

FULL COUNCIL - WEDNESDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2017

Written question from Dr Martin Blackmore of Ryde to Councillor Stuart Hutchinson, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources

On the 1st of November 2017, shortly after the petition was launched opposing Seaview Yacht Club's proposal to take over a part of the Hersey Nature Reserve, Isle of Wight Radio published a brief article on their website entitled: "Petition Launched But Impact Will Be Considered Over Hersey Nature Reserve Plan". In that article it was stated that:

"The Isle of Wight Council says it and Natural England will consider a controversial plan by Seaview Yacht Club to extend its existing boat-park."

My question is: has any such consultation with Natural England taken place and if so, what was the outcome?

Response

As the scheme to extend the boat park is being proposed by Seaview Yacht Club it is their responsibility to discuss and consult with Natural England on their proposal and work with them to ensure any planning application achieves their support.

Separately, the council as local planning authority will consult with Natural England on any submitted scheme and their views will be an important factor in the decision making process.