

What do you want to achieve through Neighbourhood Planning?

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Aim of session

To help determine whether a neighbourhood plan is the right tool for you!



Content of a neighbourhood plan

In a neighbourhood development plan can you:

- alter the Green Belt boundary?
- allocate sites for new housing?
- introduce traffic management measures?
- generate funds for local infrastructure?



Purpose of a neighbourhood plan

1. To form part of the “Development Plan” for the area and thereby increase local influence on the determination of planning applications (reactive policies)
2. To plan positively to shape and influence local development providing outside strategic elements of the Local Plan (proactive proposals)



What is a neighbourhood plan?

- Allows and directs community supported development through a statutory legal document
- Empowers communities and businesses to shape development in their neighbourhood
- About local development needs rather than strategic matters
- A truly democratic process
- A flexible no 'one size fits all' approach
- Can be as ambitious or as simple as the community desires (one policy or 100!)



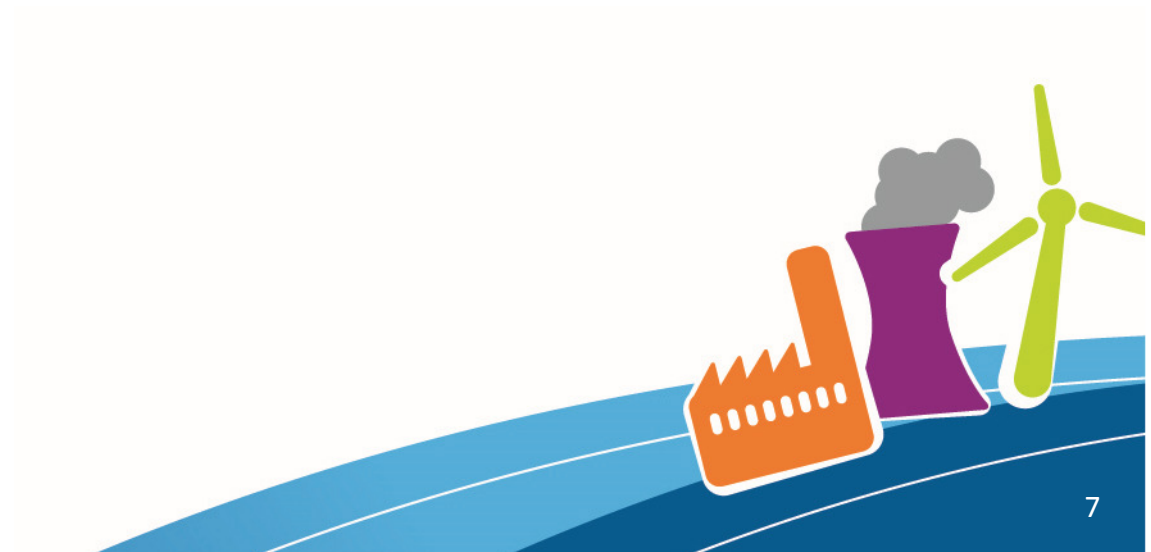
What are the other neighbourhood planning tools?

- Neighbourhood Development Orders - An order granted by community granting planning permission for certain types of development
- Community Right to Build Orders - An order made by community allowing them to bring forward small development for housing, business or community facilities



But what do you need?

- Preparing an NP will not be right for all communities
- We think that NPs are good things – but not in all circumstances!
- NDOs and CRtB may be the answer
- How about other planning tools?



Group exercise

Use the matrix to discuss what issues can, and cannot be achieved through a Neighbourhood Development Plan

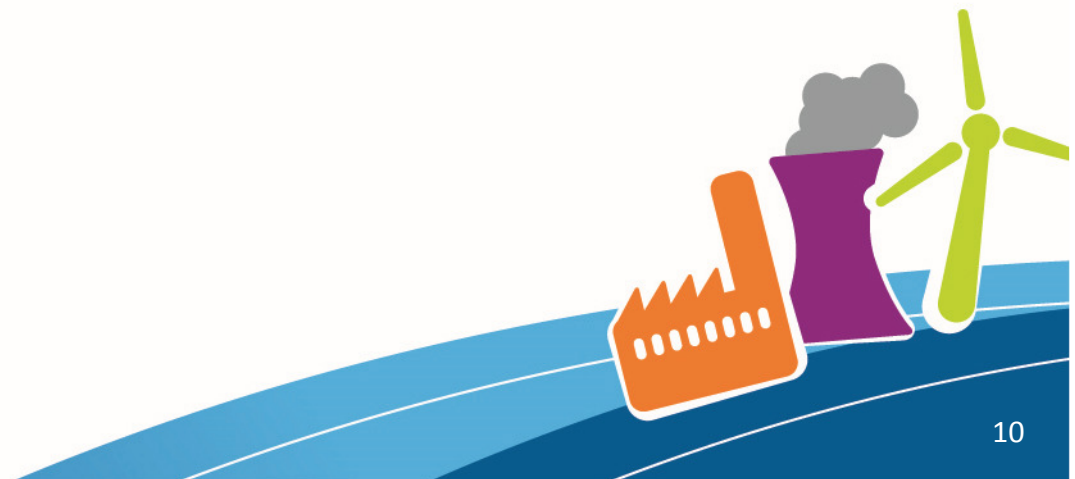


Issues Tools for the Job	Objecting to a planning application	Getting more 1-2 bed homes built in our area	Lowering the speed limit/traffic management on our roads	Changing the boundary of the green belt	Improving employment opportunities	Designating Local Green Spaces	Identifying & Protecting Local Heritage Assets (non – statutory)
Local Plan							
Planning Enforcement							
Neighbourhood Plan							
Planning Condition							
Community Right To Build Order /Community Rights							
Neighbourhood Development Order							
County Council/Local Transport Plan							

User Experience of Neighbourhood Planning Research (Locality - June 2014)

Drivers and motivations for preparing plans:

- Reinvigorating the local area
- Protecting the desirable characteristics of the area
- Help shape a future vision for the neighbourhood
- Greater say in planning and development in their area
- Statutory weight a neighbourhood plan provides
- Control over the process



User Experience of Neighbourhood Planning Research (Locality - June 2014)

Overall experience of neighbourhood planning:

- 55% thought process was what they expected
- Over 90% felt it had gone well or okay
- Majority had overcome difficulties, often with consultant or local authority support
- Overall it was regarded as initiative with merit and further potential, although not without difficulties and opportunities



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What would make it more attractive to communities?

- Half wanted a better explanation of the process
- 44% wanted more face to face advice
- 39% felt faster process would make more attractive
- Evidence strongly suggests that neighbourhood planning can be undertaken by most communities if effectively supported, especially by local authority



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