

The East Meon Neighbourhood Plan (EMNP) team has officially launched a website to provide the public with the latest news and updates about the plan. The site, located at www.eastmeonnp.net, gives parish residents and other interested visitors the opportunity to learn about the planning process, read more about the plan's objective and scope, review the draft plan, and find out how community input has been obtained and included in the plan.

Some highlights of the new site include:

Homepage

The homepage includes a "Latest News" section, which should be viewed regularly as it will note any recent updates to the site. For example, when sections of the plan are ready for public review, this section will have a link to the new material. Also, as community meetings are planned, this section will announce the scheduling details and provide links to any important documentation.

The Neighbourhood Plan

"The Neighbourhood Plan" menu has four associated pages that should be of interest to the parish; they are: *Objective and Scope*, *The Planning Process*, *Timeline*, and *Draft Plan*.

For those interested in how a neighbourhood plan is developed, "The Planning Process" page provides an overview of the six-step process that the EMNP team is following. The process is a series of standards and guidelines to ensure that the plan is thoroughly

reviewed by local planning officials and the impacted community prior to bringing it to a vote at referendum.

As sections of the plan are completed, they will be available on the “Draft Plan” page for review. Please visit this page often in the coming months for updates and revisions.

Meet The Planning Team

The EMNP team is made up of three working groups, in addition to the Steering Committee that monitors the work of the team. The objectives and responsibilities of each working group are outlined on this page to provide the public with a more complete understanding of the team’s scope of work.

Community Involvement

A successful neighbourhood plan depends on the input of its community. This page highlights the opportunities for local residents to have their voices and opinions heard regarding future residential development in East Meon. Community surveys and results are posted here and are available for download and review.

Contact Us

The EMNP team is available to answer questions and address any concerns from the parish. The “Contact Us” form allows residents and impacted parties to send enquiries from the website to the team’s Communications Lead, Shannon Hammond. Contact information for members of the Steering Committee is also provided should it be required.

Please visit the site often for the latest developments and contact the team if you have any queries; we look forward to hearing from you.

In other news, the team is pleased to announce that the South Downs National Park has approved East Meon's application to designate the existing parish boundaries as the same boundaries for the neighbourhood plan. This is a critical step in the process as it formally establishes where the plan's policies will be applied, if approved at referendum.