

## Schedule C

### Emsworth Residents Forum

Statement of Explanation that the Emsworth Residents Forum Is capable of meeting the statutory requirements of a Neighbourhood Forum

The Emsworth Residents 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 living 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 redesignation, 383 individuals residents in the proposed designated area are members of the Forum plus 71 more who live just outside the area.

The Forum has an active website and publishes monthly newsletters and an acclaimed quarterly freesheet 'The EMS' which is delivered to all residents keeping them up to date with events in the town and the aims and actions of the Forum.