



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

Neighbourhood planning



#neighbourhoodplanning

A quick reminder of what neighbourhood planning is...

- **POWER**

to make planning policy or grant planning permission

- **RESPONSIBILITY**

to meet need and support growth

- **INVESTMENT**

through Community Infrastructure Levy*

* *Communities with a neighbourhood plan in place receive 25% of CIL*

The size of the power – experience so far

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Neighbourhood Planning Steps

STEP 1:
Get informed:
mycommunityrights
E.g. Locality 'Road Map'

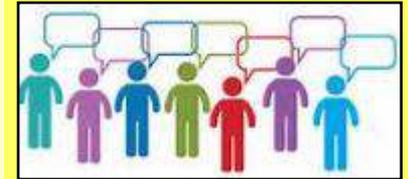


STEP 2:
Designate
Neighbourhood
Planning Area + Forum



6 weeks

STEP 3:
Consultation and
community
engagement



6 weeks

STEP 4:
Local Authority
publicise the plan



6 weeks

STEP 5:
Examination of plan



STEP 6:
Referendum



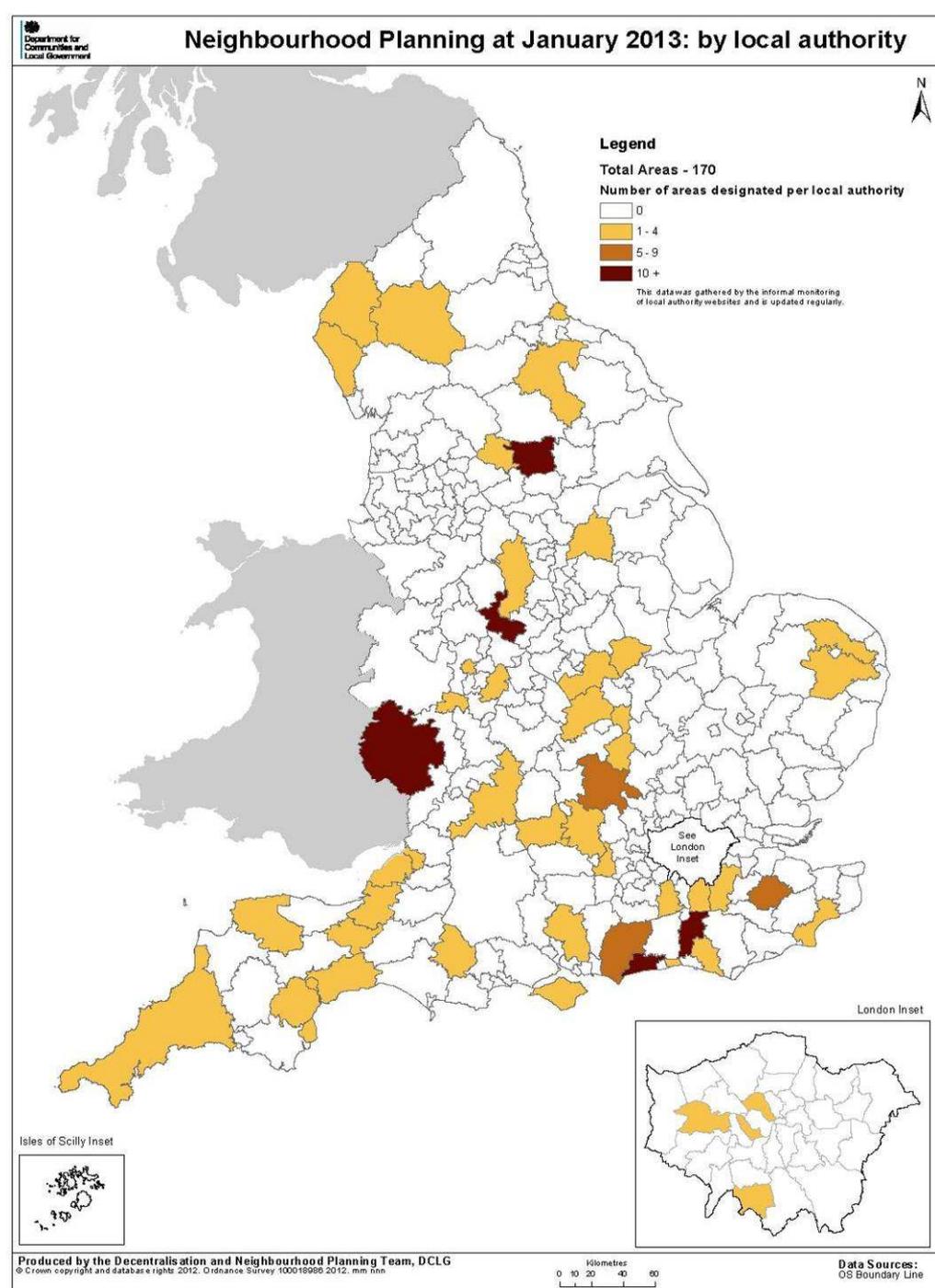
*28 working days
(double for business areas)*

STEP 7:
Plan Made!



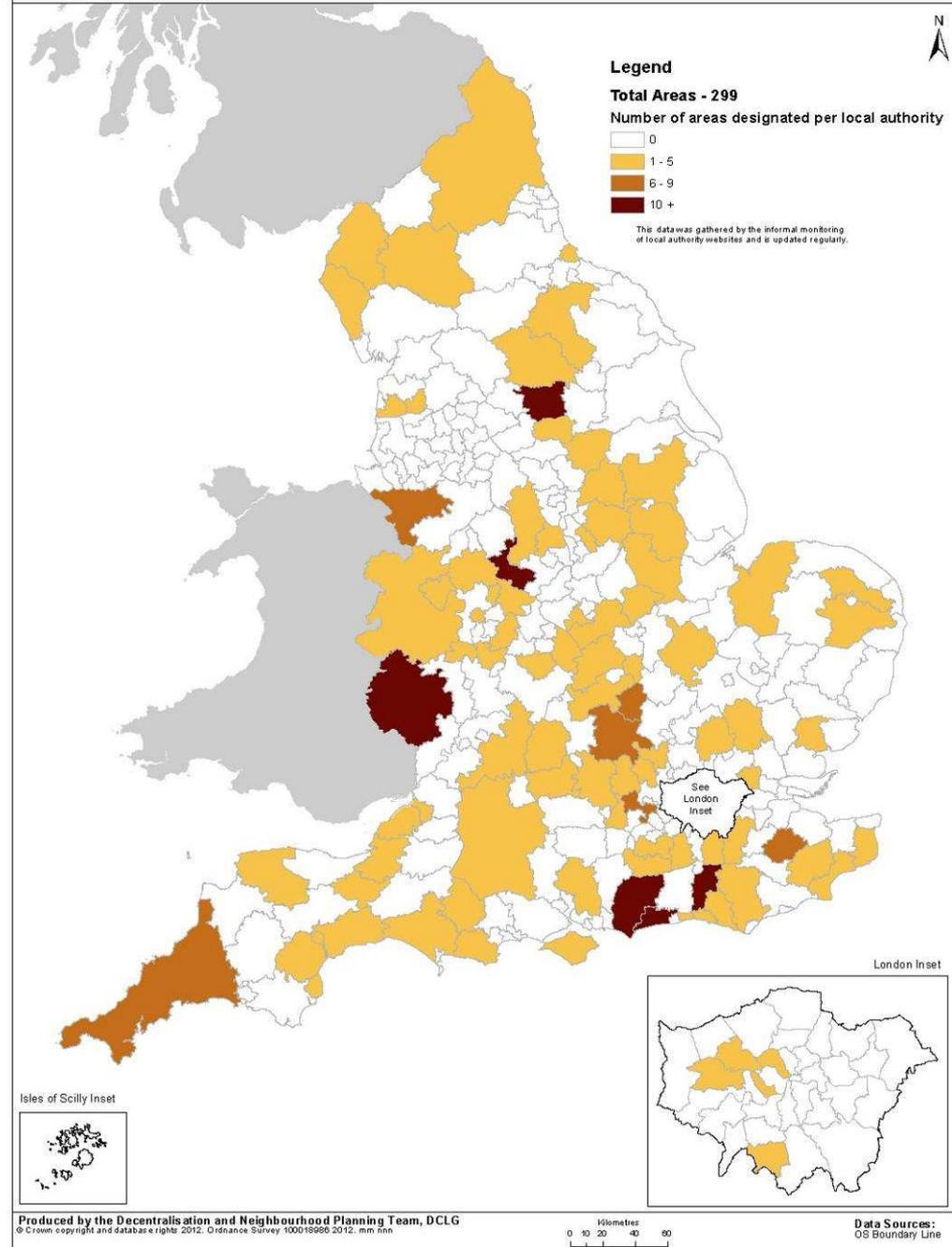
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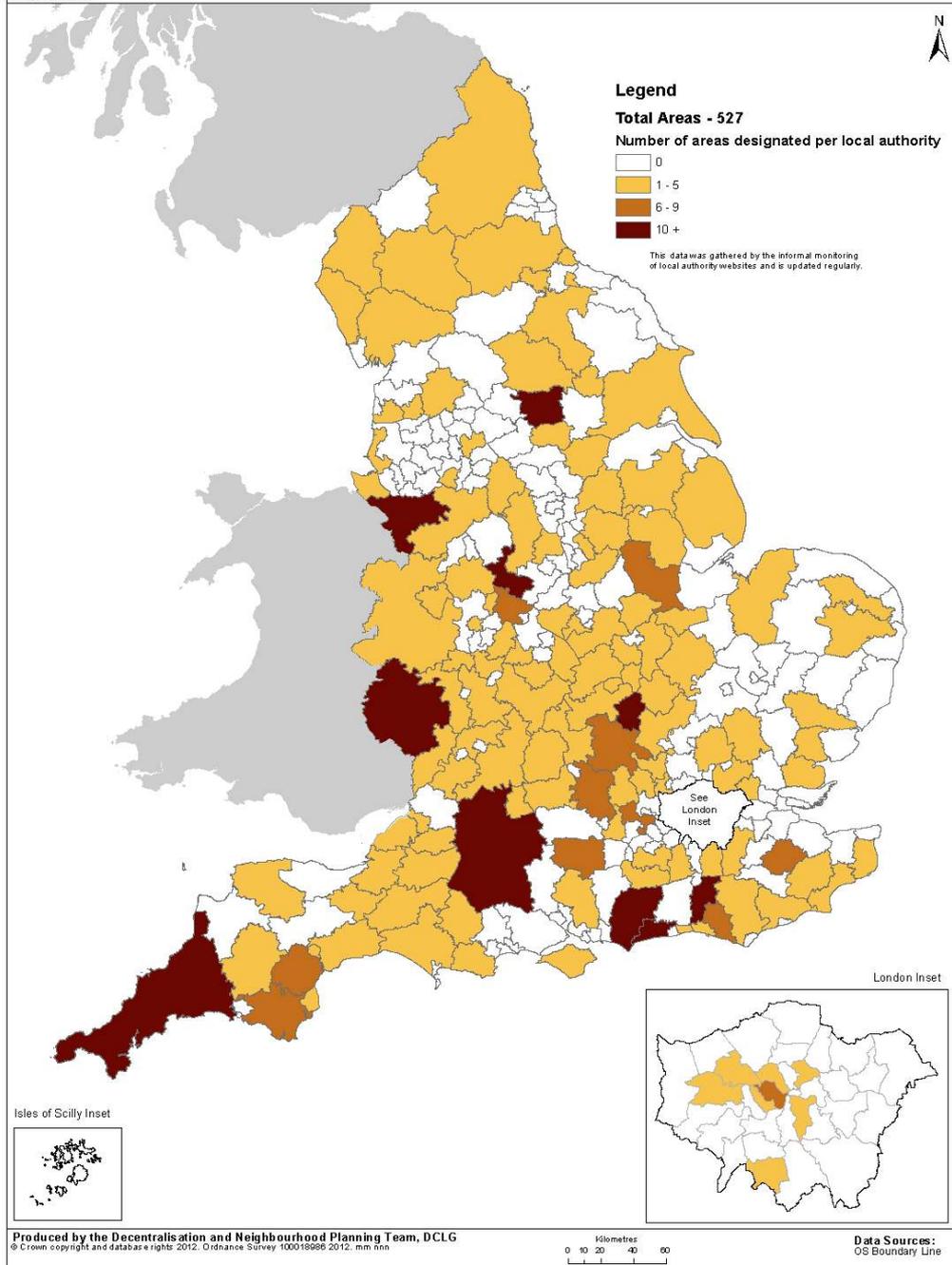


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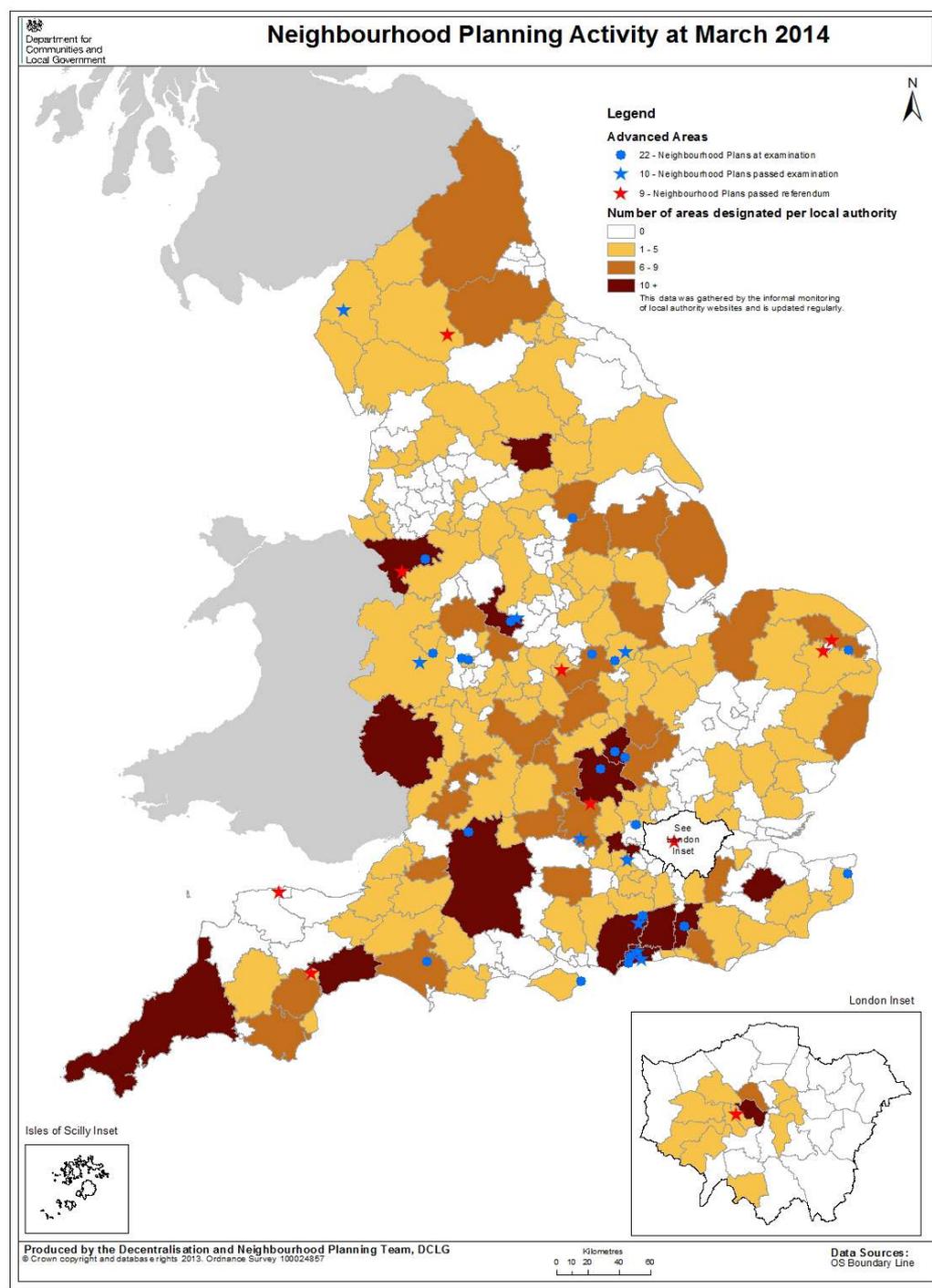
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Neighbourhood Planning: A growing movement

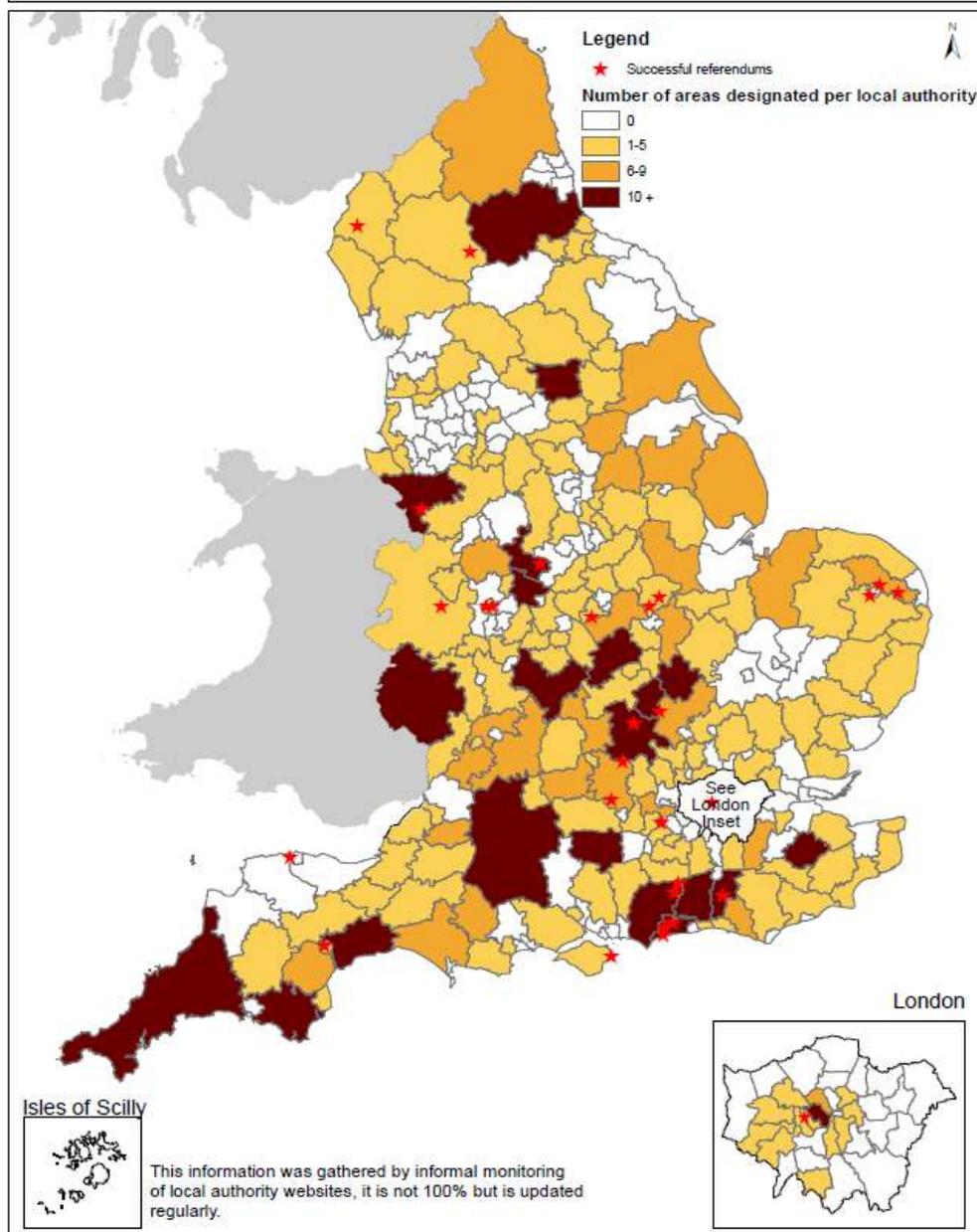


Neighbourhood Planning: A growing movement



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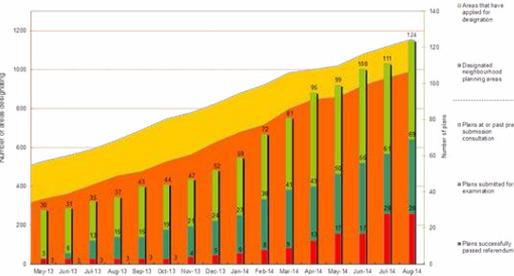
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Numbers of areas reaching neighbourhood planning milestones



Applications **1163**

Designations **1000**

Pre- submission **125**

Examination **71**



30

13

9

19

At
Examination

Passed
Examination

Passed
Referendum

MADE

Total:

(71)

(41)

(28)

(19)



Local Authorities

*There are 336
local planning authorities
(not including county
councils)*

57%

of Local Authorities contain
designated neighbourhood
planning areas

Neighbourhood
Planning

From the Ground Up



Average:



88% Yes



33% turnout

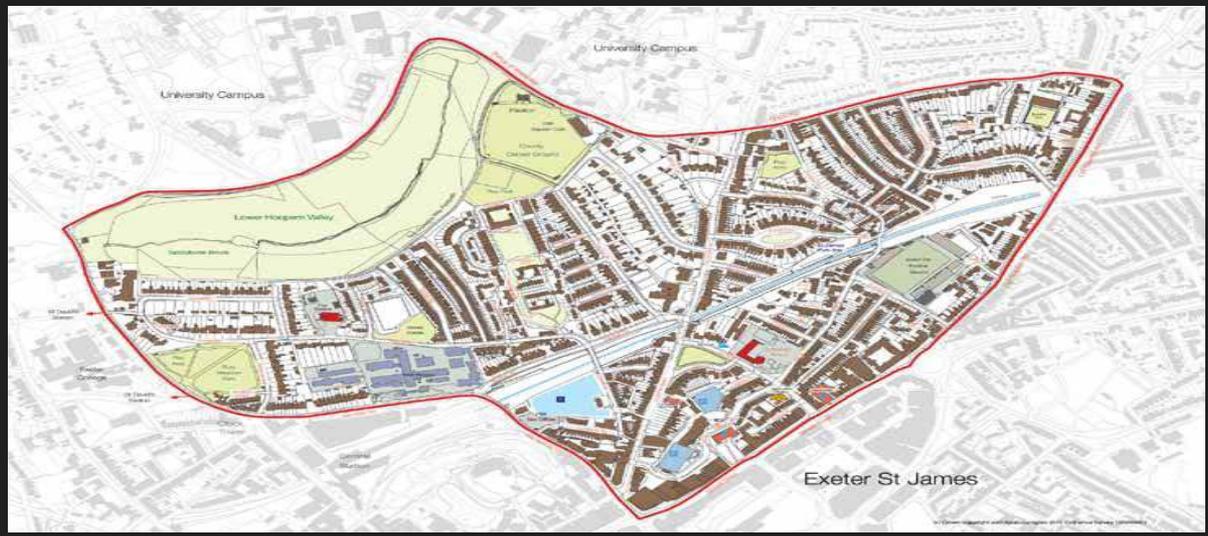
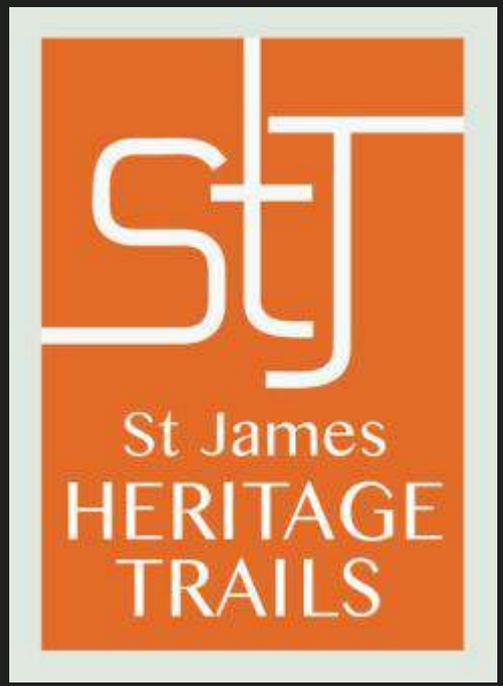


**But is it making a
difference?**



WE'VE DONE IT!

- Congratulations to all ESJF members and associate members
- On the evening of 16th July Exeter City Council adopted the Exeter St James Neighbourhood Plan.
- The Plan now forms part of Exeter's statutory development plans and in future the policies it contains will be used to help determine planning applications.
- This decision can also be seen as the green light for projects which have been proposed.
- The Steering Group has been eager to make a start with Queens Crescent Garden, the top priority project, and plans are being made for the setting up of a Community Interest Company to assume responsibility for the development and future management of this community green space





Thame Neighbourhood Plan

- I have experience of community development work but somehow this was different. It involved understanding the constraints imposed by environmental and planning issues, of accepting growth in an area where everyone wanted to close the town's gates.
- Instead of a top down approach – this is what is best for your area, it was a bottom up approach – this is what we want so go and make it work in planning terms. Tension erupted as the “professionals” had to listen and produce rather than produce and inform.
- The status of the town council has definitely changed, somehow it seems there is more respect for what a town council does and can do. The district council is involving us at the first stage of planning enquiries.

Helen Stewart, Town Clerk

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Guidance

Neighbourhood Planning

[Print this guidance section](#)

Provides advice on the neighbourhood planning system introduced by the Localism Act including key stages and decisions (e.g. deciding neighbourhood areas, the legal tests for neighbourhood plans, and the process of independent examination and referendum).

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Updated: 06 03 2014

1. [What is neighbourhood planning?](#)
 - [What is a neighbourhood plan and what is its relationship to a Local Plan?](#)
 - [What is a Neighbourhood Development Order?](#)
2. [Who leads neighbourhood planning in an area?](#)
3. [The role of the local planning authority in neighbourhood planning](#)
4. [Designating a neighbourhood area](#)
5. [Preparing a neighbourhood plan or Order](#)
6. [Consulting on, and publicising, a neighbourhood plan or Order](#)
7. [Submitting a neighbourhood plan or Order to a local planning authority](#)
8. [The Independent Examination](#)
9. [The neighbourhood planning referendum](#)
10. [A summary of the key stages in neighbourhood planning](#)
11. [The basic conditions that a draft neighbourhood plan or Order must meet if it is to proceed to referendum](#)

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Are you involved in planning your neighbourhood? Or would you like to be?

This website supports people and communities who are using new powers under the Localism Act 2011 to create neighbourhood plans.

So if you're interested in shaping your local area, and deciding where new homes, shops and other facilities will go and what they will look like, we'd like to invite you to join our [forums](#), set up a local [group](#), and generally use the site's resources to share experience and learn from others.

[Find out more...](#)

Latest news

Queen's Canal: a case study of evolving solutions
 Victoria's canal is essential to Queen's Canal's neighbourhood plan. This case study looks at their skills and group set-up, and some of the learning they...

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Latest forum posts

Examples of briefs for consultants to help with plans
 Does anyone have examples of briefs for employing consultants for the following: preparation of strategic/consultation materials; Design for specific locations - eg. culture and residential style; Development...

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The Department for Communities and Local Government has made £10.5m available to provide support and grants to help hundreds of areas across the country create neighbourhood plans.

Locality is currently helping over 300 groups and have awarded over £2.5m in grants. The programme has proved hugely popular and we're delighted that so many people are interested in neighbourhood planning.

But unfortunately we can't work with everyone at once, so the number of applicants accepted onto the direct support programme each month will be limited from 25 February.

Direct support from 25 February 2014

Once the monthly applications limit is reached, our website will announce that applications for direct support have closed until the beginning of the following month. These same restrictions will apply every month for the remainder of the programme, but **grant applications remain unchanged and can be submitted at any time.**

The direct support programme will respect to all applicants, having been limited to successful groups and awarded using open tender.

Understanding Neighbourhood Planning

Roadmap to Neighbourhood Planning

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What is neighbourhood planning?

Neighbourhood planning gives businesses working with others in their community direct power to develop a shared...

London Neighbourhood Planning Map

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood Planning

2,756 members

DCLG Neighbourhood Planning Team Tripline

Members' Choice

Rachel Walker

Hi Karen from the DCLG Neighbourhood Planning Team here, this group, Neighbourhood Planning.

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Notes from first New Cross forum meeting

Tanya Gooding

Pragmatic, detailed studying MS urban planning & investigating New Cross forum works job in heading for social enterprise

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krishkaur05.wordpress.com

A few comments from meeting "New Cross is like a series of islands and we need to connect them." "The road crossings are appalling. We need to make them safer and put them in more sensible places." "Prohibition and noise from the main road is a huge problem. We need to make it better for pedestrians." "Lack of youth provision is a big issue." "The recently closed Goldenhills shops are dragging."

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Neighbourhood Plans

Find links to neighbourhood plans that have been submitted to examination. (Location is based on best fit. We are not responsible for external content.)

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BEMBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

CONSULTATION DRAFT

January 2014

From Foursquare
Bembridge

Draft Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan

Volume 1 - Main Body
Consultation Version 1.0, 5 March 13

From Foursquare
Malmesbury



Malmesbury submitted their neighbourhood plan to Wiltshire Council www.wiltshire.gov...

Learning from others

Neighbourhood Planning and Students

- Give neighbourhood planners an injection of help and enthusiasm from students eager to learn about planning and put their learning to practical use
 - Give students
 - ✓ experience of real world planning, community perspectives, and a major reform to the planning system
 - ✓ the basis for essays and research
 - Help to embed neighbourhood planning in the practice and culture of planning over the long term



LPA = £301k

£5k @ designation (+ £5k for forums)

£5k @ submission

£20k @ *successful* examination

(+ £10k for business areas)

Support, Examination and Referendum

Communities

Bespoke direct

support

And (or)

£7k

Mycommunityrights.org.uk

Neighbourhood Planning Champions Network



<http://bit.ly/1gVcMbg>



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Community Infrastructure Levy



What next? Neighbourhood planning review & reform

“the experience of those actually involved in neighbourhood planning has shown that it is proceeding well for the great majority of groups. Whilst complex, most groups appear to be relatively well prepared for it from the outset and it has not been significantly more burdensome than they anticipated. The use of key local individuals and team, as well as funding to support the activity has, on the whole, acted to enable urban, rural and more or less deprived neighbourhoods to embark on neighbourhood planning”.

‘User Experience of Neighbourhood Planning in England’, University of Reading for
Locality, Sept. 2014



Making Plans

Communities want a say on local issues ...



of citizens think it is **important** for them personally to feel they can **influence decisions** in their local area

Community Life Survey 2013/14



of citizens say they would be **more supportive** of house building if local **people were given greater control and say** over what gets built

British Social Attitudes Survey 2013

... they're seizing the chance to create neighbourhood plans ...

over
1000
neighbourhood plans
underway

over
100
draft neighbourhood plans
prepared by communities

28
successful referendums

Over 100 neighbourhood planning proposals



Cockermouth's neighbourhood development order seeks to **reinvigorate the town** by granting planning permission for cafes, shop front redesign and outdoor seating.



Residents in **Heathfield Park** propose to **design out crime** by encouraging developments that ensure people feel safe in public areas after dark.



The **Old Market Quarter** community are using their plan to protect and enhance **open spaces** that contribute to the character of the area.



In **Cringleford**, residents voted in favour of a neighbourhood plan allocating land for approximately **1200 new homes**.



In **Fortune Green and West Hampstead**, residents are seeking to **support micro-businesses** by encouraging different sized commercial units.



In **Arundel**, the neighbourhood plan **supports the development of community assets** (including the Eagle Inn) as long as their continued viable use by local people is ensured.

Find out about over 50 neighbourhood plans that have been submitted for examination: <http://ow.ly/y8lio>

... and it's making a real difference across the country.



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My Community Rights:

www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhoodplanning

Planning Practice Guidance:

<http://planningguidance.planningportal.gov.uk/>