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# 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**

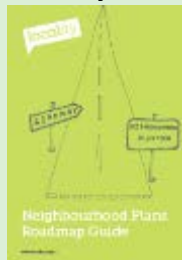
through Community Infrastructure Levy\*

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

# Neighbourhood Planning Steps

## STEP 1:

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



## STEP 2:

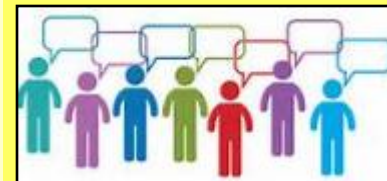
Designate  
Neighbourhood  
Planning Area + Forum



*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!

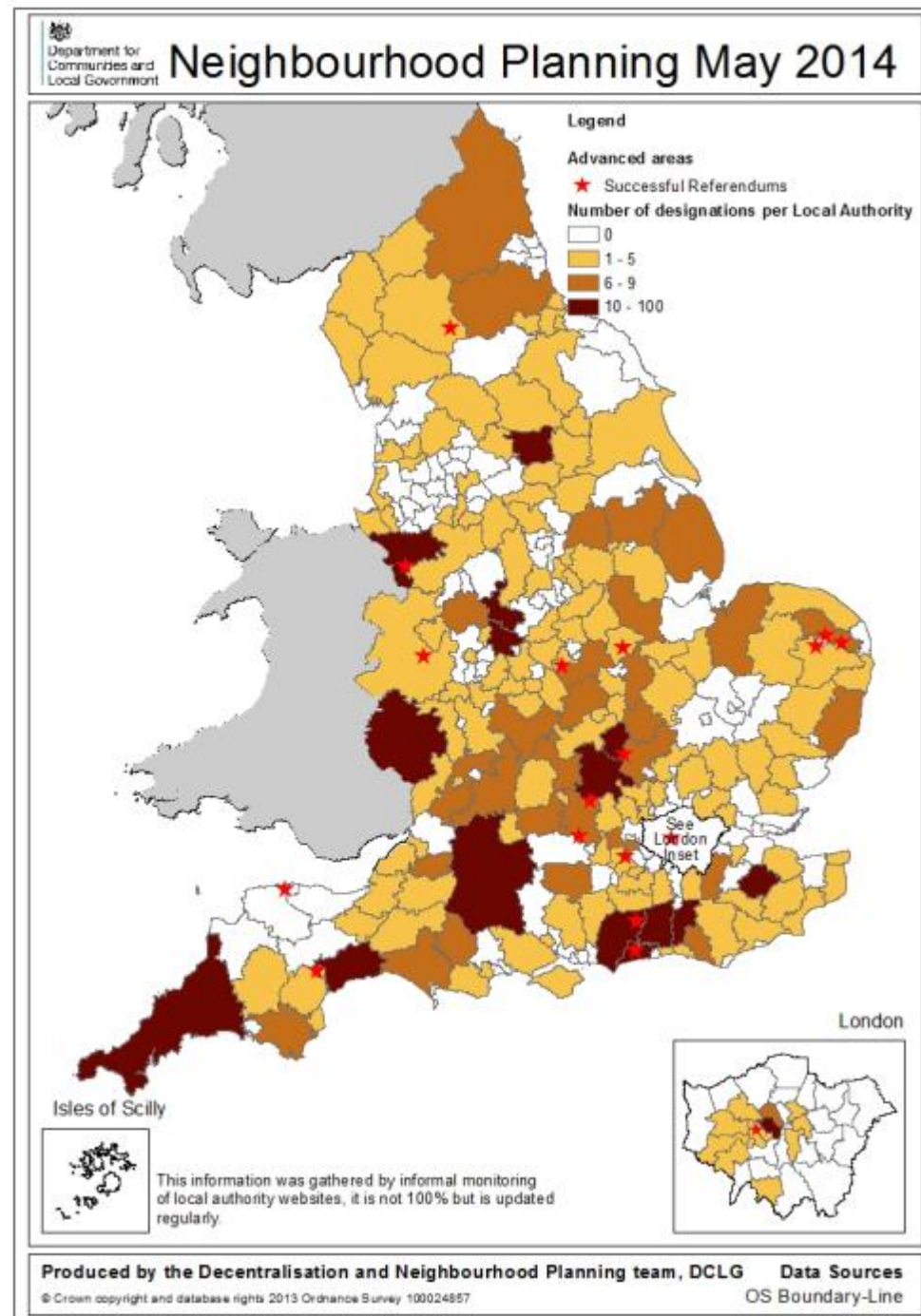




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# The state of play.....

This data was  
informally  
gathered from  
internet  
monitoring  
and is being  
constantly  
updated





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Applications **1071**

Designations **913**

Pre- submission **103**

Examination **56**



**24**

**15**

**6**

**11**

At  
Examination

Passed  
Examination

Passed  
Referendum

MADE

**Total:**

**(56)**

**(32)**

**(17)**

**(11)**



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:

87% Yes

32% turnout



**What's in the Plan?**



An aerial photograph of a village, likely in a rural area, showing a dense cluster of houses with dark roofs. A prominent church spire is visible in the center. The surrounding landscape includes fields and some trees. The text is overlaid in white, bold font.

**“... continue to thrive as a vibrant and distinctive village... to evolve and expand whilst retaining its unique and distinct character...”**

**“...development will be of the highest possible standards of design, enhancing the quality and distinctiveness of the area...”**

**“...The vision is of a distinct vibrant community and not a mere dormitory settlement...”**







Artist's Impression of Cockermouth

[http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/downloads/Vanguards\\_Scheme\\_Bid\\_-\\_Allerdale\\_BC.pdf](http://www.allerdale.gov.uk/downloads/Vanguards_Scheme_Bid_-_Allerdale_BC.pdf)







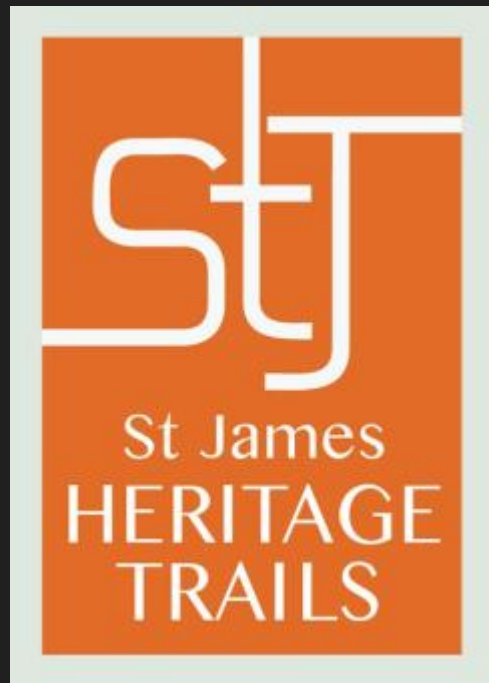
**But is it making a  
difference?**





## 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**

# Resources



## 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).

ID: 41

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



# FORUM FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

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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 [scheme](#), and generally use the site's resources to share experience and learn from others.

[Find out more...](#)

## Latest news

25 Feb 2014  
**Queen's Canal: a case study of involving volunteers**  
Volunteers are essential to Queen's Canal's neighbourhood plan. This news story looks at their skills and how they set up, and some of the training they...

[Read More...](#)

## Latest forum posts

25 Feb 2014 @ 18:42  
**examples of briefs for consultants to help with plans**  
Does anyone have examples of briefs for employing consultants for the following: Preparation of development materials, Design for specific locations - eg. cell-site and road-scheme style development...

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Nigel McCork interview (part 2)

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Understanding how business can participate in, and benefit from, neighbourhood planning

Neighbourhood Planning Maps

London Neighbourhood Planning Map

What is neighbourhood planning?

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

[READ MORE](#)

London Neighbourhood Planning Map

18 Feb 2014 | Posted by BPP | 0 Comments

What is Neighbourhood Planning?

# My Community Rights

My Community Rights Community Right to Bid Community Asset Transfer Community Right to Build Community Right to Challenge Neighbourhood Planning Our Place Case Studies

Get Advice

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Neighbourhood Planning

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 500 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 respond to all applicants, having been limited to discussion-based and advanced advice since February.

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Looking for training - Grants can help your company access government funding for Apprenticeships.

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2,755 members

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DCLG Neighbourhood Planning Team Tripline

Manager's Choice

Kieran Watkins

Hi Kieran from the DCLG Neighbourhood Planning Team here. We thought...

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Like (6) Follow February 25, 2013

Start a discussion or share something with the group...

Popular Recent

Notes from first New Cross forum meeting

Tessa Gooding

Pragmatic identifier studying MA urban planning & investigating New Cross forum seeks job on funding for social enterprise

Notes from first New Cross forum meeting

breathinkat05.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." "Pollution 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 virtually deserted Goldenhills shops are dragging..."

Like Comment Follow 3 days ago

First New Cross forum meeting tonight about developing neighbourhood plan

Tessa Gooding

Pragmatic identifier studying MA urban planning & investigating New Cross forum seeks job on funding for social enterprise

Members of this Group

lan chisall

A collaborative network, relationship broker, social entrepreneur, business & tech sector consultant, daily blogger

See all members

Your group contribution level

Start by commenting in a discussion. Group participants get 4x the number of profile views

Getting Started

European archery Powered by Norwegian gas

EXPLORE MORE

Latest Activity

# Resources

## 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



Bembridge Parish Council have submitted their plan to Isle of Wight Council for independent examination [www.iwight.com/...](http://www.iwight.com/...)



Multimedia Neighbourhood Steering Group  
**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...](http://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](http://Mycommunityrights.org.uk)***

# Neighbourhood Planning Champions Network



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



<p>Parish council ✓</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan ✓</p> <p>= 25% uncapped, paid to Parish</p>	<p>Parish council ✓</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan ✗</p> <p>= 15% capped at £100 / dwelling, paid to Parish</p>
<p>Parish council ✗</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan ✓</p> <p>= 25% uncapped, local authority consults with community</p>	<p>Parish council ✗</p> <p>Neighbourhood Plan ✗</p> <p>= 15% capped at £100 / dwelling, local authority consults with community</p>

## ***Community Infrastructure Levy***





# What next? Neighbourhood planning review

***“ We have, I think, now reached the point where there has been enough experience of neighbourhood planning with enough different kinds of communities for us to learn lessons and to ask whether there is not a version of neighbourhood planning that might be more easily accessible and quicker for some communities. We are doing that work, and we are very keen to hear from any hon. Members and communities with their thoughts on how we can achieve that”.***

**Nick Boles, Minister for Planning, 3 March 2014**



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My Community Rights:

[www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhoodplanning](http://www.mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhoodplanning)

Planning Practice Guidance:

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