

# WALMER PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Plans to regenerate woodland at Hawkshill Freedown**

Walmer Parish Council is committed to ensuring that local residents and key stakeholders are kept informed on a wide range of issues. We are writing to you to inform you of our plans for Hawkshill Freedown.

### **Consultation overview**

In 1999 Walmer Parish Council purchased Hawkshill Freedown for the use and enjoyment of all local people. In 2000 an independent wildlife management consultant was commissioned to produce a management plan for the site and this has been periodically updated to assist the council and its volunteers who maintain the land. The report has repeatedly stressed the importance of coppicing and pollarding the trees in the woodland immediately north of the car park. The Parish Council is now in a position to implement these plans.

### **Why are we consulting?**

To give all interested parties the opportunity to read the plans in full and make comments if necessary. I enclose a short piece on the project. Detailed plans and reports are available on our web-site [www.walmercouncil.co.uk](http://www.walmercouncil.co.uk) or in the Parish office at 8 The Strand, Walmer. Please call first to make an appointment.

### **Who are we consulting with?**

- Local Residents
- Dog Walkers/Regular Site Visitors
- Local Walking Groups
- Kent Wildlife Trust
- Disability Groups
- Deal With It
- Deal Society
- Friends of the Earth
- Rights of Way Society
- Dover District Council
- Kent County Council - Public Rights of Way
- Walmer Environment Group
- Deal & Walmer Community Association
- English Heritage

### **How do I respond?**

I enclose a response form which should be completed and returned to us. A stamped addressed envelope is also enclosed for your convenience or you can email your response to [clerk@walmercouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@walmercouncil.co.uk).

**The closing date** for responses is **31 March 2016**

**What happens after the consultation?**

After the closing date we will publish a summary of the responses on the Council's website together with any comments which will be considered by the Council prior to implementing any plans. It is expected that work will commence on site in autumn 2016 I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

Kirsty Holroyd  
Parish Clerk