

- 1. Is it within the remit of conservators to be running a visitor centre and is it permitted within the Act that a visitor centre and car park can be sited at the present location?**
- 2. For what purpose should conservators consider running a visitor centre?**
- 3. What sort and level and provision of services do the board feel they should be offering.**
- 4. Assuming that it is agreed that a visitor centre can legally be sited at its present location and the conservators believe they need to run one, should a visitor centre be sited at the Ashdown Forest Centre, or should operations which the conservators believe that they should have a duty to perform be carried out elsewhere?**
- 5. If elsewhere, where?**
- 6. Should any visitor operation be run only at the tax payers' expense? The existing visitor centre loses money. The accounts do not in fact include all the running and fixed costs, hence annual loss is larger than shown in practice.**
- 7. If it is to be run at a loss, at whose cost and to what level of cost?**
- 8. If it is to be run at a profit and the figures in the Parkin report suggest that around 80,000 visitors a year are required before a profit can be generated, how can this be achieved. Would there be sufficient floor space to accommodate the spikes of visitor numbers which will occur and should the forest area round the existing car park be cleared to provide for a much larger number of cars than it can accommodate at present?**
- 9. Are the conservators a body suitable for running a business such as this?**