

Schedule C

Emsworth Neighbourhood Forum

Statement of Explanation that the Emsworth Forum Is Capable Of Meeting the Statutory Requirements of a Neighbourhood Forum

The Emsworth Forum has operated as an approved Neighbourhood Forum as defined by the Localism Act 2011 and is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act because

1. A constitution has been drafted that includes
 1. aims and objectives that include the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Emsworth as defined by the proposed designated area
 2. a purpose that reflects the character of the area in general terms.
 3. membership open to people living and working in the area

2. Membership

1. Individual membership of the Forum is open to
 - Individual residents listed on the electoral register in Emsworth
 - Elected Council members whose electoral area falls in the Emsworth area
 - Individual residents living outside Emsworth but in close proximity to its boundaries who agree to support the Forum aims and objectives
 - Individual residents outside Emsworth who work in a business or organisation within the area or who have some other close association or connection with the Town and who agree to support the Forum aims and objectives
2. Group membership of the Forum is open to
 - Individual businesses with office or place of work based in Emsworth.
 - Community organisations active and based in Emsworth.
 - Individual businesses with offices or place of work based outside Emsworth that conduct significant business within the area who agree to support the Forum aims and objectives.
 - Community organisations significantly active but not based in Emsworth who agree to support the Forum aims and objectives.

At the time of this application for designation, 466 individuals residents in the proposed designated area are members of the Forum plus 33 more who live

just outside the area. 22 community organisations, including the Emsworth Residents Association, the Emsworth Community Association, the Emsworth Business Association and Wemsfest plus 24 other businesses and community organisations have joined the Forum.

The Chair and other members of the Management Committee have attended many meetings of the ERA, the EBA and the ECA to explain the purpose of the Neighbourhood Plan and the progress being made as it has been developed to date.

The Forum has an active website and has met many residents at Farmers' Markets where there has been a Forum stall and at major events such as the annual Emsworth Show, where the opportunity has been taken to explain to residents the work of the Forum.