

CIVIC VOICE

Civic Voice is the national charity for the civic movement. We work to make the places where everyone lives more attractive, enjoyable and distinctive and to promote civic pride.

We speak up for civic societies and local communities across England. We believe everyone should live somewhere they can be proud of and we know how people feel about places because we feel the same way.

Civic societies are the most numerous participants in the planning system. Since its launch in April 2010, Civic Voice has been joined by over 290 civic societies with 75,000 members.

For further information, including how to join Civic Voice and contact details for local civic societies, see www.civicvoice.org.uk



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The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) is the nationally recognised membership body representing the interests of 10,000 local councils and their 80,000 local councillors in England.

Local (community, neighbourhood, parish, village and town) councils are statutory bodies and are the first tier of local government in England. Over 15 million people live in communities served by local councils, around 35% of the population. Thus, together, they can be identified as among the nation's most influential grouping of grassroots opinion-formers.

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All Party Parliamentary Group for Civic Societies

and

All Party Parliamentary Group on Local Democracy

Is the planning system working?

The Attlee Suite | Portcullis House
Westminster

Tuesday 7 June
2.00pm



IS THE PLANNING SYSTEM WORKING?

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the first joint session between the APPG for Civic Societies and APPG on Local Democracy for a debate on the National Planning Policy Framework.

Our timely session will explore the efficiency of our planning system and how we can give communities a greater voice in the existing planning policy.

Co-chaired by Craig Mackinlay MP and Scott Mann MP, our panel of speakers is:

- Clive Betts MP, chair of the Communities and Local Government Select Committee
- Baroness Parminter, Liberal Democrat Lords Principal Spokesperson for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Lord Porter of Spalding CBE, chairman of the Local Government Association



Craig Mackinlay MP,
chair of the APPG
for Civic Societies



Scott Mann MP,
vice-chair of the APPG
on Local Democracy



CLIVE BETTS MP

Clive Betts is Labour MP for Sheffield South East. In 2010 Clive was elected as chair of the Department for Communities and Local Government Select Committee and re-elected for a second term following the 2015 general election. His political interests include economic policy, local and regional government and housing.



BARONESS PARMINTER

Kate Parminter studied theology at Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford. In 1998 Kate became chief executive of CPRE, the Campaign to Protect Rural England, which she led for nearly six years. Kate was created a life peer in July 2010. In the House of Lords she is deputy group leader of the Liberal Democrats, party spokesperson on the environment and was a member of the Select Committee on National Policy for the Built Environment.



LORD PORTER OF SPALDING CBE

Gary Porter was elected to South Holland District Council in 2001, becoming council leader in 2003. Gary chaired the Local Government Association (LGA) Environment and Housing Board for two years, becoming Conservative Group leader and vice-chairman of the LGA in 2011. He was elected LGA chairman in June 2015 and made a life peer in the 2015 dissolution peerages list.