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Schedule C

Prospective Emsworth Neighbourhood Forum

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

The Emsworth Forum is capable of becoming 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
 - a. 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
 - b. a purpose that reflects the character of the area in general terms.
 - c. membership open to people living and working in the area

2. Membership
 - a. 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

 - b. 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.



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- 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 application (3rd February 2014), 38 individuals residents in the proposed designated area are members of the Forum plus 8 more who live just outside the area. Four community organisations, including the Emsworth Residents Association, the Emsworth Community Association, the Emsworth Business Association and Wemsfest plus 8 businesses have joined the Forum.

The Chair and other members of the Steering Committee have attended the following meetings in order to explain the purpose of the Forum and to invite individuals and organisations to join the Forum:

Emsworth Residents Association Committee meeting 15th July 2013

ERA Quarterly Meetings 29th July 2013 and 28th October 2013

ERA AGM 27th January 2014

Emsworth Business Association Committee Meeting 5th November 2013

It is planned that Committee members will attend further meetings of local organisations to further increase and widen the membership in the coming weeks and months and will be proactively contacting local organisations to offer this and encourage their involvement.

The Forum has written to the HBC and HCC Emsworth Ward Councillors inviting them to join the Forum. Cllrs Gibb-Gray, Galloway and Mackey have become members and they have all expressed their support for the Forum.

In addition we have written articles or had media coverage in

- The Ems Newspaper in its July/August and September/October 2013 editions
- The Portsmouth News Havant edition on October 11th 2013 (see link <http://www.portsmouth.co.uk/news/local/power-to-the-people-plan-is-launched-in-emsworth-1-5578225>)
- The Ems Valley Gazette in November 2013
- The Chichester Observer in February 2014 <http://www.chichester.co.uk/what-s-on/magazine/rodney-trotter-and-fat-olives-only-in-emsworth-1-5842203>



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This coverage has explained the aims and objectives of the Forum, given contact details and invited residents and others to get involved.

We are currently developing a website (see www.emsworthforum.com) which will shortly be launched where residents and others will be able to obtain information about the Forum, join the Forum online and subscribe to regular updates.

We are also planning a series of local printed and virtual communications and events to launch the Forum including our first AGM to be in May and we will be conducting a membership drive to encourage as many local residents and organisations to join and take part in the development of the Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan. We will share these plans with HBC when they have been finalised.

3. The Forum Steering Group

A Steering Group has been established to progress the establishment of the Forum. It is intended to reflect the stakeholder interests in the Town. The current membership is detailed below:

| Name | Membership Status |
|-----------------|--|
| Charles Ashe | Resident. Representing the ERA |
| Giles Babb | Resident and local business owner. Representing the Emsworth Business Association. |
| Ian Baker | Resident and business owner. |
| Mike Bateman | Forum Secretary. Resident. |
| Jo Bell | Resident. |
| Steve Chesney | Resident. Local business owner. |
| Chris Clode | Resident & Commodore of Emsworth Sailing Club |
| Lorraine Clode | Resident. Vice President of the ERA |
| Lesley Di Fonzo | Membership Secretary. Resident & local business owner. |
| Jo Dyer | Resident and Vice Chair. Representing the ERA. |
| Guy Elgood | Resident. |
| Stephanie Elsy | Chair. Resident and local business owner. |
| Alastair Gibson | Resident and local business owner. Representing the Emsworth Business Association |
| David Gillespie | Treasurer and resident. |
| Chris Hooper | Vice Chair. Resident. |
| Steve Leniston | Resident. Chair of Emsworth Primary School |
| Sally Outram | Resident. |