

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision
Work Programme Reference
I048542**

1. **TITLE:** Use of Suitable alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) land at Shepherd Meadows, Sandhurst by Surrey Heath Borough Council

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To seek agreement to the use of existing Bracknell Forest Council owned Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG) at Shepherd Meadows, Sandhurst to allow avoidance impact measures for sites in Surrey Heath that lie within 5km of the SANG. This will provide sufficient capacity for 500 dwellings (equivalent to 1,200 new residents) in the west of Surrey Heath Borough.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

1 That the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities be authorised to conclude an agreement with Surrey Heath Borough Council for land at Shepherd Meadows to serve as SANG for housing development in the Borough of Surrey Heath and,

2 The setting of SANG contributions at £1,963 per person be approved.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The saved South East Plan Policy NRM6 states that *'authorities should cooperate and work jointly to implement mitigation measures. These may include, inter alia, assistance to those authorise with insufficient SANG land within their own boundaries...'*

As set out in Appendix 4 of the Thames Basin Heaths SPA Supplementary Planning Document (SPA SPD) (March 2012), Shepherd Meadows SANG has the potential to provide SPA mitigation for 3,682 persons. To date, capacity allocated to residential developments in BFC equals approximately 987 persons. The capacity proposed to be diverted to developments in Surrey Heath will provide mitigation for 1,200 persons – approximately one third of the total SANGs capacity at Shepherd Meadows.