



NOMINATION FORM

ELECTION OF A COMMONER TO THE BOARD OF CONSERVATORS OF ASHDOWN FOREST - MARCH 2023

Length of Term of Office:

2 year

5 years

(As two Commoner Conservators will be elected, please indicate the length of term in which the nominee wishes to stand. NB. The Commoner Conservator elected in place of Mr Chris de Mestre will be eligible for re-election in March 2025)

Date of Election: 03 March 2023

Candidate's Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Occupation _____

***Commoner/Non-Commoner**

I, being a Commoner of Ashdown Forest hereby propose the above named Candidate for election as a Conservator of Ashdown Forest. The Candidate has consented to their name being put forward.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Signature _____ Date _____

I, being a Commoner of Ashdown Forest hereby second the above proposal.

Name _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Signature _____ Date _____

*Delete as appropriate

NOTE Nomination papers must be handed in to the Business Manager at the Ashdown Forest Centre, Wych Cross, Forest Row, by **4:30pm Friday 10 February 2023**

- i. The 'commoners' means the people who live in the properties with rights of common over Ashdown Forest.
- ii. Only commoners with rights of common over Ashdown Forest may propose a candidate for election at the Annual Meeting (i.e a non-commoner cannot propose a candidate).
- iii. Commoners must have paid their contribution (the Commoners Assessment Rate) in each financial year that their name has been recorded as a commoner in order to vote at the Annual Meeting (i.e. there must be no outstanding arrears for the property).
- iv. Proxy voting is not permitted at the Annual Meeting and was substituted for postal voting by provisions in the award of the East Sussex Act 1981.
- v. Once a postal voting form has been issued, it is not possible to vote in person at the meeting, whether the postal vote has been returned or not.
- vi. Commoner Conservators are elected or appointed under Sections 7 and 8, respectively, of the 1974 Ashdown Forest Act. The main duty and responsibility of each Conservator is to the Board as members of the body corporate and the Conservators' statutory rights and obligations must take precedence over everything else.
- vii. Commoner Conservators elected to the Board are required to sign the Model Code of Conduct made under The Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 which came into force on 3 May 2007.
- viii. Candidates standing for election should declare all prejudicial and personal interests pertaining to the Forest at the Annual Meeting, including but not limited to:
 - Parish, District or County Council appointments
 - Receipt of government payment schemes for land management
 - Ownership of development land
 - Membership of bodies associated with, or partners of the Forest.