

Neighbourhood Planning Support Programme: working together

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Overview

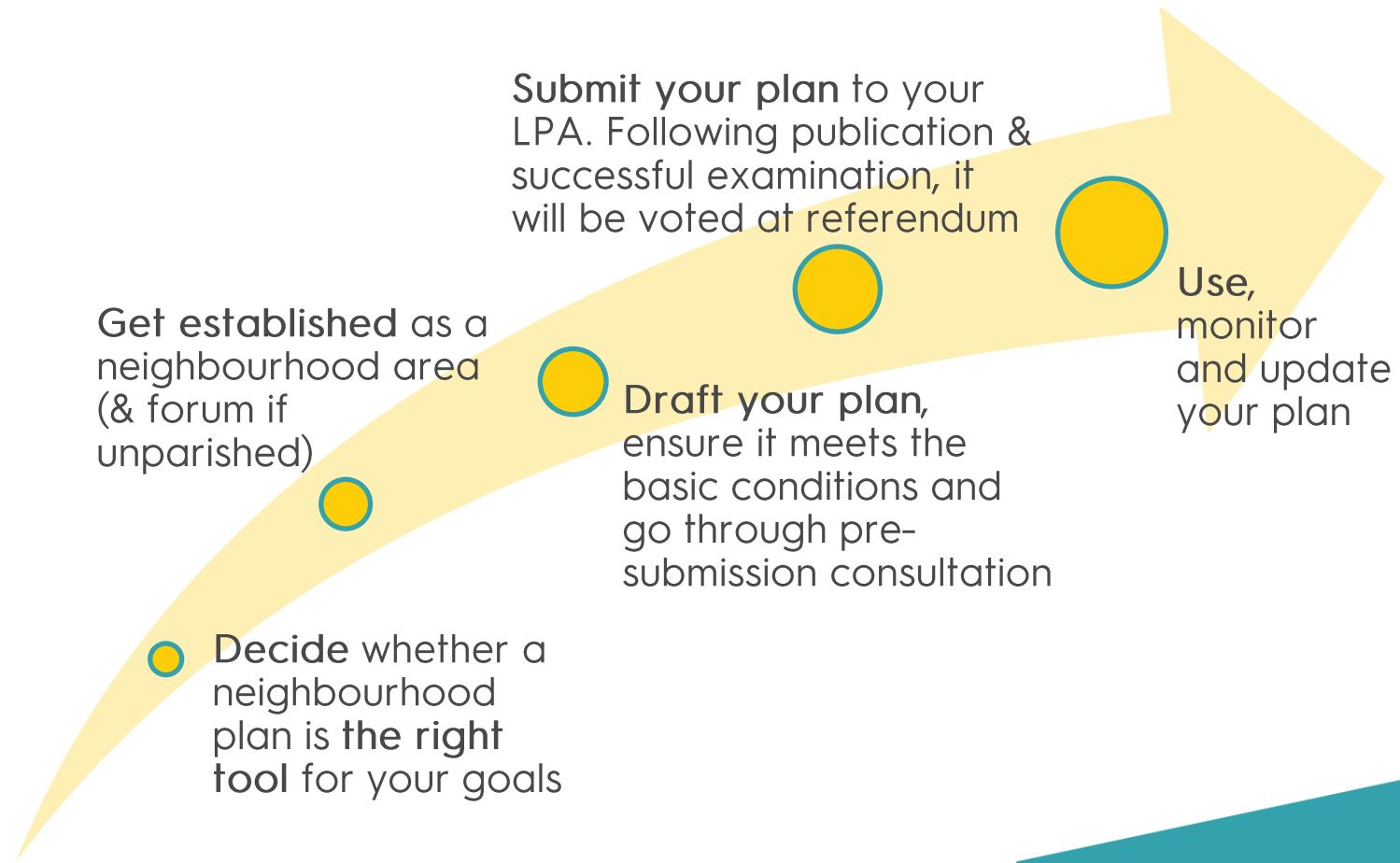
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What is neighbourhood planning?

- Neighbourhood planning is a **right** that gives communities **direct power** to develop a shared vision for their neighbourhood and shape its development and growth.
- Local communities can choose to use it by setting planning policies through a **Neighbourhood Plan**, or by granting permission for specific development through **Neighbourhood Development Orders**.
- Once voted at referendum, neighbourhood plans become part of the development plan for their area (alongside the local plan).



The neighbourhood planning process - overview



NP Support Programme: Available Grant Support

- Basic grant: All groups preparing a neighbourhood plan (or updating it) or a Neighbourhood Development Order can get up to **£10,000**
- Additional grant: Groups meeting at least one of the following criteria can get a further **£8,000** :
 - Allocating sites for housing
 - Including design codes in your plan
 - A designated business neighbourhood plan
 - A cluster of three or more parishes writing a single plan
 - A Neighbourhood Area with a population of over 25,000
 - A designated neighbourhood forum
 - A group based in an area which has a high level of deprivation

Technical support: what is it and who is it for?

Specialist support delivered by our delivery partners (including AECOM) at no cost to groups where at least one of the following criteria are met:

- Allocating sites for housing
- Including design codes in your plan
- Planning to use a neighbourhood development order
- An undesignated Forum needing help to get designated (this unlocks the 'Setting up a Neighbourhood Planning Group (in unparished areas)' package of support only. To be eligible for the other packages of support your forum will need to be designated)
- A designated neighbourhood forum
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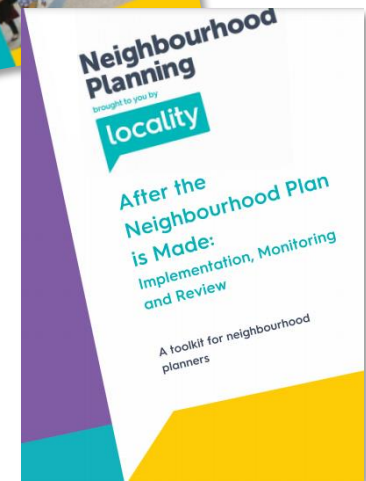
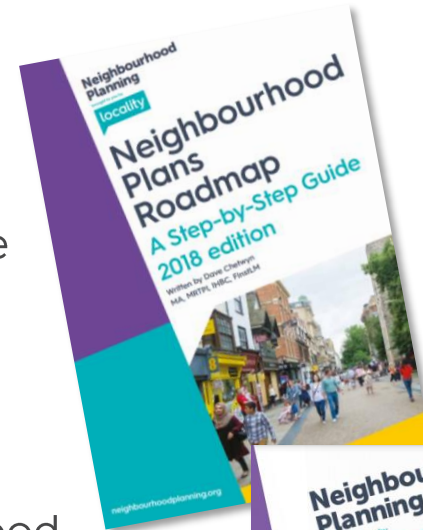
Technical support: types of support on offer

- Setting up a neighbourhood planning group (in unparished areas only)
- Housing needs assessment
- Site options and assessment
- Environmental impact assessment
- Evidence base and policy development
- Strategic environmental assessment
- Masterplanning
- Design including design codes
- Habitats regulation assessment
- Plan health check
- Facilitation for designated neighbourhood forums and/or groups in deprived areas
- Site viability

Toolkits and resources

We have a host of practical guides, including:

- Implementation and monitoring- what to do after the plan is made
- Making local green space designations in your neighbourhood plan
- How to undertake a housing needs assessment
- Achieving well designed places through neighbourhood planning
- How to assess and allocate sites for development
- How to consult with your community
- Understand if your plan requires a strategic environmental assessment (SEA)
- General conformity with strategic local policy
- What to expect at examination



Advice service: what is it?

- If a group has a neighbourhood planning query they can get in touch with us through our neighbourhoodplanning.org website
- Before they get in touch, they should check our FAQs to make sure their query isn't answered there
- Typical things we advise on include: trouble shooting with application forms, interpretation of the regulations, updating a made neighbourhood plan, scope of a neighbourhood plan to deal with specific issues, etc.
- If they need more in depth, long term advice then funding a planning consultant would be more appropriate



Quarterly Neighbourhood Planning Newsletter

Provides:

- Updates on new toolkits and resources added to the website
- Case studies on neighbourhood plans, case law and legislation, regulation and policy updates
- Featured top tips from neighbourhood planning experts (e.g. top tips for strategic environmental assessment, community engagement, working with the local planning authority etc.)



Locality and NALC working together

- Create links between regional NALC officers and Locality Planners
- Aim to jointly assist where possible in resolving Parish Council NP issues
- Sharing links to resources to support parishes
- Feedback on any issues or support improvements
- Actions after the neighbourhood plan



Thank you! Any questions?