

MARKING OF CATTLE AND TB

Presentment by: Andrew Parry Norton (NFCDA Member and Cattle Owner), Adam Coutts (NFCDA Member and Cattle Owner) on behalf of the New Forest Commoners Defence Association (NFCDA)

'The NFCDA committee and our members are becoming increasingly concerned with the number of TB outbreaks within the New Forest perambulation.

The National APHA TB restrictions, placed on a Commoner's holding, would prevent the selling and turning out of cattle with the subsequent non- issue of marking receipts. The loss of BPS payments and possibly entitlements, could lead to serious financial hardship.

I am sure you will agree that losing any cattle to TB is detrimental to the Forest and should be avoided if at all possible.

We ask that the Court:

1. Without delay we ask the court that a meeting is arranged with members of the NFCDA committee and the Verderers to work towards a resolution that can help the cattle Commoners and ultimately, benefit the Forest.'