

FROM THE CHAIRMAN

A27 Site (Interbridges West) a crucial stage

A key element of the plan for this location is the need for the developer to purchase the land from the Highways Agency to widen the access road onto the site for traffic lights and possibly for other purposes.

At the time of writing, the Highways Agency has still not confirmed whether it will or will not sell the land. We have consulted a Barrister who has advised us that he believes we have a good legal case to oppose the sale of the land, he will write to the Agency asking them to let us know immediately they decide.

If the decision is for them to sell, then we have a short period to decide whether or not to go to the High Court for a judicial review. If we decide to go for the review then this will take several months and, should the review go against us, we would have to pay up to £20,000 for our and the Agency's costs. However, if we win then it will cost us nothing, as the defendant will pay.

If we get to the point of considering the judicial review, we will arrange a public meeting to discuss the issue with residents and to find ways of raising the money which we will not be able to fund from ERA reserves.

There is the possibility that the Borough Council will press ahead with reviewing a revised planning application even if the developer does not have all the land he needs. It is not necessary to own land to apply for planning permission on it. If this occurs, we will continue to oppose the application for planning permission on several grounds and mobilise as many residents as possible to write objections. If it gets to the Development Management Committee then we will try to arrange a mass show of concern.

Latest Plans for Emsworth to 2026

A large number of residents have expressed concern following the public consultation on the Local Development Framework. I have been in touch with the Planning Policy Department at HBC to see what progress is being made. They are still processing the total of about 1100 representations. These have to be reviewed and conclusions drawn, additionally the Officers have to consider changes in the way the Government is expecting the process to go forward. **This means that a revised proposal will probably not be presented to the Committee of Councillors until November.**

Emsworth Design Statement

Since I last reported on the progress of the EDS in January, we have been responding to further refinements required by HBC, and preparing the full 'accepted' statement for printing. We believe that we are, at last, nearly there. The document now has to pass through three committees, followed by acceptance by the Full Council on 23rd July.

The next step will be to produce a supplementary document. This will contain the many details that reflect the important and strongly held views of Emsworth residents which we have been obliged to remove from the EDS. This is because HBC's planning staff considered them either to be inappropriate for a Design Statement or to conflict with planning policy. The purpose of the supplementary document is to ensure that the views of Emsworth residents are recorded in a structured document, to which we can refer in future. As I have reported before, this project has been bedevilled by the ramifications of the overhaul of the whole planning process from Whitehall down to 'Borough' level. I hope that I shall be able to report in the next EMS that the project has been completed.

David Jones



We understand from a presentation made by Jackie Batchelor at a Community Board meeting that Emsworth was well represented in the total number of contributions to the consultation. A large number of representations were made on the "horse field" opposite the Brookfield Hotel. Thanks to all who took the trouble to present their views on these important issues which will affect residents for years to come.

The full text of the ERA's contribution can be found on the "Emsworth Fights Back" section of the ERA Website under the headings of, "ERA Response - Core Strategy," and "ERA response to the HBC Draft Allocations Plan."

26 New Brighton Road.

This was finally approved by HBC with 30 apartments for sheltered accommodation rather than 36 and it is at least further from Westbourne Avenue than originally planned.

Oak Tree Drive Development

We are pleased to say that the application has been withdrawn but the site still remains on the new Local Development Framework plans.

Interbridges East

This has been granted approval by the officers under delegated powers. There are 36 conditions attached to the approval regarding various details. However, the result will be that there will be twelve industrial units and three office units on the site together with a commuter car park with new access onto New Brighton Road. Drivers will be able to cross New Brighton Road to the Emsworth station using the new traffic lights. There will also be a new footpath from New Brighton Road to meet with the existing path running north-south (Seagull Lane towards Westbourne) beyond the eastern end of the site.

Although this means there will be traffic lights between the bridges in New Brighton Road, we believe this will have a much smaller impact than if the site to the west is also accessed from the same traffic lights.

Chris Curry

EBA News

Food Markets in Emsworth?

The EBA are working closely with the directors of the Emsworth Food Festival (EFF) and with Havant Borough Council Business Development team to put on a *Sunday* Food Market, possibly three or four times a year, in part of South Street car park.

It is essential that our retailers can take part as partners in this scheme which is intended to attract people from a wide area. We will only admit providers that will ensure quality, locally-sourced food and produce that adds significantly to the variety of food sold in the town.

We are in discussion with Chichester District Council who have an excellent market in the City with 99% of the food on offer coming from a radius of 30 miles. We have looked at markets in other towns but we feel the presentation and produce is not of sufficient quality to complement the excellent range of food already available in Emsworth.

Following their decision not to hold a Festival in 2008, we would like to express our appreciation of the continuous hard work the Food Festival Committee have put in over the last 8 years. The burden and responsibility of this has left the directors and the majority of the organising committee of the festival absolutely worn out and we are extremely grateful to them.

If we are successful in establishing a Sunday Market we will look to find ways of bringing some of the best events and activities promoted by the EFF back to the town for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

We will of course consult with residents in the central part of Emsworth when we have something firm to offer. *We would appreciate your views on this idea.*

Cotton Bags a Success

The good publicity associated with the distribution of cotton bags to homes in Emsworth continues. During the past few weeks EBA members have given talks in Petersfield and Gosport in attempts to encourage these towns to take similar action to reduce dependency on plastic bags.

Thanks to the efforts of the Co-Op in Emsworth and many others our traders all report a big decline in the request by customers for plastic bags. Many are using the "Emsworth bags" and other re-usable bags of different makes and descriptions. If readers of *The EMS* have other ideas to help reduce plastic in Emsworth and help the environment, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Brendan Gibb-Gray

Water, water everywhere - Local authorities have been criticised for spending large amounts of money on bottled water. Two years ago, HBC plumbed all but two of their water coolers into the mains cutting the annual cost from about £16,000 to £5,400 for coolers, cups, etc. to provide water for staff members and customers.

Brendan Gibb-Gray

Emsworth Community Board Comes to Town

June 21st saw the first in a series of public displays by the Community Board in International Hall in The Square. The focus on this occasion was the work they have been spearheading on user-friendly access into and around the town (see centre spread).

More informal 'Meet the Board' events are planned for the months ahead to enable people to see what the Board is involved in and to express their views and suggestions in an informal, chatty atmosphere over a cup of tea or coffee.

Dates to watch out for are: **16th August** and **26th October**, both at International Hall between 10am and midday.

Do come in and say hello - after all WE are YOU. In fact, we are looking for two new board members, so why not call in to find out how you could become involved in improving the quality of life in Emsworth.

Brian Picknett

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