

LOCALISM & NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING – HOW WILL IT WORK?

The Local Authority Experience

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ACT NOW! LOCALISM IN ACTION





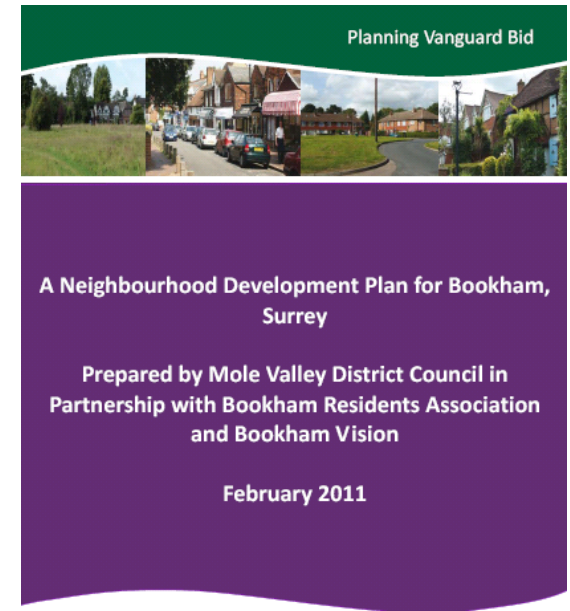
Presentation Outline

- The Bookham Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP)
- The Players Involved
- The Challenges Encountered / Ahead
- Key Learning Points
- Final Thoughts
- Questions (and hopefully answers!)



The Bookham NDP

- 1 of 33 ‘second-wavers’ - Neighbourhood Planning Vanguard / Front-Runners
- A ‘fresh’ / holistic approach
- ‘Mini - Land Allocations’ DPD:
 - objectively assessed housing need.
 - retail provision.
 - infrastructure – schools, road improvements.
- Neighbourhood **DEVELOPMENT** Plan (NDP)
- Part of the Local Development Framework (LDF) / Local Plan.
- Used in the determination of Planning Apps.



The Players Involved -

The Community

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Raising awareness
- Establishing and running the Forum
- Identifying the issues/options
- Evidence gathering
- Selecting sites for allocation
- Consultations – getting the community on board
- Plan drafting
- Spending the £20k



The Players Involved -

The Local Planning Authority

Roles & Responsibilities:

- Advice on procedure / process
- Attend group meetings
- Provide external sources of information
- Share LDF evidence base
- Provide map based information (GIS)
- Sustainability Appraisal & Equality Impact Assessment
- MANAGE EXPECTATIONS!!!
- Comment on / 'check' documentation
- Formal recognition – Council
- Ensure links with the strategic framework (planning & legal)
- Examination & Referendum
- Provide the link with the County Council, Infrastructure Providers & Development Industry

The Players Involved -

The Development Industry, Landowners & Planning Agents

Roles & Responsibilities:



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Roles & Responsibilities:

- Provide information
- Attend meetings / site discussions
- Keep up-to-date
- Comment on documentation
- Work with the community
- Sponsorship



Challenges Encountered & Ahead

Not a NIMBY Charter....



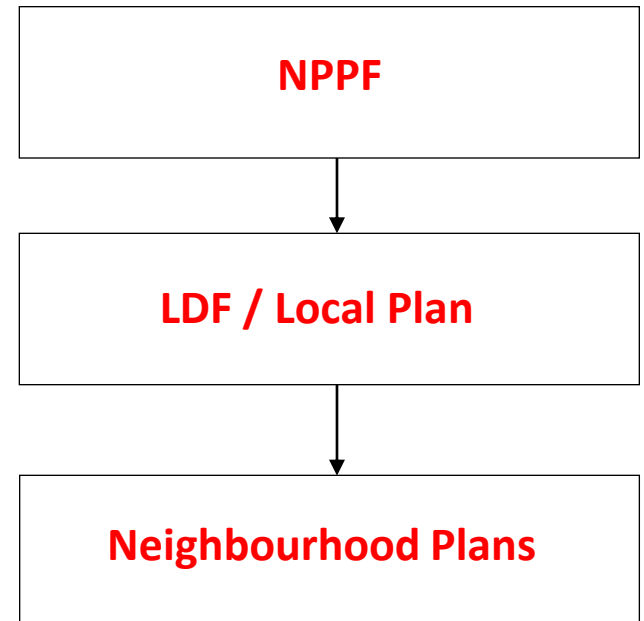
“One of the principal objectives of neighbourhood planning is to increase the rate of growth of housing and economic development in England”

(Neighbourhood Planning Impact Assessment, CLG 2011)

Challenges Encountered & Ahead

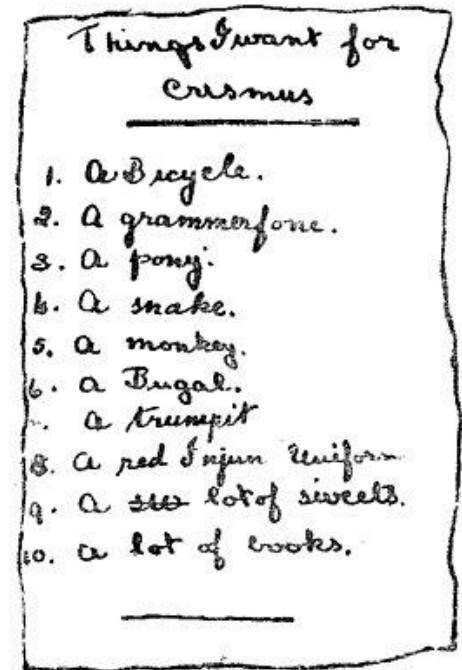
- How the NDP fits with the LDF / Local Plan?
- The timescales involved & additional steps.
- New characters to work with – establishing relationships.
- Desire for going beyond land use/spatial planning.

The Development Plan?



Challenges Encountered & Ahead

- Deliverability Vs. Community 'wish lists'.
- Incentives for Growth: are they enough?
- Achieving Consensus.
- Resources: time = £££!!!



Key Learning Points



Final Thoughts...



CHATSWORTH ROAD

**WHERE IS?
BERMONDSEY**



Final Thoughts...



126 communities in 4 'waves' of
Neighbourhood Planning
Front-Runners

From Penzance to
Northumberland National Park

www.pas.gov.uk/pas/core/page.do?pageId=1556060

Questions

"We must take action."

Do we have to?
Why is this so
urgent?

OK. So what
should we do?

But it seems
so hard. Can
we really do
it?



Future Questions

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