NATIONAL PARK RESPONDS TO CALLS FOR MORE TIME

ONE VOICE is absolutely delighted to receive the long awaited news from the NPA that we will have more time to read the revised park plan, as called for in our recent ongoing petition.

In a lengthy telephone conversation with Barrie Foley yesterday (24 July 09) we discussed details of this timeframe and the public meeting that Barrie has always been keen to have.

We can now confirm that the public meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd September 2009*. Further details will be released as soon as these arrangements have been finalised

Barrie Foley has made a remarkable and positive impact in taking things forward during the short time he has been with the NPA. On his second day in office Barrie made a point of contacting ONE VOICE and as a result, we were able to put him in contact with many other groups in the New Forest. This has resulted in a 2-way dialogue – which was never achievable before his arrival at South Efford House. These groups, and others, will now have the opportunity to help revise the wording in the current park plan.

If anyone can 'turn the ship around' Barrie Foley is the man to do it. We have been campaigning long and hard for public meetings so you can put your questions forward to the NPA and now, with another Captain at the helm, this will become a reality.

It is time to put aside any misgivings or distrust from the past and look forward to new beginnings that will become possible under this new leadership. We take out hat off to Barrie Foley for bringing fresh initiatives to the New Forest and hope you can all work together and achieve the best results for everyone.

*Please note this is a change to the original date of 1st September 2009

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