Neighbourhood Planning
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Neighbourhood Plans

• Localism Act 2011
• Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012

• Different Elements of Neighbourhood Planning
  – Neighbourhood Plans
  – Neighbourhood Development Orders
  – Community Right to Build Orders

• Neighbourhood Plans
  – Community-led framework for guiding the future growth and development of an area
  – Once adopted, form part of the Development Plan (along with Joint Core Strategy, Saved Policies Local Plan and subsequent Settlements and Countryside Local Plan)
Different Stages

• Stage 1: Defining the Neighbourhood Area
  • Completed for Barby and Onley

• Stage 2: Preparing the plan
  • Community engagement (6 week)
  • Evidence Base
  • Consult with statutory bodies (listed in 2012 regulations e.g. English Heritage, DDC, NCC)

• Stage 3: Independent check
  • Draft submitted to DDC
  • Consultation statement and basic conditions statement
  • 6 week consultation and appointment of Independent Examiner

• Stage 4: Community Referendum
  • Referendum organised by DDC
  • Majority support required

• Stage 5: Legal force
  • Forms part of Statutory Development Plan
Opportunities?

• Communities have a right to prepare various neighbourhood planning initiatives for their area
• Most interest around a neighbourhood development plan
• Greater weight in decision making
• Opportunity to shape and influence development in an area
• Complicated and lengthy statutory process to follow, but Government not prescriptive on content
Challenges?

- Need to follow the strategic planning context (Joint Core Strategy and Settlements and Countryside Local Plan)
  - e.g. deliver equivalent or more- cannot be less
- No right of veto over agreed development needs
- Significant amount of work (voluntary)
  - Evidence Base, Consultation
  - Estimated 2 year period
- Requires understanding of the planning system and the workings of the public and private sectors
- Local Authority resources
- Landowners may be overly influential or absent
- Skills
Is neighbourhood planning the right approach for you?

• What are the issues that need to be addressed?
  • Best addressed through a Neighbourhood Plan?
  • Alternative options e.g. Village Design Statement
  • Countryside and Settlements Local Plan
• Is the group familiar with the statutory process?
• Is there sufficient resources?
  • Necessary skills?
  • Wider community support?
  • Access to support and/or finance?
  • Available time?
• Is there a clear vision for your neighbourhood?
• Do you know all the key stakeholders and partners?
• Can you deal with landowners and developers?
• How will you engage and involve the whole community?
Useful resources

- Daventry District Council website
  - Planning Policy/Neighbourhood Planning
- Kirkwells- Daventry Framework
  - £40.00 per hour / £280.00 per day
- Planning Aid
- Planning Advisory Service
- My community rights website
- Tattenhall and District Neighbourhood Plan
- Exeter St James Neighbourhood Plan
Questions?

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