

Chair, North Harbour Allotment Association views submitted to the Traffic, Environment & Community Safety Panel.

1. We support Biodiversity in principle and practice with many plots being totally organic and peat free.
2. We have a healthy population of wildlife with a considerable number of birds , we also have resident bee hives on the site which belong to the Portsmouth Bee-Keepers Association.
3. There is an abundance of other insect life on the plots and in some cases far too many blackflies and aphids.
4. We do not believe that allotments should be included in Re-wilding as there are more than enough people on the waiting list for them to be used in this manner, and there is plenty of natural re-wilding taking place when plots are not re-let promptly causing other plot holders problems .
5. We welcome the use of wildflower beds and landscaping in appropriate place large green spaces like Port Solent Green where a good number could be introduced without detriment to the overall utility of the space and most beneficially on the "Motorway Hills " to the west of the M275.
6. Consideration to regular grass cutting so that Dog Walkers can effectively clean up behind their dogs.
7. Finally I wrote a considerable time ago about the restricted access to Port Solent Green Space for Wheelchair users and less able walkers who cannot climb over stiles and the reclamation of the area which was fenced off to enable the MOD Fence to be renewed and as far as I am aware has not been restore to the original boundary.