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The Moors at Arne Project, Managing Coastal Change

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Will there be public access to the site?

The land is owned by the RSPB. We are investigating what sort of access is possible and desirable at Arne Moors, and seeking views from stakeholders. To do this, we have set out a set of basic principles - that we do want to provide access, but we do not want access to have a negative impact on wildlife or people, especially within local communities. Our initial expectations are that:

- Our existing facilities at RSPB Arne will be the main focus of access
- We are not proposing any significant infrastructure at Arne Moors
- We want to enable 'non-car' access where possible
- We will limit access to permitted trails and viewing points
- Access will be integrated into the scheme at the design stage

Our current thinking on access routes, parking, and viewing structures is shown on the next page - we welcome your views and feedback.

Will there be an increase in visitors / traffic as a result of the project?

This project is not being undertaken with the intention of increasing the number of visitors coming to Arne. Indeed, numbers of visitors to RSPB Arne have reduced since 2017 (when we hosted BBC Spring/Autumn/Winterwatch).

The Moors are already a part of the RSPB Arne Nature Reserve, and with our recent acquisition of Hydes Heath, and planned replacement of our office workbase and the Coombe Hide, RSPB are keen to look at ways of encouraging sustainable access to the site, as well as working locally to manage the ways in which people access the RSPB Arne reserve. This could include working with others on a plan that looks at access routes into the site for the public, appropriate speed restrictions, and working with the local community to look at sustainable access to the nature reserve, through greater use of cycles or provision of regular shuttle busses. To help inform this, we will be looking at other comparable sites, and surveying traffic and our existing visitors.

Will there be public access to the tidal embankment from Wareham to Ridge Wharf?

This stretch of tidal embankment is outside of the scope of this project.

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