

**Southampton Common Forum
Public Meeting
7th June 2016
Workshop Outcomes**



The meeting divided into 7 tables, each of which discussed issues affecting The Common and identified stakeholders who needed to be considered and engaged in developing any future management plan.

The table below collates the issues and stakeholders identified at each table.

Issues identified	Table						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Conflict/safety on mixed use cyclists/pedestrian paths	X						
Rubbish/litter/bins overflowing/left in inaccessible area	X	X		X		X	X
Vandalism/damage	X						
Lakes - maintenance	X						
Health and safety vs adventure/risk	X						
Wild areas – woodland/countryside	X						
Provision for children & mothers	X						
Protecting green space		X					
SSSI certain species protection		X					
Green lungs for city		X					
Green spaces supported by friends groups – resources & vision		X					
£650k for playground up from £500k		X					
Resources for common – from development contributions/other sources more limited		X					
Shared vision for Common		X					
Continuity of ecology in city		X					
Getting balance of uses		X					
Cycle routes and access		X					
Extension of gardens		X					

Safe play environment for small children		X					
"Maintained for people"		X					
Tree succession plan		X					
Dog fouling		X					
BBQs – burnt/smell/rubbish		X		X	X	X	
Enforcing byelaws/park rangers		X					
Recycling bins		X					
Southampton University sports clubs – e.g. quidditch (?) – wear and tear on grass		X					
Clarification of byelaws		X					
Rats				X			
Bikes				X			
Dogs				X			
Bottles/glass				X			
Loss of open space to woodland				X			
Overgrown parts				X			
Soil compaction where events take place				X			
Public safety				X			
Lighting				X		X	
Pedestrian cyclist mix – especially for hearing impaired				X			
Welcoming entrances				X			
State of pathways				X			
Predominance of seagulls rather than water birds				X			
Infrastructure				X			
Access for people in Bassett				X			
Toilets – lack of – needed next to children's playground				X		X	X
Old race course overgrown				X			
Plant overgrowth/open up areas for access					X		
Maintaining wildlife/encouraging diversification/inaccessible areas					X		X
Park run (free) no problem; mudrun (paid) & other events – frequency? Too often?					X		

Litter at events – must clean up					X		
Common People/Fair/large paid events – money for re-instatement- tyres/paths					X		
Noise from events – effect on wildlife/too frequent?					X		
Overfeeding of wildlife/birds – enforcement?					X		
Cycling – considerate cycling/speed					X		
Commuters vs recreation – better signs					X		
Conflict of users					X		
Homeless/rough sleeping/tents					X		
Personal safety – more users = safer/ day and night					X		X
Noise						X	
Fire						X	
Communication of management plan						X	
Security						X	
Cyclist vs pedestrian						X	
Signage - e.g. no cycling						X	
Ecological management						X	
Accessible space						X	
Garden encroachment						X	
Bye-law enforcement						X	
Underpass						X	
Cycling – safety of other users – specific provision							X
Children’s play area – ongoing maintenance							X
Paddling pool provision – people using for the day							X
Should not be paying for use of common as individuals – e.g. Common People ¹							X
Keep park run free							X
Dog free zone for playground							X
Safety issues on university side – rangers?							X
Stakeholders identified							

¹ Sponsorship so everyone can attend? – viv-a-vis Balloon and flower festival; free entry, pay for rides

Students – SU and Solent/colleges/schools			X	x		x	x
Dog walkers			X	x		x	x
Residents from further afield			X				
teenagers			X				
Cowherds & visitors			x	x			
Natural England							
Families				x		x	
Sporting participants formal/informal				x			
Pedestrians/walkers				x		x	x
Leisure walkers				x			
Cyclists				x		x	x
Events audience members				x			
Event organisers				x			
Council workers				x			
Hawthorns staff and visitors				x			
Organised walking groups				x			
Different age groups- babies/prams/toddlers/elderly				x			
Friends of Old Cemetery				x			
Neighbours				x			
Cavendish Road residents				x			
Motorists on Avenue				x			
Families with deceased in cemetery				x			
Wildlife enthusiasts				x			
Animals/birds				x			
Naked bike riders				x			
Walking groups-Sustrans						x	
parkrun						x	x
Recruitment-military						x	
Fair						x	

Hawthorns Cafe						X	
Runners				X		X	X
Fitness groups – military fitness						X	X
Nature walks						X	
Fishing				X		X	
Model boating groups						X	
Bird watchers						X	
Bat watchers						X	
Drones- radio controlled						X	
Music festivals						X	
Commercial organisations						X	
Young people						X	
Football/Frisbee/quidditch						X	
BBQ-users						X	
Council						X	
University						X	
Cemetery						X	
School groups						X	
Commuters				X		X	X
Children						X	X
Parents and grandparents							X
University society groups							X
'big lunch'							X
General recreation users							X

Suggestions for next meeting

Council officers to attend to explain the management strategy for The Common – what is the management structure, where does overall responsibility lie etc.?