

Policy AF1

Ashdown Forest

All residential development resulting in a net increase in dwellings within the 7km zone of influence (see figure 8.3) will be required to address visitor impact on Ashdown Forest, in line with the most up-to-date SAMM strategy, by means of a Strategic Access Management and Monitoring (SAMMs) contribution, and through provision of or contributions towards Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace.

If any major development is adjacent or close to the zone, applications will be considered on a case-by-case basis through a site-specific habitat regulations assessment. If it is concluded that it could give rise to adverse effects to the integrity of the coherence Ashdown Forest's ecological structure and function, appropriate mitigation measures will be considered and secured.

Any proposals considered likely to have a significant adverse effect on the Ashdown Forest Special Protection Area (SPA) and/or the Ashdown Forest Special Area of Conservation (SAC) will not normally be permitted.