

Neighbourhood Planning Network October 2013

Refresh and update

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Reminder: Neighbourhood Planning is -

Working with and within communities to get better places through

- Development Plan documents
- Local SPDs
- Planning applications
- Neighbourhood Planning Network
- Conservation Area appraisals
- Landscape appraisals

And....



since the Localism Act 2011
and
NP (General) Regulations 2012

- Neighbourhood Development Plans
- Neighbourhood Development Orders



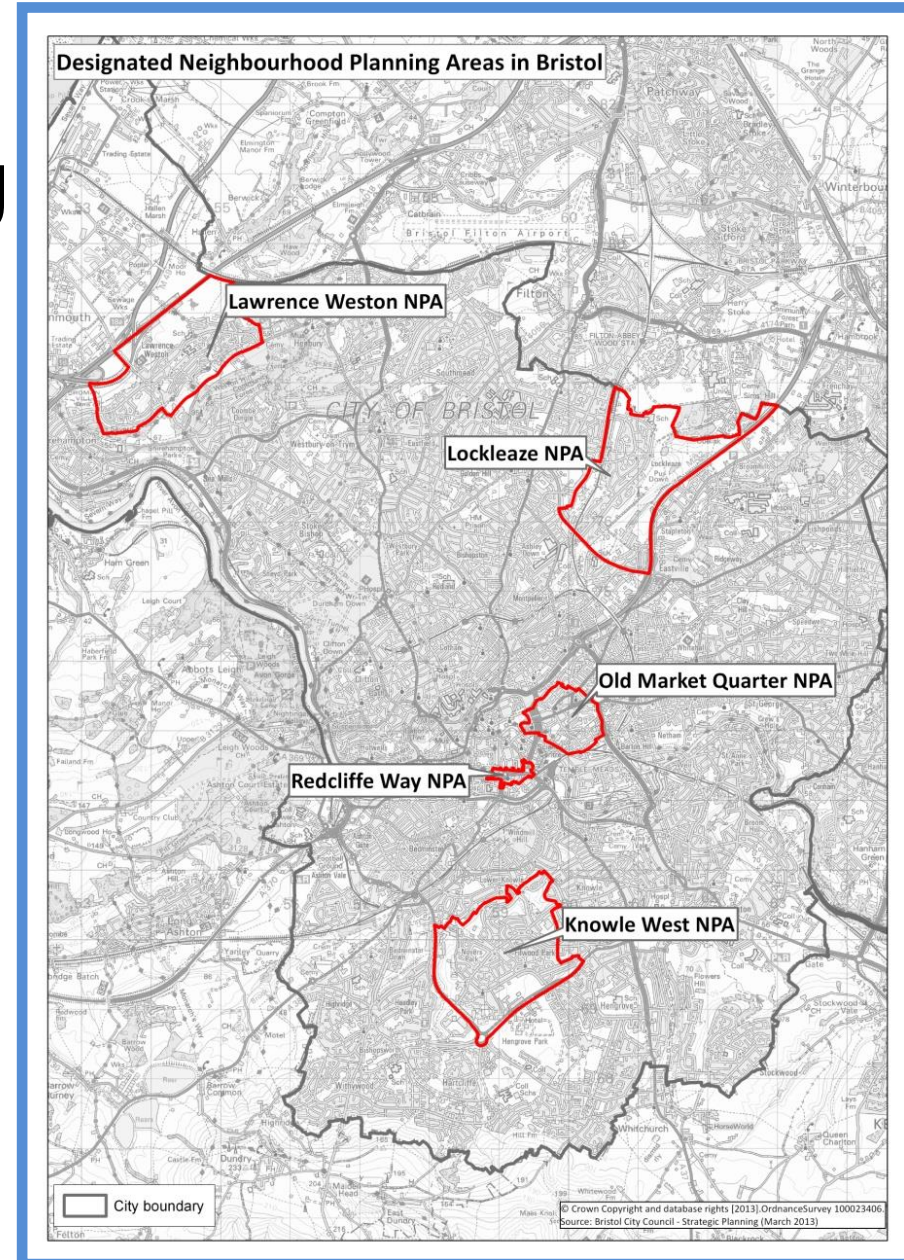
Localism Act 2011

Bristol's Neighbourhood Planning Areas and Neighbourhood Planning Forums

Designations

5 Neighbourhood Planning Areas and Forums

- Lockleaze
- Redcliffe Way
- Lawrence Weston
- Old Market
- Knowle West



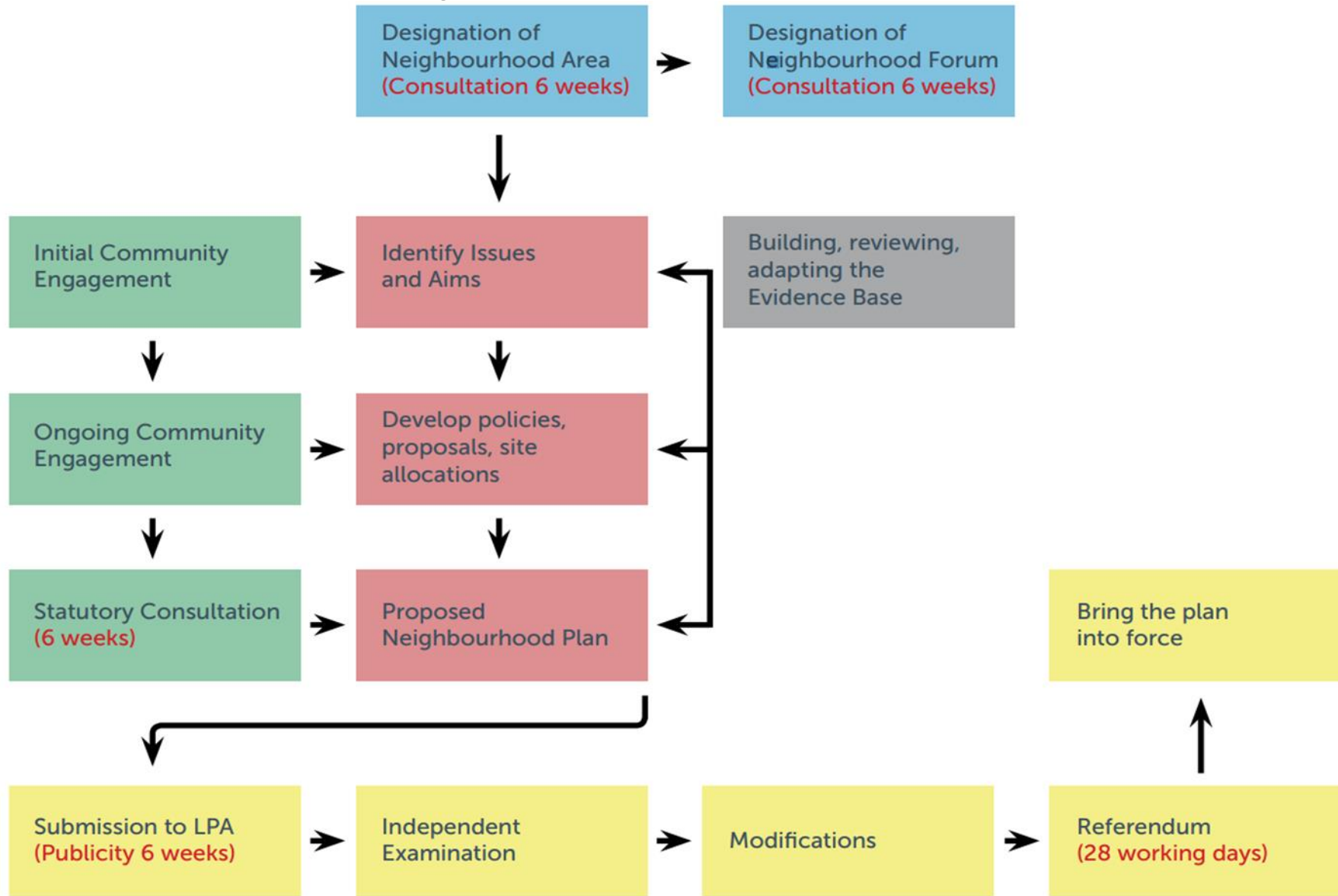
1. Neighbourhood Planning Area Application

Why?

- To prepare a statutory Neighbourhood Development Plan
- To prepare Neighbourhood Planning Orders
- To get new development that the community wants and needs
- To get new development in the right place
- To enable growth compliant with NPPF and in general conformity with adopted strategic policy



Why? A reminder....



Applying for NPA - How

What makes a good area

- Recognisable neighbourhood
- Development potential for growth
- Common issues and aspirations
- Community buy in
- Real potential for added value



What to include

- Map of the area
- Statement explaining why it is an appropriate neighbourhood area
- Statement that the organisation is a relevant body... ie.
 - Purpose is to promote or improve social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area
 - Have at least 21 people who live, work in the area
 - Open to any who live or work in the area to join
 - Has a written constitution
 - Representation from across the area, and from communities of interest



Remember resources

- People to share the task
- Money to pay for the community engagement and the cost of preparation of the plan
 - Writing policy
 - Preparing maps
 - Producing the associated documents
 - Evidence base
 - Consultation statement
- Level of support and advice available from BCC.....



Prioritised support from officers

- Criteria based assessment of areas

Level 1 – minimal support

- Outside regeneration areas
- Not areas of multiple deprivation
- Limited identifiable development potential

Level 2 – priority support

- Core Strategy regeneration area
- One or more LSOA in 20% most deprived in England for multiple deprivation & development potential



When to apply – now *area* applications

- Neighbourhood Planning **Areas**
 - Identify the area as a ‘neighbourhood’ with clear boundaries and potential for development growth
 - Set out reasoning for the designation of the area
 - Submit application to Council 4th October to 1st November 2013 with required evidence of membership and
 - Consultation by BCC, designation in January



What next....

Before applying for area designation...

- Consider your organisation
- Consider your resources
 - people and financial and time
- Consider added value that could be brought
- Make sure your organisation meets the criteria before you begin the process...
- Talk to NPN and BCC about the benefits and challenges



and later *Forum* applications

- Neighbourhood Planning **Forums**
 - Invitation for application for designated areas
 - Submit application for Forum February 2014
 - Consultation by BCC, decision May 2014

Note:

Only one organisation can be designated for each Neighbourhood Planning Area



Challenges

- Legislation: statutory process, legal requirements
- Time: evening meetings, process, workshops, demanding on individuals and local social capital – community priorities
- Local skill base and understanding: governance, meeting management, project management, IT, Web sites, financial, community engagement and facilitation
- Finance: needs money to deliver.....



2. On the journey....

Engaging the relevant organisations

- Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations paras 14 and 15 require:
 - that you consult any consultation bodies whose interests you consider may be affected by your proposals and provide them with the opportunity to comment on your emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan before submission
- Schedule 1, paragraph 1 provides the list of specific consultation bodies for NDPs and paragraph 2 for NDOs.



- For NDPs you are **also** expected to contact voluntary and other bodies:
 - whose activities benefit all or any part of the neighbourhood area;

Or which represent the interests of:

- different racial, ethnic or national groups in the neighbourhood area;
- different religious groups in the neighbourhood area;
- persons carrying on business in the neighbourhood area; and
- disabled persons in the neighbourhood area.

How

- Identifying the relevant organisations
 - You are likely to know many of them
 - Strategic Policy team can help with statutory organisations eg Utilities companies and English Heritage...
 - Neighbourhood Partnership can help with active organisations in the area
 - BCC Consultation team can also help
- Engaging with these organisations early....
 - From the earliest ideas and certainly before submission....



3. Finance update

Available resources

- BCC
- Locality / CLG
- Quartet
- Big Lottery Fund and others
- Industry...



Contacting....

Locality

The Supporting Communities and Neighbourhoods in Planning Programme helps local groups develop neighbourhood plans.

<http://locality.org.uk/projects/building-community/>

Quartet Community Foundation

local grant funding source to support preparation for Neighbourhood Development Plans as small grants of £2,000.

<http://www.quartetcf.org.uk/>



Resources - 1

- Planning Advisory Service web site
 - <http://www.pas.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>
- Locality - Funding and 'Roadmap'
 - <http://locality.org.uk/projects/building-community/>
- English Heritage guidance
 - <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/content/imported-docs/f-j/get-involved-improving-your-area.pdf>



Resources - 2

- key legislation in the Localism Act 2011 – see particularly Chapter 3 and Schedule 9,10,11,12
 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2011/20/contents/enacted>
- and the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012,
 - <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/637/contents/made>



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