the events.

As the scheme progresses we will continue to provide opportunities for the local community to see how the project is progressing and to provide us with further feedback. We anticipate that our next stakeholder meeting and public event will be held in the summer of 2018, once we have the results of the investigations carried out over the winter of 2017/18. We really value your feedback and if you would like to contact us in the meantime, please email your comments to the following address: [themoorsatarne@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:themoorsatarne@environment-agency.gov.uk)

### **Consultation**

At the stakeholder meeting and public drop-in session, we introduced the project and the partners involved. We provided context for the project, spoke about current flood risk, why a coastal change project is needed and the options being considered.

### **Analysis**

The stakeholder meeting for consultees was attended by 19 people and 106 attended the public exhibition held at Wareham Town Hall, a meeting for statutory consultees was also held on the 18 September, to which 9 attended. In addition to this, the project team attended a meeting held on the 31 October in Furzebrook Village Hall, organised by Arne Parish Council, over 150 members of the local community attended and the project team delivered a presentation and answered questions on the scheme. Wareham Town Trust also invited the project to present to one of their meetings, which we did on 14 November.

Feedback was provided via feedback forms completed at the events and sent via email to the project email address: [themoorsatarne@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:themoorsatarne@environment-agency.gov.uk), a total of 52 feedback forms were received.

### Attendance at events

The table below provides an overview of the number of people who were engaged via the various events, and the number of written responses received.

Event	Date	Number attending	Number of feedback forms / emails / letters received
Statutory consultee meeting -	18 September 2017	9	52 forms received
Stakeholder meeting – Wareham Town Hall	3 October 2017	19	
Public drop-in session – Wareham Town Hall	3 October 2017	106	
Community meeting – Furzebrook Village Hall	31 October 2017	150	

### Public access

52% were supportive of public access to the site once completed

38% were not supportive

10% made no comment

### Support for the project

42% feel positive / were supportive of the scheme

31% do not feel positive or strongly oppose the scheme

13% were neutral

6% had a mixed opinion

8% made no comment

### Key issues raised:

Concern over increase in traffic

Increase in flood risk / bringing water closer to homes

Visitor increase and the impact this will have on locals

Drainage and maintenance

Rising water table

### Potential uses of the proposed site:

Bird watching

Walking

Improved cycling and pedestrian access

Place to relax and admire the view

### Next steps:

We will continue to engage with the local community and listen to concerns raised throughout the life of the project. The second stakeholder meeting and public drop-in session will be held in the summer 2018. In the meantime, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch: By phone, call Vanessa Dare on: 07748 622518 or email:

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