Public Consultation and Future Restoration Plans

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PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

• To carry forward the work achieved to date into the next 10 years (2006-2016)
• To take on board the lessons learned
• To ensure the long term sustainability & integrated management of the hydraulic network
Who is the plan aimed at?

Intended to be a practical working document aimed at

*managers, planners & ground staff within the Partner Organisations*
What does the Plan comprise?

- Background
- Historic Legacy & Management
- Catchment Characteristics
- Wetland Restoration Works - *techniques, maintenance, monitoring & costs*
- Case Studies
Why do we need to do more work?

- 11,000 hectares of New Forest SSSI still in unfavourable condition, even after work carried out by LIFE 3!!
The Future Works?

• Need to be carefully prioritised & targeted
• Inclusion in the Plan will act as a catalyst to find funding
• Need to take on board any lessons learned from Life 3 to date
Priorities of Future Works?

• Priority 1 – works required to restore unfavourable declining SSSI units to favourable condition
• Priority 2 – works requiring longer lead in time but still needed to restore SSSI
• Priority 3 – “would be nice to do”
To progress future restoration consultation is the key!
Why Involve Local Communities?

• Public bodies spending public money
• Build trust for custodians of landscape
• Education and understanding
• Develop a sense of ownership
Who to Involve?

• Regulatory bodies
• People whose living is dependent upon the landscape
• People who study the landscape and its features
• People who enjoy the landscape for recreation
## Stakeholder Interest and Influence

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Low Interest

High Interest

Increasing education need
Increasing need for trust
Increasing competence
Increasing involvement in detail

Forestry Commission

New Forest Life Partnership
Water Basin Management Forum
Role of Forum Members

• To advise partners about delivery
• To share their specialist knowledge
• To communicate the work of the project through their own network of contacts
• To support and promote the work of the project
Role of Forum for Partners

- To debate proposals for work
- To raise issues and concerns
- To expose members to a range of views
- To inform and educate
- To input views of local communities
Influence of Forum

• No influence:
  – on contractual commitments

• Could influence:
  – methods of delivery
  – order of delivery
  – communication of project
Forum Site Visits
Public Consultation - Launch Event
Public Consultation - Information

- Guided walks on site
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- New Forest Show
Lessons Learnt

- Involve key players from the outset
- Be prepared to listen and adapt
- Be prepared to evolve consultation techniques
- Concentrate public engagement at point of delivery
- Use key players to share promotion of project
- Do as you say and do it well
- The need for consultation never stops
Any Questions?