

From: Minstead Parish Council

November 15th 2013

To: New Forest National Park Authority – Alison Barnes/Chris Gregory
Hampshire County Council – Keith Mans/Sean Woodward/Tim Lawton
Forestry Commission – Nick Tucker, Head of Recreation and Public Affairs
Verderers of the New Forest – Dominic May
Julian Lewis MP

Copy: The Chair, Safety Advisory Group, NFDC
NFDC – Cllr Diane Andrews
NFALC Cycling Representative – Neal Martin

Dear All,

Minstead Parish Council believes that recent initiatives on cycling in the New Forest have concentrated on improving facilities for tourists and visitors and not given sufficient emphasis to the needs of local cyclists.

To test this we wrote a letter outlining our concerns, publicised this locally over a 3 week period in September/October, and asked those who agreed to sign a petition of support. We have 127 signatures, 62 from Minstead parish, 57 from elsewhere in the New Forest, and 8 from outside the area. The letter and petition are attached.

We believe this shows a clear desire from the local electorate for some adjustment of the current policy along the lines suggested in our letter.

We would very much like to hear your views on this, and would be more than happy to take part in any further discussions on the subject, with a view to achieving our vision of a year round practical, useable, safe cycle network in the New Forest.

Kind regards

Minstead Parish Council

Polly Osborne

Clerk to Minstead Parish Council