



Using the Emsworth Design Statement & Supplement

The Emsworth Design Statement (EDS) is intended to be a powerful tool for creating and assessing plans for all kinds of development in Emsworth, from a simple refurbishment or extension to a large-scale development. It was written over a five-year period by a team of Emsworth residents initiated by the ERA. This article is to help residents and those with professional interests to make best use of the documents.

The EDS provides a helpful template for both objections and letters of support to development proposals. As it is new, it will take a few weeks/ months for the planning officers to automatically take the EDS into account. So we strongly encourage anyone wishing to write to HBC on planning matters to draw attention to the EDS and the points relevant to the specific case.

The EDS document has been officially ratified and adopted by the Council and copies of it are at the Planning Department so its contents will be taken into account. This means the EDS has the recognised status of a material consideration. This is not the case for the 'Supplement', which does not enjoy the formal status of the EDS, having not been ratified by HBC. However, it is important to remember that the Supplement has been ratified by the Emsworth community, so is a valid representation of its views which cannot be ignored by HBC.

The EDS is now referred to on the HBC website with a link to the ERA website <http://www.emsworthresidents.co.uk/eds>

Responding to and Making Planning Applications

In a situation where you wish to comment, favourably or otherwise, on a particular planning application, here is a suggested approach:

1. Look at the planning application and identify your own possible areas of comment before resorting to the EDS/Supplement for guidance. It is very important to take this personal initial view as there may be matters of importance that should be identified which perhaps are not covered by the EDS and/or its Supplement. They could be lost if the EDS is taken as the (blinking!) starting point.
2. Now review your initial observations against the EDS and Supplement, noting whether they are "Matters for Consideration" or "Design Points". When referring to the documents, specify the section number followed by the number or letter which uniquely identifies a "Matter for Consideration" or "Design Point". Page numbers can be used to reference text. It is important to be clear as to which document is being referenced.
3. Where points in the Supplement are of particular relevance, this sentence could be used to precede any reference to that point, such as: "Design Point (No ...) in the Supplement to the EDS is relevant in that it ... Whilst not having the formal status of the EDS itself, the Supplement represents views widely held amongst the Emsworth community and the Council is therefore requested to take it into account in this case."
4. Draft reply - where possible make the comment very specific to the particular planning application and refer to the EDS and/or Supplement giving reference numbers/letters (quoting in full the narrative in the Supplement as HBC does not recognise the references alone in this document).

You can also use the EDS to help you design your project and apply for permission to build it. Please refer to the EDS in a similar manner to above.

Obtaining and viewing the EDS

A printed copy of the EDS and its Supplement can be obtained by any Emsworth resident free of charge from: **David Jones, 23 Queen Street, Emsworth, Tel 01243 371499**
 Digital copies in PDF format are available for free downloaded from the ERA website www.emsworthresidents.co.uk/eds.
 There are also several copies in Emsworth Library.

Lorraine Clode

Public Consultation on Flood Defence Strategy

As part of the consultation on the Draft Strategy to counter Flood and Erosion Risk for the coastline between Portchester and Emsworth, the Environment Agency in partnership with Havant Borough Council, held an exhibition on Friday 6th March at the Emsworth Centre.

The project team was there to explain their recommendations which were illustrated on charts showing the key issues affecting our coastline. For Emsworth, if the defences are not maintained an estimated 194 properties were at risk in 2008 but the number of houses at risk rises to 389 by 2108. The draft strategy recommendation is to "hold the line - Improve - (Maintain until funding available)". The anticipated cost is £15.9M over the next 20 years. Taking into consideration higher risk frontages between Portchester and Emsworth, there is little likelihood of Emsworth securing Central Government funding.



views of their recommended management options and any concerns you may have regarding strategy, funding and implementation by 13 April, 2009.

After 13 April, all responses will be considered before making the final strategy recommendations later in 2009. Your comments will help define the construction, improvement or maintenance works that are required between Portchester Castle and Emsworth over the next five years, and inform the overall 100 year coastal flood and erosion risk management strategy.



We will keep you informed of progress and share the outcomes of this consultation with you. The point was made by the project team that there is a lot we can do as a community and as individual households to reduce the risk of flooding in small pockets. To this end, there was useful information on flood defence systems, local sand bag suppliers, and useful web links. The links have been posted on the ERA website at: www.emsworthresidents.co.uk/flooding



The ERA sees this as a key topic for Emsworth residents and we will cover in greater detail in future editions of The EMS what businesses and residents can do to better protect their properties from the risk of flood damage.

Lorraine Clode

Photos were taken in March 2008. How many places can you identify? See also page 8 'Metres from Disaster'

Public Consultation

A document has been designed for public consultation to inform people of the key issues and explain the recommendations set out in the draft strategy. It is available on the Environment Agency's website www.environment-agency.gov.uk/consultations. If you don't have access to a computer, additional hard copies are available from Emsworth Library or you can call 08708 506 506.



Although the Strategic Environmental Assessment of the draft strategy has been completed, no final decisions have been made and we want to hear from you to help us identify anything that may have been missed in the preparation of this draft strategy. Please share with the Environment Agency your

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