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Since September last year ONE VOICE has been lobbying the NPA to actively engage with New Forest residents by holding open and transparent public meetings. We are very pleased that this will now be achieved, albeit just one meeting, and look forward to seeing many of our members at the Applemore venue on 2nd September. We would urge all New Forest residents, workers and visitors to attend. There may not be another opportunity to have your voice heard or to influence the decision-makers at South Efford House.

We are also delighted to note that the NPA have taken on board a major concern which was highlighted in the ONE VOICE formal complaint regarding combining the Park Plan with the LDFS: -

“We acknowledge that this process was a huge undertaking for the Authority, particularly as it has been driven by the inclusion of the Local Development Framework Strategy; something never before attempted by a National Park Authority. Regrettably, this has had a confusing effect on the entire process and has sadly left the general public having no confidence in the management of the Authority”.

Now that the two documents will be separated out, and there is an Interim Chief Executive spearheading the process, the revised management plan may be easier to understand and we look forward to its availability on 22nd October 09.