

## Q3 The Vision:

Answered: 39 Skipped: 38

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Great to have such a vision	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	One of themes coming out of consultation was management of organised events. Perhaps vision should develop a broader aim - that Common is and should continue to be an amenity for public events, including commercial events such as live music, that this generates income, and that this should be linked to a considered and resourced approach to managing the impact of these events.	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	Fine. No additional comments	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	I think it could be of benefit to a wider group than 'all Southampton citizens' for example visitors or tourists or anyone who likes open common space.	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	I agree that the Common needs to be more actively managed. The neglected north end is a tangle of bramble and nettles in parts. Proper coppicing and planting would give better biodiversity, and probably encourage greater respect and care in its visitors. The grassed areas need better protection during festivals and fairs, and restoration afterwards. The cost of this should be built into the fees charged for its use. The new playground has been a great improvement. More seating and better toilet facilities would be appreciated by adults and children alike.	3/11/2018 12:01 PM
6	Excellent. I value this space and like any ideas to support bio diversity.	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
7	Looks achievable.	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
8	If delivered, the Common will be a jewel in Southampton. Equal weight should be focussed on the biodiversity. For instance, clearing to make more grass equals loss of habitat so this needs to be maintained. Providing more opportunities for the public to appreciate the biodiversity would be helpful, e.g. billboards stating what plants, animals etc can be seen where, with interesting info accompanying it. More activities and facilities families can take part in - e.g. the Woodlands centre at Itchen Valley Country park. Then the building can be used for other things too.	3/10/2018 10:36 AM
9	All good.	3/10/2018 6:38 AM
10	This representation is made on behalf of SCAPPS & is additional to comments at meeting 6 March & the written statement of what SCAPPS hopes will be covered in the continuing process of agreeing this strategic plan & in preparing the subsequent 6 topic plans. SCAPPS supports the 5 'outcomes'. On the same page as 'The Vision' the 5 'outcomes' are defined. SCAPPS proposes rewording the last to 'Improve entrances, paths & safety'. The word 'access' is ambiguous. What follows later suggests what is meant is 'improve access for all', ie including those with disabilities.	3/9/2018 8:03 PM
11	A great vision.	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
12	Agree with but would like to add 'To be used for educational purposes and to acquaint children / students with the common and its various habitats'.	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
13	I feel the vision is commendable and it is important to engage people with urban green space and encourage them to care for nature.	3/9/2018 3:42 PM
14	The vision is good, but rather ambitious and success depends on concentrating on the basic issues as stated in section 8.	3/9/2018 11:30 AM
15	"Create new habitats to increase biodiversity". Opportunities to create new habitats in an already diverse area are likely to be limited, and there are other ways of increasing biodiversity: suggest omit "Create new habitats to" and begin "Increase biodiversity whilst..."	3/9/2018 11:28 AM
16	I have an alternative vision - leave well alone ! the common is in my opinion pretty perfect, and strikes an attractive balance between usability and some rough edges. please do not "organise" it too much (and see 5 below).	3/9/2018 9:42 AM

17	The vision seems clear and straight forward, but I'd like to see it on plan. To ensure that you increase footpath access and protect sensitive habitats there obviously needs to be zoning and management. I'd like to see the access and activity increased in diverse areas of the Common to allow for more variety of experiences, but this needs to be managed carefully. At the moment the main focal point is around the play area and secondarily around the Hawthorn Centre. It would be nice to have 2 or 3 other locations to act as "honey pots", to spread intensity of pedestrian activity.	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
18	I would love to see improved facilities on the common to improve the use by all. It is a space that I use every day and should be maintained so it can be used by all groups.	3/9/2018 8:28 AM
19	Good but dont change too much.	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
20	Looks like you want to clear a load of woodland which I don't find acceptable, presumably so you can have larger events to make more money	3/9/2018 7:42 AM
21	Agree	3/9/2018 6:57 AM
22	The vision demonstrates that the viewpoint of the writer (and presumed viewpoint of the reader) is that of an urban dweller - who appears a bit afraid of that processes the natural world undertakes when left alone, and who wishes to tame these processes. If we are really interested in biodiversity and wish to create a habitat for wildlife and wild plants we will not put artificial lighting anywhere in the Common. There is enough light pollution elsewhere, and we should not take away this small haven for nocturnal wildlife. Lighting is very disorientating for many winged creatures, from bats to moths, and should be avoided. Humans who wish to travel from one side of the Common to the other after dark should either take their chances, and experience what it is like to rely on senses other than sight, or walk round the edge. I would also suggest that the carers of small children should be involved in planning play areas. The new play area by the Cowherds is such a huge disappointment to anyone seeking to entertain an pre-school age child. A). Sand is not a good substance for them to fall onto, as it enters the mouth, sticks to the hands, and is generally filthy. Where can one wash hands before eating? Wood chip is better. B). If you are devising slides for under 5s, it is good to provide access that is not muddy. When the first child goes down the current slide, they smear the slide with mud, and spoil it for future use. C) it would be good to provide a climbing frame for under 5s to manage without assistance. The one that has been removed had been conquered by my granddaughter before she was 2 years old, and she loved the slide as a mode of descent. None of the climbing facilities in the new play area can be managed by her independently at 2 and a quarter years, and none has a slide as a mode of descent. D) if you are going to provide water play facilities, for goodness sake make sure they work. Neither of the installations has any water beyond a teacupful every half hour after a lot of work. What a waste of money. St James' Road Park play area is an example of a play area that works for pre school age children - and older children as well.	3/8/2018 2:25 PM
23	Very clear vision that is achievable.	3/7/2018 7:49 PM
24	good	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
25	I would like to see its man-made advantages also mentioned i.e. children's play area, lakes etc. The Common may be naturalistic, but it is not natural and for the sake of our inner city residents, especially the children I would like it to be first and foremost a park. Improve access etc. Not sure about this. May detract from the naturalistic appearance of The Common.	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
26	I would like to see its man-made advantages also mentioned i.e. children's play area, lakes etc. The Common may be naturalistic, but it is not natural and for the sake of our inner city residents, especially the children I would like it to be first and foremost a park. Improve access etc. Not sure about this. May detract from the naturalistic appearance of The Common.	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
27	Great to see someone is looking to the future and wants to improve things. The Common looks neglected and we are lucky to have this much space in a city .	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
28	looks good	3/5/2018 10:47 PM
29	Nice to see the vision articulated	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
30	What a load of pompous waffle. Why can't you just say in simple words what this all means? make the Common less littered (and who drops the litter in the first place, the very people you want to encourage to use it) Improve the toilet facilities and enlarge the Hawthorns café and education centre. Repair the paths and keep the playground in good condition. Improve the lighting of main paths. Clean up the lakes and improve the water quality, which is appallingly filthy in summer. This doesn't need a huge budget, but you must replace the groundsmen who have been made redundant over the years. You can't expect the two men who currently do such a fantastic job to do any more.	3/3/2018 8:46 PM

31	Seems OK, but it's so all-encompassing for present users that it's hard to see that anyone might disagree with it! The immediate thing I see missing, however, is any mention of the history of the Common within the context of the history of Southampton. This should be included just as the appreciation of the Common's biodiversity should be credited. But there are at this stage no specific (ie measurable) targets given about the Common's development and use. I assume there will be later.	3/3/2018 6:58 PM
32	Agree	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
33	Very good ideas, especially toilets and eating facilities ( as long as they are reasonably priced, and not just out to make a huge profit!) Think the idea of volunteers may make all this a bit hit and miss. Why not have employed people, it would all help reduce employment figures.	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
34	All sounds very good in theory.	3/3/2018 2:38 PM
35	Looks realistic and achievable. Well set out and easy to understand.	3/3/2018 9:35 AM
36	Good vision!	3/3/2018 9:09 AM
37	I find the scope of the Vision to be good, inclusive and achievable.	3/3/2018 8:42 AM
38	A good overall vision	3/3/2018 7:56 AM
39	I'm really excited to see the draft, I agree with all the points. As a mum of young children, my main focus would be on improving the toilet facilities and improving the eating facilities which at present are very poor. I would also love to see more emphasis on the nature and plants on the common.	3/3/2018 7:30 AM

## Q4 Outcome: Increase usage & enjoyment of The Common (including the priorities).

Answered: 35 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	increasing usage may well damage the common as we know it, but certainly it will need to be used more and more as more and more people live in small apartments without any outside space.	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	Priorities ok, but as per comment above, should there be some kind of link to some kind of 'commercial engagement' plan as well as community engagement.	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	What level of increase in the number of users is deemed desirable? And would this increase in numbers be limited to certain times and events? If not, there is a real danger of the peace and tranquillity provided by the Common - as a calm oasis in the centre of the city- being lost. For many users this is the real joy of the Common, so increasing enjoyment for some should not be to the detriment of reducing or losing enjoyment for others.	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	Again beyond just the citizens of Southampton (although mainly those)	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	The Common is well used, and could be better used. It's noticeable how many more people have been drawn to the Common by Parkrun. Other new initiatives could increase its use by more people	3/11/2018 12:01 PM
6	Just keep it as "green" as we can.	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
7	The common is already busy but the improvements would certainly increase the enjoyment.	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
8	Remembering that as residents of Southampton, it is quite annoying that having a right to access any part of the common, I can't access all of it when events (paid) are taking place.	3/10/2018 10:36 AM
9	Provision of toilets would be good , locked up at night.	3/10/2018 6:38 AM
10	Good aims. I am a bit concerned about increasing usage too much - hopefully as stated not to the detriment of wildlife. Great to get more people/businesses/community groups/children/young people/students involved in looking after the common as well as using it.	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
11	Tourists could be interested.	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
12	Volunteering and awareness are good ideas.	3/9/2018 3:42 PM
13	Agree	3/9/2018 11:30 AM
14	-	3/9/2018 11:28 AM
15	we need to protect the common from its own success - you mention the 1000+ runners every Saturday morning, and you can certainly see the route they take. how do we prevent this becoming a muddy eyesore (if it isn't already) ? understandably, the council want to monetise the common, and one sees the effect of this in the increasing number of musical events, and it seems to me the increase in the number of days the funfair is camped on the common. how do we safeguard the interests of the "normal" user ?	3/9/2018 9:42 AM
16	I'm happy to see there is a demand for increase in food and drink opportunities, as it can increase variety of experience, but I think we should have high standards for waste production from any facilities. I would hate to see more litter produced.	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
17	Not too many concerts!	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
18	As above, I try to avoid the place when there are concerts on, or the funfair	3/9/2018 7:42 AM
19	Agree	3/9/2018 6:57 AM
20	It's sounds as though you are trying to make it into a 'tame' park like Hyde Park. Leave it to its own devices as much as possible, and let children experience a bit of the wild. Doing this also provides a wider range of habitat. I do think that with increased popularity, it is becoming crowded, and for that reason it would be good to provide dedicated cycle lanes somehow. The signage to prohibit cycles on the narrow paths is regularly ignored, to the detriment of pedestrians. Therefore exclusive areas for cycles, and the banning of them from other paths would be a good idea.	3/8/2018 2:25 PM
21	Great idea to increase awareness of amenities and to allow normal people some governance.	3/7/2018 7:49 PM

22	yes	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
23	a-e agree	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
24	a-e agree	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
25	Good to see so many families using during recent snow. Need to have some facilities for children and families to use.	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
26	looks good	3/5/2018 10:47 PM
27	No comments	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
28	keep going!	3/3/2018 8:46 PM
29	It would be nice to see more people from all parts of Southampton enjoy our lovely Common.	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
30	Plenty of litter bins and dog waste bins, coupled with litter wardens ready to fine anyone not using them!	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
31	Whilst it is great to encourage more people to use the common, where are they all going to park. The very limited parking already gets very busy on summer weekends.	3/3/2018 2:38 PM
32	welcome the introduction of more toilet facilities and eating outlets but need to ensure that toilets in particular are regularly cleaned I think that it needs to be noted that there are numerous rough sleepers now living on the Common so facilities would need to be well monitored	3/3/2018 9:35 AM
33	Think you have the right idea here , basically more of what is already happening at the common	3/3/2018 9:09 AM
34	Agree with the main outcomes.	3/3/2018 8:42 AM
35	Please no more for children - they should be taught to respect the Common as it is (wildlife, open spaces, diversity of plants, etc) rather than expect £0000 to be spent on providing swings, slides and climbing frames. Their shouts and screaming drives those of us who love the peace and quietness of the Common away from the most accessible area.	3/3/2018 7:56 AM

## Q5 Outcome: Improve the facilities for recreation & education (including the priorities).

Answered: 35 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	yes please expand the space available for recreation with long vistas so you can see both uphill and downhill	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	Is there some opportunity to harness newer technological means to educate and inform visitors to the Common about the nature and cultural heritage - information points, existing information boards around the Common with added electronic information access via QR codes for example?	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	Any increase in play equipment should be in keeping with the natural feel of the Common. Moors Valley Country Park is a good example of providing innovative and engaging activities for families with children in a way which does not detract from the wooded surroundings. A similar trail with play areas dotted along it would be better than concentrating play equipment into one area, and would encourage people to walk around the Common, and appreciate its other attractions as they moved from one point to another. Also, is there too much emphasis in the Plan for providing play facilities, when the Common already offers spaces to run, climb, walk and explore, without the need for any equipment?	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	I think recreation and education should be separate priorities. Eating and drinking does not 'fit' with education in its widest sense. The fact that schools and teaching are not prioritised is a significant omission.	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	The Hawthorns is a start, but needs investment. Its facilities are very limited. There are 7 or 8 primary schools and 3 secondaries within easy walking distance of the Common. I suspect that they would make more use of the Common as an educational resource if facilities were improved.	3/11/2018 12:01 PM
6	Education for the future.	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
7	Good aims.	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
8	See Question 3. BBQ areas are needed. Provide more info on the history of the common. We were taken on a guided tour of the common and we learnt all sorts of fascinating things about history, biodiversity. We should know these things so we can be proud of the common.	3/10/2018 10:36 AM
9	Fill the empty pond.	3/10/2018 6:38 AM
10	b The Hawthorns, strongly support. Include in '...measure success' column 'improvements made to The Hawthorns & grounds, time interpretative & information room & grounds open to public, numbers visiting'.	3/9/2018 8:03 PM
11	These are all really great aims. Would love to see the Hawthorns developed into a high-quality centre for learning about wildlife, and the garden to be accessible again.	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
12	Be interested to know how and at what cost.	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
13	I'm pleased to see the Hawthorn's is included in this, as well as reducing the detrimental effects of organised events.	3/9/2018 3:42 PM
14	Agree	3/9/2018 11:30 AM
15	-	3/9/2018 11:28 AM
16	arguably, the common is one big facility for recreation, and rightly so. if it ain't broke don't fix it ! I see commons in the south London area where I grew up that have become so regimented and fussy after too much tampering, that there are white lines and traffic lights where paths intersect (exaggerating to make the point). please resist the temptation to change too much.	3/9/2018 9:42 AM
17	Good	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
18	Would really value improved street lighting on main paths. Toilets are essential. Especially near the main play areas during the daytime where mums and young children are there. It's horrendous having no toilet facilities for mums and young children! Personally I walk my dog there on a regular basis. I like the fact that we are free to roam so don't want the common to become very structured. Really need the duckpond fences maintained to stop dogs from getting in to the area.	3/9/2018 8:28 AM

19	Good idea but dont cut the woodland down. More paths need fixing.	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
20	As above	3/9/2018 7:42 AM
21	Agree	3/9/2018 6:57 AM
22	Very keen for facilities that increase exercise and well being. Would be nice to see some exercise equipment like they have in St James' Park. Also keen that education can occur both nature and history of the common.	3/7/2018 7:49 PM
23	yes	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
24	a. agree b. It would be good to see a readily accessible, safe, child centred facility at The Hawthorns, possibly similar to the facilities at Hilliers Arboretum. c. agree d. agree e. agree	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
25	a-e agree b. It would be good to see a readily accessible, safe, child centred facility at The Hawthorns, possibly like the facilities at Hillier Arboretum.	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
26	Good to improve educational use. Children need access to outside environment and to learn about it.	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
27	looks good	3/5/2018 10:47 PM
28	No comments	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
29	keep going!	3/3/2018 8:46 PM
30	More toilet facilities are very important. How can we get people to use the bins?	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
31	All ideas I've mentioned would all lead to enhanced public enjoyment.	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
32	children need more play areas and education of society to better appreciate wildlife is an admirable quest	3/3/2018 9:35 AM
33	More facilities for recreation would be good, look at the new park, its really well used!	3/3/2018 9:09 AM
34	Yes I support these proposals.	3/3/2018 8:42 AM
35	This is very needed, for such a large space having just the hawthorns centre is poor. The centre produces poor quality food and is a wasted underused space in my opinion.	3/3/2018 7:30 AM

## Q6 Outcome: Increase the proportion of open and accessible space (including the priorities).

Answered: 37 Skipped: 40

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	the common was much more open and felt as though you were in a wide open space. Much of that has gone in more recent times. you used to be able to walk on informal paths now no longer available through the increase of scrub and sapling growth.	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	Yes agree, so long as it is well thought through and properly informed.	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	I disagree with this as a desirable outcome. There are already enough open accessible spaces on the Common. If more are created this will be at the expense of wooded and wild areas, and the habitats and wildlife they support, which contribute to the feeling of the Common being a part of the countryside in the centre of the city, which is surely its USP? More open spaces will make it feel more "managed" and less natural. There are already plenty of other open accessible spaces in the city, including the nearby Outdoor Sports Centre, and smaller parks like St James Park. What evidence is there that more are needed? Why change the unique character of the Common to make it become just like other places? The reference to creating "long vistas across and beyond the Common" concerns me. How would this be achieved? Losing the screen of trees and greenery around the boundaries of the Common would make it feel more open and exposed, and increase noise pollution from the surrounding busy roads. It would also be a worry for dog owners if there were no barriers to prevent dogs running out into roads. Vistas beyond the Common suggest that the Common is on high ground with views over the surrounding area. It actually seems to be on quite low land and I can't think of any fine vistas which would exist, apart from over roads and houses, across to cranes at the docks and high rise buildings. The character of the Common is maintained by its feeling of enclosure, a green, natural space protected from the surrounding urban street scape. We do not want to lose this.	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	To some extent this priority is self defeating with the priority on increasing biodiversity and creating new habitats. Whilst long vistas might add aesthetic qualities I'm not sure they add anything to biodiversity or new habitats. How would increasing the amount of grassland improve safety? What proportion of common area is already grassland? Is more grassland likely to improve or reduce biodiversity? Who would be responsible for the mowing, how much would this cost and how frequently would it be done? I could see how increasing heathland or reintroducing indigenous plant species would achieve the priority. The water areas are very important, and as a regular common walker, I have no idea why one large pond is currently drained. There is no information about this on the common. Increasing public information, for example using social media, would aid engagement.	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	Good idea - but more to the point, maintain what's there - large parts of The Flats are laid to waste by festivals and not restored - see above.	3/11/2018 12:01 PM
6	Think it is open and accessible so not sure what more you can do.	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
7	This is clearly a priority.	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
8	See question 3	3/10/2018 10:36 AM
9	e Insert 'recording' so reads "Ensure the recording & effective conservation..."	3/9/2018 8:03 PM
10	I enjoy walking through the woodland areas. I hope they will remain intact.	3/9/2018 6:47 PM
11	I'm not too sure about this one - would it involve chopping down lots of trees? Doesn't sound good. Already have some good open spaces and vistas - and when on the common I want to escape from the surrounding city, so don't want to see beyond it! Want good amount of less accessible spaces for wildlife to be safe.	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
12	Although it may disturb the local wildlife so perhaps a reasonable balance.	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
13	This concerns me slightly, as there is already a lot of open space available on the common. Whilst it is important to engage people, it is more important not to disturb wildlife. Additionally a lot of the woodland provides more peaceful places for people to wonder, away from busy areas of the common.	3/9/2018 3:42 PM
14	Surely there is enough!	3/9/2018 11:30 AM
15	-	3/9/2018 11:28 AM

16	Yes in principle, but (as someone who freely wanders there daily) I cherish the regions of wildness as well as the neat parts. For example: on one occasion I was starting to crawl under a fallen tree, to reach a secluded area beyond it, when I encountered two young women crawling under it in the opposite direction! We all roared with delight. Surprise is as precious as neatness. (And, yes, I really am older than 70, as entered above)	3/9/2018 11:13 AM
17	why ? the assumption here must be that there is too much closed and inaccessible space. what evidence exists that this is so ? the deer you still see occasionally on the common (and the little common) wouldn't agree. I suspect that you can't remain an SSSI with a series of grassy fields, and you would end up with a much less attractive variety of aspects.	3/9/2018 9:42 AM
18	Good. But needs to be considered in conjunction with protected spaces	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
19	At present cyclists, dog walkers and pedestrians all use the same paths. Anything that helps improve the safety and use of the paths would be great. Perhaps develop dog walks separate from children's areas and main cycle routes	3/9/2018 8:28 AM
20	Keep the trees!	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
21	As above	3/9/2018 7:42 AM
22	Agree	3/9/2018 6:57 AM
23	Don't open the spaces up too much. Provision of vistas is not essential. The New Forest is not far away if you want a vista, or the sea. Removing too much undergrowth makes wildlife accessible to poachers, both human and animal, and reduces the range of habitats for plant life. Fishing needs regulation on the fishing lake. Recent arrivals to this country do not understand about fishing licences and throwing fish back. They regard it as an opportunity to get a free meal.	3/8/2018 2:25 PM
24	My concern is that to encourage people in you have to open up the land to more grassland. I hope that the diversity of habitats can be preserved and improved.	3/7/2018 7:49 PM
25	Leave as natural. There are enough open spaces	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
26	a. What type of grassland? Won't this decrease biodiversity? If increasing open space involves the felling of mature, healthy trees, then I am opposed to this. Pre the 1987 storms we did not have a 'vista' of properties on Northlands Rd from Cemetery Rd, or King Edwards School from Cemetery Lake. Consequently, a walk on the common really did feel a lot more rural. Some of the trees or bushes were evergreen and blocked the view of the buildings very effectively. Sadly, they have not been replaced. What vistas beyond The Common – Hill Lane, Burgess Rd, The Avenue, car parking along Cemetery Rd – I want to escape from the city scene! b. We do need some evergreens to maintain interest and structure in the winter, and to block out unsightly views. c. Agree d. Agree e. Agree	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
27	a. What type of grassland? Won't this decrease biodiversity? If increasing open space involves the felling of mature, healthy trees, then I am opposed to this. Pre the 1987 storms we did not have a 'vista' of properties on Northlands Rd, from Cemetery Rd, or of King Edwards School from Cemetery Lake. Consequently, a walk on the common really did feel a lot more rural. Some of the trees or bushes were evergreen and blocked the view of the buildings very effectively. Sadly, they have not been replaced. What vistas beyond The Common – Hill Lane, Burgess Rd, The Avenue, car parking along Cemetery Rd – I want to escape from the traffic! b. We do need some evergreens to maintain interest and structure in the winter, and to block out unsightly views. c. Agree d. Agree e. Agree	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
28	There is a need to open out some of the overgrown areas	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
29	looks good	3/5/2018 10:47 PM
30	No comments	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
31	This idea really worries me. The magic of the Common is that it seems like a piece of the countryside dropped into the middle of the town. If you make it too much like a grassy park it will lose this special quality. The dense tree filled areas are the ones which support the most wildlife. Children love to have an adventure exploring hidden areas and climbing on logs and kicking through the leaves. It just isn't so exciting walking around on a "safe" green grassy area. I have been a regular user of the Common for over 60 years and I can tell you that the vast majority of people stay in the area nearest the Cowherds and the open field areas. The ones who venture into the other more secluded parts of the Common are those who genuinely appreciate the natural habitat and respect it and want to share it with their children. Leave the dense wooded areas alone, you will spoil the very special character of the Common if you start cutting it down. Let the people who are frightened of seclusion and quietness stay with all the other gregarious herds. In 60 years of using the Common with my sons as they grew up, and now my dog, I have never encountered any frightening behaviour. You won't make it safer by clearing the undergrowth, men without trousers do not tend to stand in holly bushes.	3/3/2018 8:46 PM

32	Don't cut back too much, but keep the weeds under control.	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
33	Increase in open spaces including things for children and teens to do would be excellent idea.	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
34	Do we need more open space? Does increasing it mean cutting down trees and bushes? This could detract from the current sense of being in the countryside. I think it is important to maintain the aura of a park rather than a recreation ground.	3/3/2018 2:38 PM
35	it would be a shame if areas of woodland were removed to create more open space as this would adversely affect wildlife	3/3/2018 9:35 AM
36	Yes, but make sure there is enough protected wildlife space as well!	3/3/2018 9:09 AM
37	It will be a big challenge to achieve this outcome but is key to future usage and value of the Common to the people.	3/3/2018 8:42 AM

## Q7 Outcome: Create new habitats to increase biodiversity whilst enhancing the protection of species deemed national to be in need of special protection (including the priorities).

Answered: 35 Skipped: 42

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	we live in the suburbs with a garden where we have at least 15 different species of birds, butterflies, moths, bats, hedgehogs, toads, frogs, newts , stag beetles as well as fruit, flowers and vegs. the recent intensity on provision for wildlife and ecology at the expense of provision for a burgeoning population does need to be addressed. annual recordings of habitat and species could be useful.	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	Yes very much agree. The size and scope of the Common in an urban environment is unique and, if well managed, could be even better.	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	The balance between more public events and increased usage, and the protection of habitats and species, is a fine one, and decisions must be made on which of these aspects is more important. Once habitats are lost they are not recoverable so I think these should take precedence over clearing of areas to make more "accessible" spaces. All our wildlife is potentially at risk so attention should be given to all species (except perhaps the rats!) not just those needing special protection. A visit to the Common provides everyone with the opportunity to see and listen to birds, for example, which may be harder to find elsewhere in the city.	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	I agree	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	Good idea. 'Benign neglect' will not see areas returning to natural woodland in any one lifetime. The Common was for centuries a managed resource, with selective coppicing, felling and replanting, and this created the essential nature of its woodland areas. A return to traditional management would help to restore is variety and biodiversity.	3/11/2018 12:01 PM
6	Yes yes yes. No idea about priorities. Just use best professional advice. Never seen a toad since I was young (long time ago) and maybe they don't want to be seen!	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
7	Extremely important.	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
8	See question 3	3/10/2018 10:36 AM
9	What does priority a mean? What is meant by 'the benefits' of SSSI designation? What is implied by proposing to 'enhance' those 'benefits'? Does it mean review & submit new management plan for approval by Natural England? If so, should be in "how will we measure success' column.	3/9/2018 8:03 PM
10	Small birds like tits seem to enjoy the brambly, scrubby areas on the edge of woodland. I hope they won't be reduced too much. Grassland is not a habitat for much wildlife.	3/9/2018 6:47 PM
11	All good. Presumably will need lots of expert advice to get it right.	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
12	I think managing but keeping disturbance to a minimum. Perhaps the use of CCTV could be considered?	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
13	Very important.	3/9/2018 3:42 PM
14	Agreed once general maintenance is brought up to standard.	3/9/2018 11:30 AM
15	-	3/9/2018 11:28 AM
16	"new habitats" ? surely the common needs to remain the result of its indigenous flora and fauna. if you think there are species missing, then that's probably because they don't occur naturally here. so why introduce them ?	3/9/2018 9:42 AM
17	Good. But how managed?	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
18	Ponds and centres	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
19	Agree	3/9/2018 6:57 AM
20	I don't know about creating new habitats, but as already stated, we need to protect the habitats we have and not drain and trim everywhere so it is all lawn .	3/8/2018 2:25 PM

21	This is great so long as people can access them to some degree. I am a keen nature lover who likes to take photographs and draw and feel that not all sites are accessible. I understand there is a balance to be drawn where animals/flora have a chance to grow without being damaged and access but most people probably wouldn't go to these sites.	3/7/2018 7:49 PM
22	Yes	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
23	a. Disagree Building on the SSSI could cause conflict between the desire for the protection of biodiverse areas and the needs of inner city children. In Southampton 'the level of child poverty is worse than the England average with 23.4% of children aged under 16 years living in poverty'. (Public Health England, March 2017) Some of the effects of child poverty can be mitigated by good public provision of recreational facilities for families. Emer Bog in North Baddesley is a more appropriate place for endangered wild life than Southampton Common. b. Agree, providing it is robust, naturally occurring wildlife. c. Maybe d. Agree	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
24	a. Disagree Building on the SSSI could cause conflict between the desire for the protection of biodiverse areas and the needs of inner city children. In Southampton 'the level of child poverty is worse than the England average with 23.4% of children aged under 16 years living in poverty'. Public Health England, March 2017 Some of the effects of child poverty can be mitigated by good public provision of recreational facilities for families. Emer Bog in North Baddesley is a more appropriate place for endangered wild life than Southampton Common. b. Agree, providing it is robust, naturally occurring wildlife. c. Maybe d. Agree	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
25	Positive step	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
26	looks good	3/5/2018 10:47 PM
27	It would be nice to see a larger variety of habitats which may encourage butterflies and bees (which are in decline)	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
28	Agree	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
29	Great idea.increase staff at Hawthorns to Include guided walks to point out sights of interest.	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
30	How can anyone argue with this.	3/3/2018 2:38 PM
31	make sure new habitats are well managed to ensure that they are protected	3/3/2018 9:35 AM
32	I would like to see more natural meadow than just mown grass, if there was a decent verge of meadow on all the mown areas, that would be great. This could also be done next to the paths on the western side of the common where there is no need for it to be kept short	3/3/2018 9:09 AM
33	Again agree with the approaches as stated.	3/3/2018 8:42 AM
34	Very important	3/3/2018 7:56 AM
35	Would be nice to know what species are at the common, with signage and info displayed around. Think protecting species should be number one on the priorities list.	3/3/2018 7:30 AM

## Q8 Outcome: Improve paths, access and safety (including the priorities).

Answered: 36 Skipped: 41

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	yes please. Open up entrances, make it easier for all, however able bodied to feel they can cope with coming on to the common from entrances other than Northlands Road. some distance markers and pointers to places of possible interest.	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	Yes but don't lose the 'wilder' and less accessible routes - don't turn secluded paths into highways.	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	Great care should be taken if lighting across the Common is to be increased. While I appreciate the safety implications, we already have far too much light pollution in the city, and should not be adding to it without careful thought. A "code of conduct" for users is admirable, but there is already one in existence, and guidelines for users are posted on the boards at the Common entrances. Sadly, many of these are not heeded, eg concerning the use of barbecues, the differentiation between cycle and non-cycle paths, and feeding wildlife. How would this new code be publicised, and how would it be enforced? SCC staff based on the Common are facing the possibility of their base there being removed, thus reducing their already stretched presence. Some users have asked for increased toilet facilities, but these would have to be regularly inspected, cleaned and maintained - which would involve additional costs. While some tasks could be given to volunteers, this area of work couldn't! How would these new facilities be funded and maintained?	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	I agree especially regarding improved waste management	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	Good idea - and as a top priority can we have an all-weather path - perhaps corduroy - between the Hawthorns and the playpark. The current path is impassable in winter without wellies.	3/11/2018 12:01 PM
6	Sometimes cyclists go toooooo fast but tat should be a courtesy thing	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
7	An area of major need.And area of major need	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
8	Lighting is definitely needed on the main avenue that ends at the Cow Herds pub	3/10/2018 10:36 AM
9	Code of conduct - I would like to see 3 defined sections - cyclists, pedestrians, dog walkers A clearer definition of 'dogs must be controlled ' is needed. Dog owners define this as being able to recall the dog at any time it is running free, others see it as dogs must be on a lead. This has always been unclear. 'No camping' signs need to be more visible. Too much camping recently , and too little done about it.	3/10/2018 9:16 AM
10	This is ongoing and in a good state at present.	3/10/2018 6:38 AM
11	Priority a: SCAPPS has great concern at a wording which implies acceptance that The Common is unsafe. The issue is perception, users feel unsafe because too many paths & parts of The Common have become so overgrown. Please avoid giving fuel to adverse & alarmist press reporting. Check Police records, the number of reported crimes/crime rate on The Common is no different to surrounding areas. SCAPPS certainly supports action to open up paths to reduce some users feelings of insecurity. Priority e: What is meant by 'Improve the facilities for green travel'? What 'facilities'? SCAPPS is opposed to constructing new paths on The Common. What is implied by 'separation' of cyclists & pedestrians? Some paths on The Common are shared-use, pedestrians & cyclists. SCAPPS is opposed to designating paths for sole use by cyclists or construction of new paths for dedicated use by cyclists. SCAPPS would support proposals to reduce conflict between cyclists using paths on The Common & pedestrians & recreation use.	3/9/2018 8:03 PM
12	The path that goes around the back of the Hawthorns would benefit from building up as it gets exceedingly muddy and slippery in the Winter months.	3/9/2018 6:47 PM
13	All good. Would put more toilets high on the priority list.	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
14	Signage at the entrances making people aware of others, cycling and dogs. Suspect making facilities vandal proof will be a problem.	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
15	Slightly concerned about increasing the amount of artificial lighting on the common, there is already a lot along the main paths and it can be detrimental to wildlife, particularly bats.	3/9/2018 3:42 PM

16	Most important to improve the state of the paths. The path opposite Warwick Road is dreadful, banks of mud dropping onto path, path getting narrower and standing water. The path from Cemetery Road is as bad, water not draining away. Ditches need clearing. If the basics are not done then all the above is a waste of time and effort. Monies to be spent on proposed toilets; again are these destined to be shut as previous ones were due to undesirables or lack of money to keep secure and clean. I also think that the lighting on the main paths are adequate.	3/9/2018 11:30 AM
17	-	3/9/2018 11:28 AM
18	most paths seem to be fit for purpose (and see 5 above). I dread to think what you have in mind !	3/9/2018 9:42 AM
19	Yes	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
20	Same as point 6	3/9/2018 8:28 AM
21	Definitely a good thing	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
22	Agree	3/9/2018 6:57 AM
23	This all sounds great.	3/7/2018 7:49 PM
24	To maintain gravel path by duck pond more frequently.	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
25	a. I am not in favour of increasing natural light if it means reducing the tree canopy. b. I disagree with changing the look of the entrances as I know that the Council are short of money and they do look leafy and welcoming as they are. I do agree with securing the boundaries against encroachment. c. According to my wheelchair bound friend some specific, but not extensive improvements are needed. d. Agree e. Agree providing it does not look unsightly f. Agree g. Agree. Providing it does not look unsightly. How are they going to prevent nefarious activities; ostensibly the reason for the removal of the original, attractive 1930's toilet block?	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
26	a. I am not in favour of increasing natural light if it means reducing the tree canopy. b. I disagree with changing the look of the entrances as I know that the Council are short of money and they do look leafy and welcoming as they are. I do agree with securing the boundaries against encroachment. c. According to my wheelchair bound friend some specific, but not extensive improvements are needed. d. Agree e. Agree providing it does not look unsightly f. Agree g. Agree. Providing it does not look unsightly. How are they going to prevent nefarious activities; ostensibly the reason for the removal of the original, attractive 1930's toilet block?	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
27	Need to be done and important to make cyclists respect pedestrians and children	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
28	yep, especially needs to be made safer to enter and exit the Common on a bicycle, and made clearer on segregated bits that cycles should keep left, and the persistent puddles in the underpass should be sorted out once and for all so that cycles can use the only segregated cycle bit safely and easily.	3/5/2018 10:47 PM
29	The provision of public toilets at the entrances is essential for the enjoyment of all users of the common. Why can they not be of the new types which would go a long way to prevent the unsavoury behaviour seen in the old public toilets. The provision of toilets at the Hawthorns is a joke - they are closed more times than they are available to use. There needs to be some lighting on the main pathways through the common - not all just the main routes. Modern LED lights are good for this as well as reducing light pollution	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
30	Stop people racing down no cycling paths-older people are still having to stand-by for young people.	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
31	Sorely needed.	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
32	Paths definitely need improvement and extension of the current provision to enable those with wheelchairs and buggies to access more areas without getting bogged down in mud. My priority would be a path from the gateway at the end of the walk down the centre of the cemetery, to join the existing footpath - a matter of about 10 yards, but a total mudbath in wet weather. Secondly a path running down the side of the open field adjacent to the little stream, joining the existing paths. This would make several small circular walks possible, again without getting very muddy. Also separating off walkers and cyclists would not need more pathways, just a marked cycle lane at the side, and would make walks more relaxing.	3/3/2018 2:38 PM
33	yes - many of the paths are not easily negotiated and prone to become muddy bogs	3/3/2018 9:35 AM

---

34	This is a key area for you to focus on. As your report states, commuting by bike and walking is the second most frequent activity on the common. Therefore something needs to be done about the lack of cycling infrastructure! Shared cycle/walking paths don't work so please don't build more of these! To encourage both walking and cycling you need dedicated space for each, this will reduce the conflict between the groups - at the moment the paths are far too narrow for safe cycling and walking. Building dedicated cycle paths will increase cycling levels, but these need to be linked into the surrounding area. The common has a duty to promote green travel, so do all you can to ensure this happens!	3/3/2018 9:09 AM
35	The plan has an obvious focus on the geographical area of the common and rightly so, however I would like to think that attention could be given to areas beyond the boundaries. From a purely personal (possibly selfish I concede) perspective access from my post code can only be made by the use of The Avenue. This is a very hostile environment if trying to travel south to The Common by anything other than a motor vehicle. If trying to avoid motor vehicles, including public transport, there are no routes for walking or cycling that are sheltered from the battering that occurs when using the Avenue. I realise that this is not a simple or easy ambition to achieve but I would like to think that there could be some element of the long term plan for The Common that could properly investigate the potential for such access and set out the actions that would need to be put in place to achieve such an ambition. Even if not achievable in the short term, knowing what steps would need to be taken, route identification, land ownership details etc would at least demonstrate an acceptance of the need to bring about change.	3/3/2018 8:42 AM
36	Safety of those using the Common for natural purposes is a priority - I didn't go for years because of teenage boys laying in wait for pedestrians and gentle cyclists, then jumping out on them and chasing them along the tarmacked paths.	3/3/2018 7:56 AM

---

## Q9 Any other comments (e.g. on plan structure, management plans, key facts etc)

Answered: 25 Skipped: 52

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	create an historic environment register?	3/11/2018 11:54 PM
2	Section on enablement also needs to address head on the balancing of community and commercial activity to overall benefit of future purpose and use of Common.	3/11/2018 8:03 PM
3	There is no explanation of how these goals can be achieved at a time when the city council is facing reductions in central government funding and increases in costs to social care and other essential commitments. Currently, even minor maintenance work on the Common, eg repairs to the fencing around the Cemetery lake, is not being done, presumably due to lack of funds. And further cutbacks to staffing levels of those who carry out such work are predicted. While voluntary contributions of time and effort can be encouraged, these will be limited and will still need to be managed. While I support most of the aims of this strategy I wonder how realistic many of its goals actually are. Dividing these goals into short, medium and long term plans, and prioritising within these, would be a start in making them more achievable.	3/11/2018 4:52 PM
4	If I am understanding the draft, each Outcome will be further 'delivered' by a sub-plan. Will these sub-plans have details (missing from the draft plan) regarding?: - How the priorities will be delivered - Who will deliver them - The timescale - The cost ( and where the money will come from) I appreciate how the broad plan has arisen from the data collected from the survey undertaken. I appreciate that much work has been undertaken to take the plan to this stage. I am concerned that increasing the 'school use' of the common and Hawthorns is not listed as a priority. For example school use could be measured by a 50% increase in school bookings in the first year of the plan. In general, in all the strategic plans I have been involved in, measurement of success should have an improvement numeric. 'How will we measure success' column as written could all return negative measures. So surveys or assessments that were carried out could return citizens reporting that their experiences were not as good next year as they were this year etc. Another example : How and who would complete the success measure that 'Proportion of The Common that is high quality woodland' and would the result mean that there has been an 'Increase in the proportion of open and accessible space'?	3/11/2018 4:33 PM
5	Just glad you realise the importance of the Common and we are fortunate to have people committed to keeping it. Yes, of course toilets would be icing on the cake but very expensive to maintain and keep safe so not my priority. They will be a magnet for many horrors.	3/10/2018 7:13 PM
6	Those who live nearby are required to listen to imported music fairly frequently. Why is there no provision for a band-stand so that local groups, of which there are many, could perform on a regular basis?	3/10/2018 11:34 AM
7	Key Facts: point 1 incorrect. Southampton Common is owned by the City Council & since the Southampton Marsh Act has been held in trust for use by the people of Southampton for recreation.	3/9/2018 8:03 PM
8	Perhaps the first job should be to renew the fence around Cemetery Lake. Water birds will be nesting very soon and their young will be in danger with the fence broken down in so many places.	3/9/2018 6:47 PM
9	Sounds amazing - will be a lot of work...	3/9/2018 6:30 PM
10	Use of CCTV in key areas with signs warning that area is under observation.	3/9/2018 5:34 PM
11	Annex 1. The document on which this is based was produced by The (US) National Recreation and Park Association, which includes parks of all sizes in its remit, from Yellowstone down to Central Park. Its priorities should therefore overlap with, but not be identical to, those of SCF. In particular, NRPA place greater emphasis on protection of wildlife because that is a primary function of the large National Parks. I am unclear as to what this Annex adds to the document as a whole, but if it is to be retained then I suggest that the headings might be re-ordered to reflect the Outcomes more accurately. More seriously for the overall balance of the list, the NRPA report's first heading, "Promoting healthy activities in nature" appears to have been omitted entirely.	3/9/2018 11:28 AM

12	Barbecues. what can be done about the random use of portable barbecues on the main grassy area, and (incredibly) often lit under trees in the driest part of the summer, leaving a square patch of scorched earth ? how do you propose to re-grass this ? at least some signage about best practice may help.	3/9/2018 9:42 AM
13	Want plans please	3/9/2018 8:30 AM
14	I value the fact that the common is free to use. I would like to see a balance between the needs of various users so that we all have an improved experience.	3/9/2018 8:28 AM
15	Please no cafes, no concert increases. Bring back the Balloon Festival!	3/9/2018 7:48 AM
16	The common requires safety wardens ---the police would be even better.!!	3/6/2018 4:29 PM
17	I am totally against the felling of mature healthy trees I am concerned that too much hard landscaping will detract from the naturalistic appearance of The Common. It would be helpful if the draft plan and plan could be numbered in line with this document.	3/6/2018 1:26 PM
18	I would be opposed to the felling of any mature, healthy trees. Because of issues with pollution and parking I would be against encouraging too many out of area visitors.	3/6/2018 12:27 PM
19	Have just received planning proposal from Lidl for the Hulse Road development. This is a good opportunity to get some donation from Lidl for education facility, toilet block, picnic tables etc. Maybe Lidl could sponsor some of it and donate to specific project. They will stand to benefit if more people use the Common so within their interest. Surely Southampton council won't just let them build this supermarket with all the traffic problems it will cause without some trade off for local people?	3/6/2018 10:03 AM
20	No comments	3/4/2018 12:38 PM
21	Are there enough staff to maintain every thing?	3/3/2018 4:39 PM
22	Need to be a safe place for young people to use and be encouraged to look after.	3/3/2018 4:16 PM
23	Care is needed not to over-organise the facilities - the new playground is a great improvement but we still need fallen logs to clamber on and bushes to hide in.	3/3/2018 2:38 PM
24	better management of cycling routes as the no cycling signs are often ignored	3/3/2018 9:35 AM
25	School visits important to teach the children about the wonderful facility as they will be the custodians in 50 years time	3/3/2018 7:56 AM