

East Hants District Plan 2021 – 2040

Online Meeting attended 15th November 2022

Supporting notes in addition to the presentation.

It was noted that whilst EHDC are working on this plan, changes at government level could render this plan redundant.

What's changed?

- Recovery from Covid
- Meet housing needs
- Deliver on the aspirations of our community
- Biodiversity must be improved
- Climate emergency
- Population and housing
- Environment
- Infrastructure
- It's not about development sites, it's about preferred options
- New branding: "better homes better places"

The climate emergency

- Net zero carbon homes
- Reduced emissions
- Implement an energy hierarchy
- Adapt to climate change
- Update the settlement hierarchy

Population and housing

- Target of 570 new homes per year
- 9823 new homes to 2040
- 6418 built today
- Min of 3405 to be planned

Types of housing needs

- 25% over 65's
- By 2040 this will rise to 40%
- With ageing comes illness and disability
- 40% of new development to be affordable

Infrastructure

- Green spaces, doctors, public transport
- CIL (community infrastructure levy) is the primary fund for infrastructure

Environment

- Protect the local environment
- Habitat regulations
- Biodiversity net gain mandatory from 2023

Stages of the plan

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| 1. Evidence gathering | Regulation 18 |
| 2. Pre-submission | Regulation 19 |
| 3. Submission of documents and independent examination | Regulation 22 |
| 4. Inspector's report and adoption | Regulation 24 |

South Downs National Park (SDNP)

- We are separate planning authority areas and East Hants has no control of SDNP
- We each have our own Local Plans
- We cannot control what happens in the SDNP
- We are required to work with the SDNPA as part of a duty to co-operate in plan making

Public consultation

- Alton Assembly Rooms on 7th December

Questions and observations raised by meeting participants

- There is a lack of infrastructure in some areas. No footpaths, no mains drainage, no street lighting, poor internet, fresh water supplies and leaks, power distribution.
- Will such areas still be targeted for development?