

ANNEXE 1

Alice Holt Forest

Discussions have progressed well with both Natural England and the Forestry Commission who own the land. In principle, both are supportive of designation of the Forest as SANG. The land lies in East Hampshire and discussion with them would be needed. At this stage, it would appear that the site could be available as SANG in the short - medium term – 1 - 5 years.

Land to the east of Farnham Park

Discussions are continuing with the owner of the land. Natural England has agreed that the site is suitable as SANG. A pedestrian link with the Park would be especially beneficial. Allocation of this land as SANG would safeguard it as open space, which would re-enforce the Farnham Aldershot Strategic Gap. As with Alice Holt, further discussions with the landowner and Natural England before the site can be allocated as SANG. However, a provision of SANG could again be in the short term - medium term (1 - 5 years) but is dependant on the land owner making the land available and the necessary improvements being in place.

Farnham Quarry

Discussions with the owners of Farnham Quarry are ongoing. Natural England have agreed in principle that the site could make suitable SANG. Restoration of the site will take about five years to reach a reasonable landscape quality. The site abuts Rushmoor Borough Council and offers the possibility of cross-boundary working on shared SANG and wider landscape and open space improvements in the Blackwater Valley.

Farnham Park

Bearing in mind the outcome of a visitor survey which revealed that the Park is underused and the improvements which have taken in place, Natural England have now confirmed that the total SANG capacity is 21.25 ha. If this position is adopted by the Council, then a further 10.35 ha of SANG could be released in Farnham Park equating to potentially 539 new dwellings. It is important to stress that it would not automatically mean that permission for 539 dwellings would be granted as any individual proposals for development would, in common with the rest of the Borough, need to be judged against other development plan policies.