

Working to Protect the New Forest



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Dear Deborah,

**Application: 15/00138 Redmayne Engg Co., Station Approach, Brockenhurst, SO42 7TW
24 retirement apartments; car parking; air source heat pumps and sub station; landscaping**

1. It will come as no surprise that New Forest Association (NFA) objects to this application, supporting in full the comments made in Friends of Brockenhurst's objection already submitted.
2. The applicant dwells on the aging population of the National Park as the reason for this development. But this is overwhelmingly a self fulfilling prediction. Our children want to stay in the area but a combination of lower than average pay and high house prices forces them away. If planning authorities have a *raison d'etre* at all, it must be to seek to control this loss of young blood.

It is not just back up grazing that is needed to ensure the survival of commoning, it is back up labour from relations and friends. Every time a local youngster is replaced by an old person from Surrey, the commoning regime is weakened.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Graham Baker'.

Graham Baker, NFA Planning Committee