



21 April 2011

Dear Sir/Madam,

Yateley Common

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust and Hampshire County Council are keen to consult on the future management of Yateley Common. The County Council has long managed Yateley Country Park and the Trust has recently formed a partnership with the Ministry of Defence, who own and manage the land south of A30 for military training. These organisations are considering how to carry out management to improve the common for people and wildlife. Before coming to any conclusions, they are anxious to get the views of those who value the common as an important amenity or have a specialist interest in its wildlife, history or other features. To assist this process Footprint Ecology - consultants with particular experience of commons issues – have been engaged to facilitate the consultation process. A background paper and leaflet have been prepared by Footprint Ecology. The leaflet is enclosed and the background paper can be found on the Trust's website www.hwt.org.uk/pages/yateley-consultation.html, or a copy can be obtained from Footprint Ecology at the address below.

We are keen to hear the views of regional and national organisations on the future management of this important area. Should you prefer that your views be made known through a local representative, we would be most grateful for a contact name and address, or perhaps you could pass this letter on.

We would be grateful if you could respond either by e-mail to: jim.white@footprint-ecology.co.uk or by writing to Jim White at Footprint Ecology, Forest Office, Cold Harbour, Wareham, Dorset, BH20 7PA. We would also be pleased to see representatives at either the drop-in or open day detailed on the enclosed leaflet.

We hope to complete these consultations by the end of May after which we will decide on our preferred options for future management in the light of the views you and others have given us. At that point we will be in touch with you again.

The Trust, County Council and the MOD are seeking the best solutions for the future management of the common and the widest consensus on how this can be achieved. Please help us by giving your views and ideas.

Yours sincerely,

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