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Neighbourhood planning

Neighbourhood planning is a new way for communities to decide the future of the places where they live and work. The government introduced the community right to participate in neighbourhood planning through the Localism Act 2011.

When finalised a neighbourhood plan will be used by the council alongside its own planning documents to make decisions on planning applications in a particular area. Whilst a neighbourhood plan cannot block the amount of development already identified for the neighbourhood, it can influence where the development will go and what it might look like within certain criteria.

In the borough, neighbourhood plans will be led by groups of local people who have successfully applied to be designated as the neighbourhood forum for a specified neighbourhood area. Such applications may be submitted at any time.

Once a neighbourhood forum is designated no other organisation or body may be designated for that neighbourhood area until the designation expires or is withdrawn.

All Neighbourhood Plans must be produced in line with National Planning Policy Framework and the Havant Borough Local Plan.

The preparation of a neighbourhood plan includes a number of stages including community engagement and consultation. It will be subject to an examination and a community referendum, where at least 51% of those voting must agree to it, before it can be adopted.

Is a Neighbourhood Plan the right plan for our community?

Communities will need to decide what is the most appropriate plan for their community and this will depend on what you want to achieve. Other options include Village Design Statements, an area action plan or a community plan.

Are there any areas of the borough exploring the Neighbourhood Planning Process?

Emsworth forum has been designated as the 'neighbourhood forum' and the Emsworth Ward to be designated as a 'neighbourhood area' for the purposes of [neighbourhood planning in Emsworth](#).

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