

Neighbourhood Planning



CRCC



- CRCC is an independent Cornish Charity established in 1946.
- We work across the county to support vibrant, inclusive and sustainable communities. Our aim is to enable you further your aims and aspirations.
- The CPD team are able to offer support on a range of services: neighbourhood planning, community buildings, consultation and engagement, project development and more.
- Here tonight to provide impartial information about Neighbourhood Plans.

What is Neighbourhood Planning (NP)?



- Takes a positive/proactive approach to development.
- Gives local communities power to shape development.
- Provides the planning framework to help deliver the communities vision for land use.
- Must ‘have regard’ to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), and be in ‘general conformity’ with the Local Plan.
- About local issues (adding detail to the Local Plan).
- If successful (conformity, examination & referendum) has **real** weight in how planning decisions are assessed.
- Town (or Parish Council) must be applicant

Is a NP for You?

- Need to consider what it can and can't do.
- Need to consider implications of proceeding (or not proceeding).
- What do you want to get out of it?
- A lot of work, but leads to a document that has 'weight'.
- For those areas who qualify for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) it will increase if a NP in place.

Advantages

- Locally led
- Locally focused
- Funding available (DCLG)
- Can bring more funding into 'the Area'
- Can define where projects can go and how the funding is used

How?

- Town (or Parish) Council apply to Local Auth to be designated and an NP area.
 - Steering or working group formed (Cllrs and local interest)
 - Awareness raising – community involvement is key.
 - Early ‘open’ and on-going engagement (scoping & in-depth) to inform vision, objectives and policies.
 - Creation of evidence base.
 - Draft Plan (policies and or site allocations) and consult.
 - Completed plan – pre-submission consultation by Cornwall Council (6 weeks)
 - Examination by Planning Inspector – is it sound?
 - Referendum – need more than 50% of turnout to say yes
-Then the NP is made.

Policy examples – what can be done

- Support retention of specified uses within defined areas.
- Define what development should happen on certain sites.
- Specify size and location of development (housing, business, renewable energy).
- Set out what categories of businesses would be acceptable.
- Set out policies relating to open/green space e.g playing fields etc.
- Remember, this is still about positive planning and policies need to be evidenced.

Funding Assistance



- Provisionally from April: groups will be able to apply for up to £8,000.
- Groups facing complex issues will be eligible to apply for a further £6,000 in grant and specific packages of direct support where needed.
- The aim is to start the new programme in April 2015, but DCLG hopes to allow groups to put in applications for neighbourhood planning grants in advance of April in order that they receive grants awarded promptly.
- CRCC has assisted with lottery.

Current Groups



- CRCC is currently supporting the following groups:
- St Endellion
- Newquay
- Porthleven
- St Blaise
- Rame
- Liskeard
- Landrake
- Perranuthnoe
- St Eval
- Stoke Climsland

Thank you



If you want to find out more about the services we provide please contact the CPD team on 01872 243535 or email cpd@cornwallrcc.org.uk

We endeavour to provide a flexible and professional service, that meets your needs and budget.