

## Summary – Top Ten Current NALC Policy Positions

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TOPIC	WORDING
1. Planning Appeals	For the Government to change the planning framework so that local councils have the same right as developers to appeal planning decisions
2. Campaign Group Right of Appeal	For Government to amend legislation to ensure that campaign groups campaigning to create parish councils have a right of appeal against decisions of principal local authorities not to create a parish council in their area
3. Standards Committee Voting Rights	For co-opted members of local standards committees, where they exist, to have voting rights.
4. Licensing	For parish and town councils to be legitimate consultees in all aspects of the processes outlined in the Licensing Act, including appeals.
5. Neighbourhood Planning	For mandatory provision of the protection for parishes from speculative development during the creation of a neighbourhood plan.
6. Business Rates on Public Buildings	Parish and town councils shall have statutory partial relief from rating liability for non-commercial property owned by local authorities for the benefit of the community.
7. Referendum Principles	For Government to ensure that provisions within the Localism Act 2011 which enable it to introduce automatic precept referendums on local councils, are removed.
8. New Homes Bonus	For it to be mandatory for principal authorities to pass on a significant share of the New Homes Bonus to parish councils representing those parished communities that are taking new homes.
9. Traffic Commissioners	For parish and town councils to be statutory consultees on all matters relating to Traffic Commissioners.
10. Section 106 Enforcement	For a town and parish council to be able in law to hold local planning authorities to account to ensure there is effective local enforcement around developers being held to account in adhering to Section 106 Agreements and planning conditions.