



Department for
Communities and
Local Government

Neighbourhood Planning

Planning Advisory Service
Jan / Feb 2015



Localism and Growth

“Planning should be a positive process, where people come together and agree a vision for the future of the place where they live. It should also - crucially - be a system that delivers more growth. Our aim with the Localism Bill is not to prevent new building, but to promote it”

Greg Clark, Pro-localism and pro-development: A speech to the Adam Smith Institute, 2 February 2011

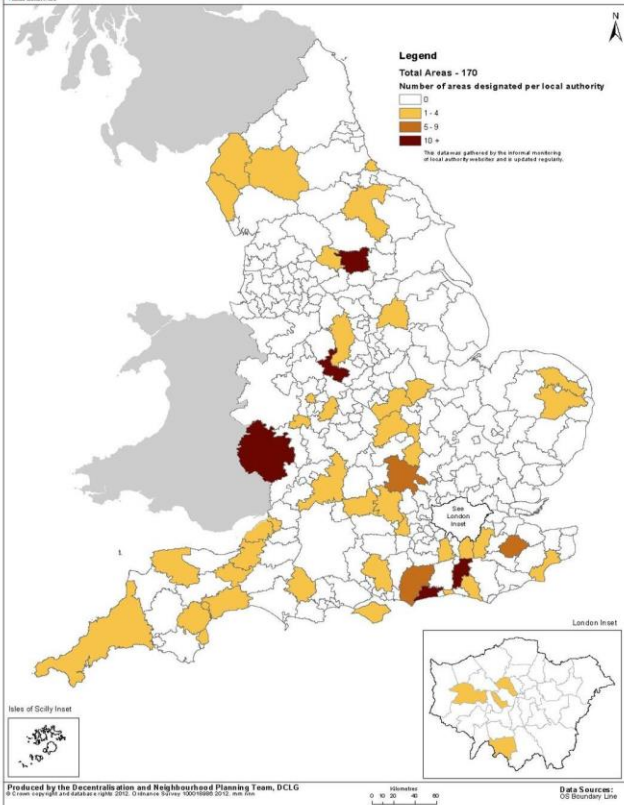
“Neighbourhood plans are the key to unlocking more house-building (...) If you give people power, they will use it responsibly. If you explain to them what their community and their country needs, they will do their bit to make sure it is provided. And if you give them a stake in a future in which beautifully designed homes with easy access to green space are, once again affordable for working people on ordinary wages, they will do what it takes to bring that future about”

Nick Boles, ‘Housing the next generation’ speech to Policy Exchange, 10 January 2013

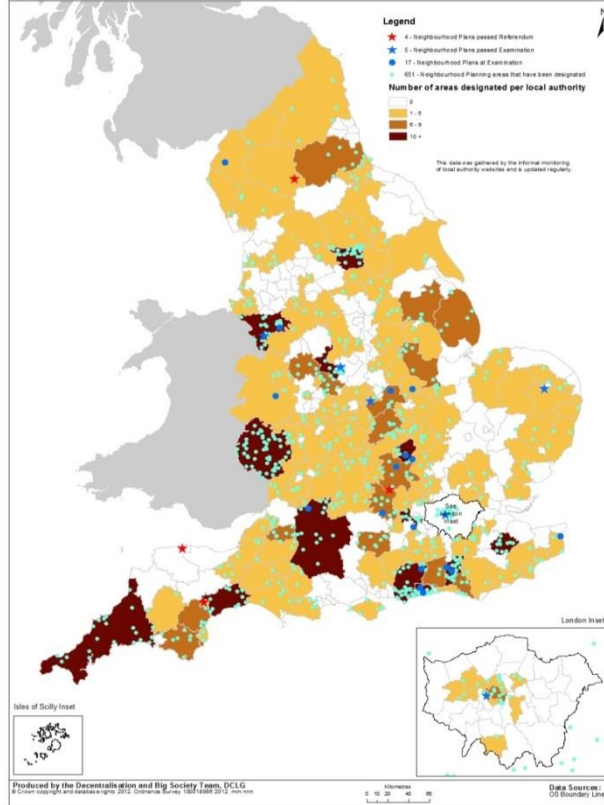


A growing movement

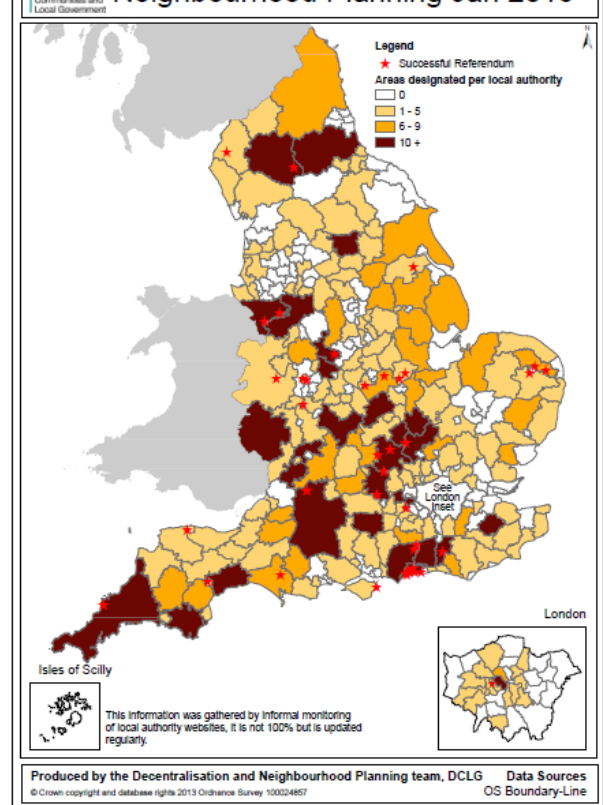
Neighbourhood Planning at January 2013: by local authority



Neighbourhood Planning at January 2014



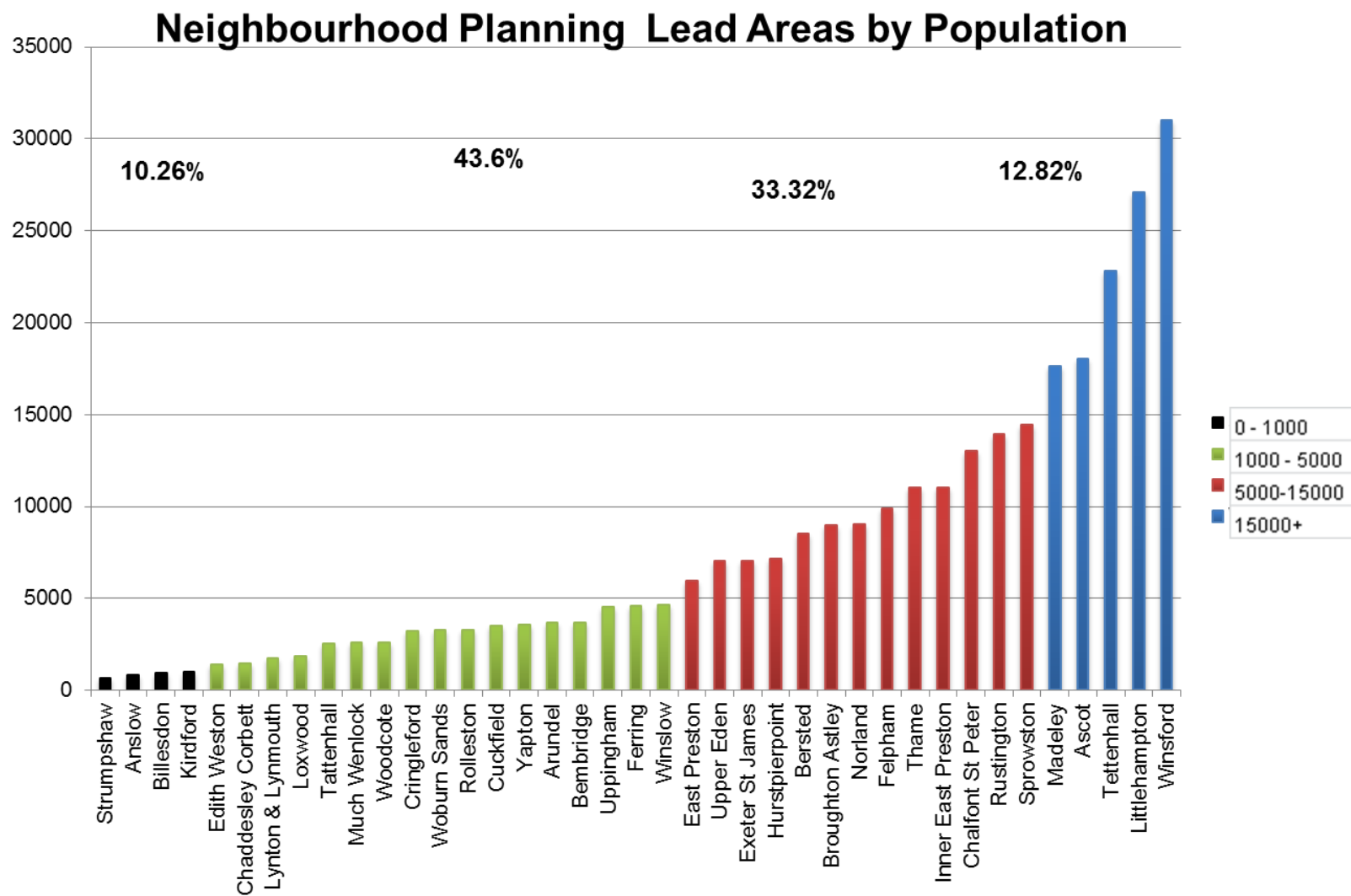
Neighbourhood Planning Jan 2015



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All shapes and sizes





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Average
‘Yes’ vote
87%
Turnout 33%

Applications **1323**

Designations **1180**

Pre- submission **191**

Examination **115**



42

26

7

33

Neighbourhood plans

At
Examination

Passed
Examination

Passed
Referendum

MADE

Total:

(108)

(66)

(40)

(33)

Neighbourhood
Planning

From the Ground Up



Local Authorities

*There are 336
local planning authorities
(not including county
councils)*

62%

of Local Authorities contain
designated neighbourhood
planning areas



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The starting point....

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



EXETER ST JAMES
COMMUNITY TRUST LTD.
a shared interest

**LAUNCH OF NEW
COMMUNITY COMPANY**

Join us for the launch of Exeter St James Community Trust Limited, the community benefit society set up by the Forum.

- Open to all. Members and non-members of Exeter St James Forum will be welcomed.
- The Trust's Board and shareholders can look forward to an exciting future, including taking on the responsibility for transforming Queen's Crescent Garden into the community open space we all want.
- What happens next to Exeter St James Forum and its Steering Group? Your views on proposals for the new relationship between the Forum and the Trust are important.

**Saturday
4th October
from 4pm to 6pm
St Sidwell's
Centre,
Sidwell
Street**

**Join in a discussion session
at the Launch meeting**
For more information, contact
info@exeterstjamesforum.org
www.exeterstjamesforum.org

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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



Primary research

Interviewed 120 groups producing a neighbourhood plan and convened six focus groups

- 50 forums & 70 from urban areas
- 75% per cent definitely or may use plan to allocate sites for housing
- Over 90% reported that the process had gone 'well' or 'OK'
- 59% proportionate to the task of developing a plan that will have statutory status
- 82% able to access the skills and knowledge needed for neighbourhood planning

Suggestions to reduce the burden focused on:

- greater understanding of the effort required, and the scope of neighbourhood planning, at the beginning of the process
- local authorities could be more **proactive** in encouraging neighbourhood planning in their area
- production of toolkits and appropriate guidance

82 % stating that their authority had been 'very' or 'somewhat' supportive

- more **structured partnerships** and agreed demarcation of roles and actions
- dedicated **liaison staff**
- more **clarity about what to expect** from local authorities under the duty to support.





Technical consultation on planning

- statutory time limit within which a local planning authority must make a decision on whether to designate a neighbourhood area
- removing the current statutory requirement for a minimum of six weeks of consultation and publicity by those preparing a neighbourhood plan or Order.
- require those preparing a neighbourhood plan to consult certain landowners.
- introduce a new statutory requirement (basic condition) to test the extent of the consultation undertaken during the preparation of a neighbourhood plan or Order (including a community right to build order).
- clarify the information that should be submitted with a neighbourhood plan in order that its compatibility with obligations under the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive



Regulatory reform

Prescribe the time period within which a local planning authority must make a decision on an application for a neighbourhood area to be designated.

- 20 weeks in a case where the area to which the application relates falls within the areas of two or more local planning authorities
- 8 weeks in other cases, where the relevant body is a parish council and the area to which the application relates is the whole of the area of the parish council
- 13 weeks in all other cases

In all cases the time period runs from the date immediately following that on which the application is first publicised by the local planning authority

Neighbourhood planning

Government response to consultation

STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2015 No. 20

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING, ENGLAND

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015

Made - - - - - 12th January 2015
Laid before Parliament 14th January 2015
Coming into force - - - - - 9th February 2015

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 6(1C), 6(1) and 33(2A) of, and paragraph 1 of Schedule 4B to, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990(a), and sections 35A and 122 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004(b), makes the following Regulations:

Citation, commencement, application and interpretation

1.—(1) These Regulations may be cited as the Neighbourhood Planning (General) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 9th February 2015 (“the commencement date”).

(2) The amendments made by regulations 2(2) and (3) do not apply in relation to an area application first publicised by the local planning authority under regulation 6 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2013(c) (“the 2012 Regulations”) before the commencement date.

(3) The amendments made by regulation 2(4) do not apply in relation to a plan proposal submitted to the local planning authority before the commencement date.

(4) In this regulation “area application” and “plan proposal” have the same meaning as in regulation 3 of the 2012 Regulations.

Amendment of the 2012 Regulations

2.—(1) The 2012 Regulations are amended as follows.

(2) In regulation 6 for paragraph (c) substitute—

“(c) the date by which those representations must be received, being—

(i) in the case of an application to which paragraph (2)(b) of regulation 6A applies, not less than four weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised;

(ii) in all other cases, not less than six weeks from the date on which the area application is first publicised.”

(a) 1990 c.8. Sections 6(1) to 6(1C), 6(1) and 33(2A) and Schedule 4B were inserted by section 116 of, and Schedules 9 and 10 to, the Localism Act 2011 (c.20). See section 33(1) for definition of “parish”.

(b) 2004 c.5. Section 35A was inserted by section 116 of, and paragraph 7 of Schedule 9 to, the Localism Act 2011 (c.20).

(c) S.I. 2013/17.



Regulatory reform

One of the following documents must be included with a neighbourhood plan proposal when it is submitted to the local planning authority:

- a statement of reasons for a determination under regulation 9(1) of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004 that the proposal is unlikely to have significant environmental effects
- an environmental report in accordance with paragraphs (2) and (3) of regulation 12 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations 2004

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Resources

31 October Ministers announced:

- Additional £1 million for grants during this financial year
- £100,000 to enable groups to organise workshops on neighbourhood planning in their local area
- £12 million funding for 2015/16 for local authority new burdens
- £22.5 million support package over 2015 to 2018

A new way for communities to have a say in the future of the places where they live and work. If you want the capacity to produce a plan with real legal weight that directs development in your local area, then book your place today!

Neighbourhood Planning Event

Exploring the environmental, social and economic benefits of creating a Neighbourhood Plan

Tuesday 3 March 2015 – 10am to 4.30pm, The Falcon Hotel, Uppingham, Rutland LE15 9PY
To facilitate maximum participation, delegate numbers will be limited to 30. Lunch will be provided.

The parish of Uppingham, a government **Private** Partner with a referendum approved Neighbourhood Plan (www.uppinghamneighbourhoodplan.info), has been invited by DCLG/Localita to host this important event to encourage more communities to create a Neighbourhood Plan for their area.

The event is intended to bring together parishes not yet convinced about the merits of creating a Plan, community groups and principal authorities willing to support their parish in preparing a Plan and developers, homeowners and businesses interested in a Plan being prepared for their area.

The event will be participative with the opportunity to hear from a range of contributors currently involved in Neighbourhood Planning. Audio/Video conferencing will be utilized to exchange views and information with leading practitioners around the UK.

- How a hPlan can be done at very little cost
- How to gain the interest of developers
- How hPlans help resist too many developer applications
- How a very small patch can benefit
- What professional help is available for free
- The benefits for local landowners and/or businesses

Nominations to attend this event will be accepted from local government officers and councillors interested in attending in advance of formal approval (where required) being given by their council.

For more information contact:
secretary@uppinghamfirst.co.uk or telephone
01572 466666.

Programme

10.00am	Welcome and introductions Robert Wills - Chair of Uppingham First and a local land owner/employer The Day's Objectives Ron Simpson - Neighbourhood Planning Champion
10.15am	The opportunities localism presents for parishes and un-parished communities Jake Atkinson, Chief Officer, Lut and Rutland Association of Local Councils Referees/wards
10.30am	The environmental, social and economic benefits of N Planning Clive David Almslie (Uppingham Town Meet) and Ron Simpson
11.15am	The Planning Overview, Challenges and Lessons Learned David Troy, Planning Policy and Housing Manager, Rutland County Council
11.30am	Lunch and Networking
1.00pm	Involving your community in making a Plan Shirley Quinn, Advisor - Design Council
1.30pm	Getting your local land owners and developers involved Ben Holmes, Director of Deals Planning, representing Gloor Homes
2.15pm	The Audio/Video conference links to some successful N Plan groups around UK Lessons learned, summary and close
2.45pm	
3.00pm	
4.00pm	

UPPINGHAM FIRST Community Partnership
locality
Rutland County Council



Neighbourhood planning support contract

£22.5 million support package over 2015 to 2018

- 50 % increase on current support programme
- Grants of up to £8,000
- Priority groups
 - additional grants of up to £6,000
 - access to direct technical support

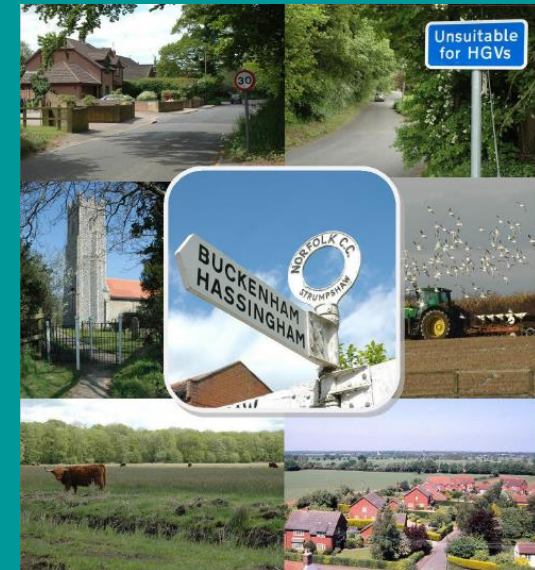




Case studies on cost ...

- In the small coastal village of Lympstone: **£6,389**
- In the large Leicestershire village of Broughton Astley: **£14,312**
- In the Exeter ward of St James: **£10,450**
- In the deprived urban area of Heathfield Park: **£19,500**
- In the coastal towns of Lynton & Lynmouth in Exmoor: **£27,681**
- In the small Norfolk village of Strumpshaw: **£4,220**

Average: £13,758



Sample of spending

£3,455 printing
£280 wood for posters
£263 stationary and ink
£141 miscellaneous costs (CDs, post, refreshments and photocopying)
£44 land registry
£36 room hire

TOTAL SPEND: £4, 220



Tools, templates & support



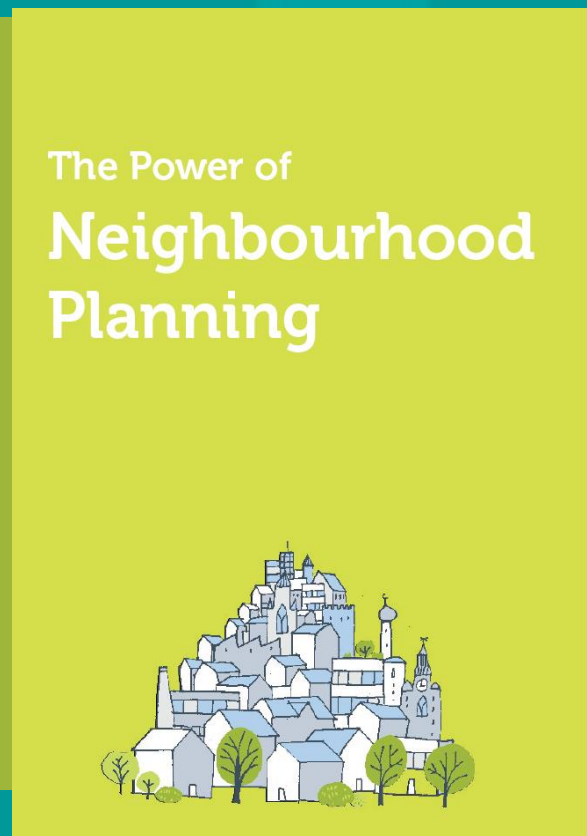
A guide to keeping your neighbourhood plan simple, short and straightforward

Keeping it sim

A guide to writing planning policies which will address the issues that matter to your neighbourhood plan

Writing planning policies

By Tony Burton





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