



MANIFESTO FOR THE LANES

7th October 2022

- The adoption of a Safer Lanes network, promoting the Lanes as shared spaces with consideration for pedestrians, cyclists, horse-riders, and vehicle users alike, recognising their value as recreational routes and as a network connecting the town to the salt marshes and the sea, and promoting a 20mph speed limit within the Lanes as supported by our members.
- Protecting the existing rural characteristics of the lanes and their ancient historic use as drovers' routes, retaining these routes without alteration, protecting the verdant character as green tree lined lanes with soft verges, (no footpaths and limited lighting), recognising the value of the green triangles at the junctions and preventing the loss of vistas and views to the surrounding landscape.
- Encouraging the development of indigenous wildflower areas within verges and reducing mowing regimes to promote biodiversity.
- Promoting the principles of dark skies to address the negative effects of excessive lighting on biodiversity, encouraging additional lighting only where essential and the provision of directional and sensor lighting.
- Principles for new development within the area of the Lanes:
 - o Retention of the key rural characteristics including soft tree and hedgerow lined frontages with any fencing set back from the lane and screened with hedgerow planting, permeable frontages, not gated developments, preventing the urbanisation of the lanes through the introduction of kerbs or urban highway edges, limiting additional street lighting and the retention and maintenance of all ditches and verges.
 - o Ensuring any new development does not lead to parking on verges and existing parking on verges is controlled and actively discouraged to prevent damage to biodiversity.
 - o Controlling lighting to reduce light pollution and spillage.
 - o No culverting of ditches to reduce the risk of flooding as well as to support flora and fauna and biodiversity.
 - o Access arrangements should prioritise pedestrians and cyclists over vehicles and not facilitate opportunities to rat-run on surrounding lanes.



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Protecting the distinctive character of our lanes

- o Maintain the key characteristics (identified in the Lymington Local Distinctiveness SPD) of varied green verges and ditches; hedgerow boundaries and mature native trees which underpin the richness and delight of a walk down these lanes.
- o Ensure that any development within the New Forest National Park must be fully justified and comply with the relevant policies of the NFNPA.
- o Any new vehicular access onto the Lanes must retain the existing historic physical line of the lanes without alteration, re-routing or widening.
- o Design and density of new housing must reflect the character of surrounding development.
- o All trees and hedgerows that are in satisfactory condition must be retained and fully integrated into the development in such a way that they will not be subject to future pressure to reduce or fell.