

Eastleigh Borough Local Plan (2016-2036)

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- 5.160 A site level Habitats Regulations Assessment will be required to demonstrate the detail of how new moorings, and replacement and relocation of existing moorings will be delivered without adverse effect on any European site, with particular reference to the Solent European Sites.
- 5.161 Applications for dredging will be determined by the Marine Management Organisation and lie outside of the jurisdiction of the Borough Council. The Council however would wish to comment on any proposals and explore opportunities for saltmarsh recharge within Eastleigh Borough Council landholdings.

Community, leisure and cultural facilities

Relevant issues and objectives

Issues (Chapter 2): C1-C6

Objectives (Chapter 3): iv, viii

Related local and national strategies/policies (see Appendix B)

Source	Reference/title
Eastleigh Borough Council	Community Safety Partnership Plan Cultural & Creative Industries Strategy 2015-19 Draft Health and Wellbeing Strategy (2016)
PfSH	Economic Development Strategy 2010
Hampshire County Council	Hampshire Strategic Infrastructure Statement Version 1 (February 2013)
NPPF	Paragraphs 69-72

- 5.162 Community facilities include parish halls, church facilities, cemeteries, community centres, public houses, schools and colleges, health facilities, libraries, and leisure, arts and cultural facilities including youth and social clubs.

Policy DM36, Community, leisure and cultural facilities

1. **The development of new community, cultural and leisure facilities and extensions to existing facilities will be permitted within Eastleigh town centre, district and local centres, neighbourhood parades and in the new local centres to be provided as part of the strategic housing sites. Proposals must be of a scale appropriate to the centre.**
2. **Proposals for such facilities within the urban edge but outside these centres will need to demonstrate that:**
 - a. **they are readily accessible to the communities they are intended to serve by a variety of modes of transport;**
 - b. **there is no adverse impact on existing and proposed centres; and**
 - c. **there are no suitable, viable and available sites within an existing centre or edge of centre location.**

3. In the provision of facilities for general community use such as community halls, the Council will seek to ensure that their form and design provides for a range of uses to be accommodated.
4. In the countryside the development of new community, leisure or cultural facilities (other than cemeteries addressed at DM37) will not be permitted other than by re-use of existing buildings in accordance with DM19. Extensions to existing facilities may be permitted subject to DM18.
5. The loss of existing community, leisure or cultural facilities to other forms of development will not be permitted unless:
 - a. alternative provision is made which is more appropriate to the needs of the community, or is more accessible; or
 - b. the existing facility can be shown to be surplus to local needs.

Any facilities surplus to requirements should where possible be re-developed/re-used in a way that maximises benefits to the local community.
6. The developers of new housing that is likely to increase use of local community, leisure or cultural facilities will be required to contribute to or provide any enhancement of existing facilities or new facilities necessitated by their schemes in accordance with policy DM38.

5.163 The Borough Council's strategy focuses on:

- Addressing the shortage of pre-school places and ensuring that there are enough school places to meet the needs of the existing and future population;
- Whilst continuing the strategy to promote healthier lifestyles, recognising the ongoing need for medical facilities and ensuring accessible local provision of these, preferably focused on local centres, and also accommodating changes in the way services are delivered;
- Making sure all parts of the Borough have access to a range of leisure and cultural facilities, and making Eastleigh a centre for contemporary culture.

5.164 The Borough includes a wide range of high-quality education facilities. However, it is likely that more will be needed to meet the needs arising from the increase in population over the plan period. New primary schools are likely to be needed for the larger new development sites, and extension may also be needed to existing schools. One new secondary school is required for the east of the Borough. The Borough Council will continue to work closely with the Education Authority (Hampshire County Council) on reviewing future needs and the School Places Plan. In addition, the policy enables the Borough Council to address proposals that may arise from the government's Free Schools initiative and the creation of academies. Note: development proposals affecting school playing fields are subject to the provisions of Section 77 of the Schools Standards and Framework Act 1998 – see policy DM32 and related text above.

5.165 The policy is designed to enable the provision of medical facilities to serve local communities. For reasons of sustainability, in particular limiting vehicular journeys, the Council seeks to ensure that these are in accessible locations for the communities they are intended to serve, such as town, district and local centres. The Council also recognises that the way medical care and assistance is delivered will continue to evolve, and any medical facilities provided should be designed with sufficient flexibility to enable adaptation to changes in the way services are delivered.

- 5.166 The policy also protects and enables the development of cultural and leisure facilities within the urban areas, seeking to focus these within town, district and local centres where they would be most accessible.
- 5.167 The Council seeks to limit the development of community facilities in rural areas for reasons of sustainability, in particular accessibility, and to limit development that urbanises the countryside.
- 5.168 It is desirable that all members of the community have easy access to community, leisure and cultural facilities, and that existing facilities are not lost to other forms of development. It will also be necessary to increase provision to meet the needs of the increased population of the Borough over the plan period. Some halls can serve a variety of uses, and in providing new communal facilities the Council will encourage the provision of multi-functional buildings.

Cemeteries

Policy DM37, Cemetery provision

1. **The development of cemeteries including green burial sites will be permitted provided that they:**
 - a. **meet the identified needs of local communities; and**
 - b. **accord with the other policies of this Local Plan relating to the countryside, residential amenities and access;**
 - c. **demonstrate through a risk assessment and site specific data that the base of graves will not be below the water table**
 - d. **do not impact negatively on the biodiversity value of the site and provide enhancement where possible**
2. **Where there is an identified local need, developers may be required to contribute to the costs of cemetery provision or enhancement.**

- 5.169 Responsibility for the provision of cemeteries lies with the parish Councils. However, the Borough Council is responsible for cemetery provision in Eastleigh, Allbrook and North Boyatt and Chandler's Ford. Some site allocations have been made to meet parish requirements where these are known (see Chapter 6). This policy enables further provision to be made as needs arise over the plan period. It also enables enhancement of existing facilities. It is important to consult the Environment Agency about new cemetery proposals in order to ensure that ground conditions are suitable for this purpose and there is no danger of pollution of watercourses or groundwater.

Implementation

Policy DM38, Funding infrastructure

1. **Development will be permitted provided that the developer has made arrangements for the provision of, or for contributions to the improvement of, any infrastructure, services, facilities or amenities necessitated by the development proposed, by means of either:**
 - a. **a planning obligations agreement under section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, and/or**
 - b. **should it be introduced in the Borough in the future, the Community Infrastructure Levy under the Planning Act 2008.**