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Local plan progress

Both EHDC and the SDNP are progressing their local plans. We are affected by the SDNP local plan that is likely to come to the SDNP planning committee in draft form in February.

The draft should be available on this webpage on 5th February.

https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/meeting/planning-committee-12-february-2026/

The latest draft public consulation from last year is here:

https://www.southdowns.gov.uk/planning-policy/the-south-downs-local-plan-review/consultation-hub/

The EHDC local plan is a contentious issue for many of the East Hants residents, but has far less impact on us locally.

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2025/authorities-ask-east-hampshire-help-housing-targets

EHDC recognises the importance of the local chalk streams

The December Council unanimously agreed a motion supporting the chalk streams in the District. These rivers are a vital national resource, and EHDC is working hard with partners to improve these natural features.

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2025/ehdc-recognises-importance-local-chalk-streams-and-rivers

Improvements to Buriton Pond

EHDC owns Buriton Pond, and has worked with the parish council and local environmental groups to produce a plan to improve the pond. The goal is to make is a more attractive feature for both local residents and visitors.

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2026/ducks-diggers-amphibious-excavator-cleans-buriton-pond

Climate Grants

The council tries to help provide local organisations in East Hampshire with grants. The latest set of these were climate grants, awarded in December. The full list is here:

https://www.easthants.gov.uk/news/2025/more-ps128000-climate-grants-agreed-council