

Neighbourhood Planning



AN INTRODUCTION -
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Yourlocale



- *Yourlocale* – set up to support community rights
- Gary Kirk – Former CEO of Meden Valley Making Places; Neighbourhood Planning Examiner; Parish Councillor
- Andrew Towlerton – Planner; former Head of Planning; National Advisor to SLCC; Parish Clerk
- Currently supporting 18 Parish/Town Councils – 9 in Leicestershire and 5 in Harborough District.



What is Neighbourhood Planning?



- Transfer of planning powers to communities
- Part of Localism Agenda
- Simplification – current system remote and complex
- Opportunity for local people to shape and determine Planning Policy
- Involves drafting of detailed policies that form part of decision making process
- Covers housing; open space; design; roads; community assets; infrastructure
- Wide ranging – needs strategic compliance with LPA and National/European policy
- Different to a Parish Plan



What does it involve?



- Routinely 12-18 months to complete
- Few prescribed stages:
 - Designation as Qualifying Body following notification period
 - Preparing the Plan:
 - ✦ Consultation – Parishioners and stakeholders
 - ✦ Agreeing a vision
 - ✦ Evidence base – profile; needs assessments; policy conformity; policy development
 - ✦ Writing of Policies
 - Formal publication by local authority – further 6 week period
 - Independent Examination
 - Referendum
 - If passes – Plan ‘Made’



Opportunities and issues



- Controlling development in line with local need. Adds detail
- Structure through which negotiations can take place with local authority/developers/stakeholders
- Neighbourhood Plan policies will be the key decision-making document for the District
- More than just influence – statutory basis
- Without NP – open to speculative developer interest
- Grant funding available to cover costs
- Passport to other funding streams
- Early challenges confirm key role
- Process empowering



Roles and responsibilities

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- Drive the process under direction of PC
- Programme planning
- Project management:
 - Steering Group (monthly/six weeks?)
 - Consultation
 - LA Policy review
 - Theme Group facilitation
 - Evidence gathering
 - Agreeing/writing policies
- Ensure good governance
- Liaison with local authority
- Alternative funding streams
- Secure grant funding
- Cost – £12,000 – £20,000 (DC receives £30k for referendum etc.)
- Identify need for specialist studies

Parish Council

- Support for the process
- Promotion and publicity
- Drawing in wider community
- Local knowledge
- Pulling together historical background
- Involvement at consultation events
- Sending out stakeholder letters
- Freeing up time of Clerk
- Finalising funding bids
- Parish Council authorisation
- Steering Group facilitation



Any Questions?



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