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DC Report for HPC Council Meeting 11th December 2023

Cllr David Evans 8th December 2023

“South of Butser” Councillor meeting.

The District Councillors for Clanfield, Rowlands Castle and Horndean met together on the **8th November**, in an initiative started by Councillor Maines of Rowlands Castle, to discuss ways of encouraging organisations in our area to apply for grants from EHDC and the many other bodies, from The Arts Council down, which support community organisations. We will meet regularly and if you belong to or know of any organisation that might benefit from some financial or other support, then please let us know.

On **29th November** I attended the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the Partnership for South Hampshire (PfSH) whose area includes Horndean, Rowlands Castle and Clanfield. Although we are only a small part of the PfSH area, residents may be interested in the papers that were discussed which can be found at [Overview and Scrutiny - Partnership for South Hampshire \(push.gov.uk\)](https://www.push.gov.uk/Overview-and-Scrutiny-Partnership-for-South-Hampshire)

In particular the [Spatial Position Statement](#) which includes a lot of data and maps of the area which show just how little land is available for development once the host of National Parks and other restricted areas where development is either prohibited or severally restricted, are accounted for. We still need to provide land for homes and employment, not least as we, thankfully, are all living longer, but it is undeniable that these restrictions will mean that we may need to use some land for development that we would rather not build on.

The EHDC full Council meeting was held on **30th November** at the Millenium Centre in Liphook. Their main hall has retractable seating for about 180 - much like what I hope will be delivered for our community on the Land East of Horndean site. We noted that the acoustics were admirable on that occasion as it is not a sports hall like the Clanfield Centre.