

Collaborative planning: untying the knots - *Mediation in Planning*

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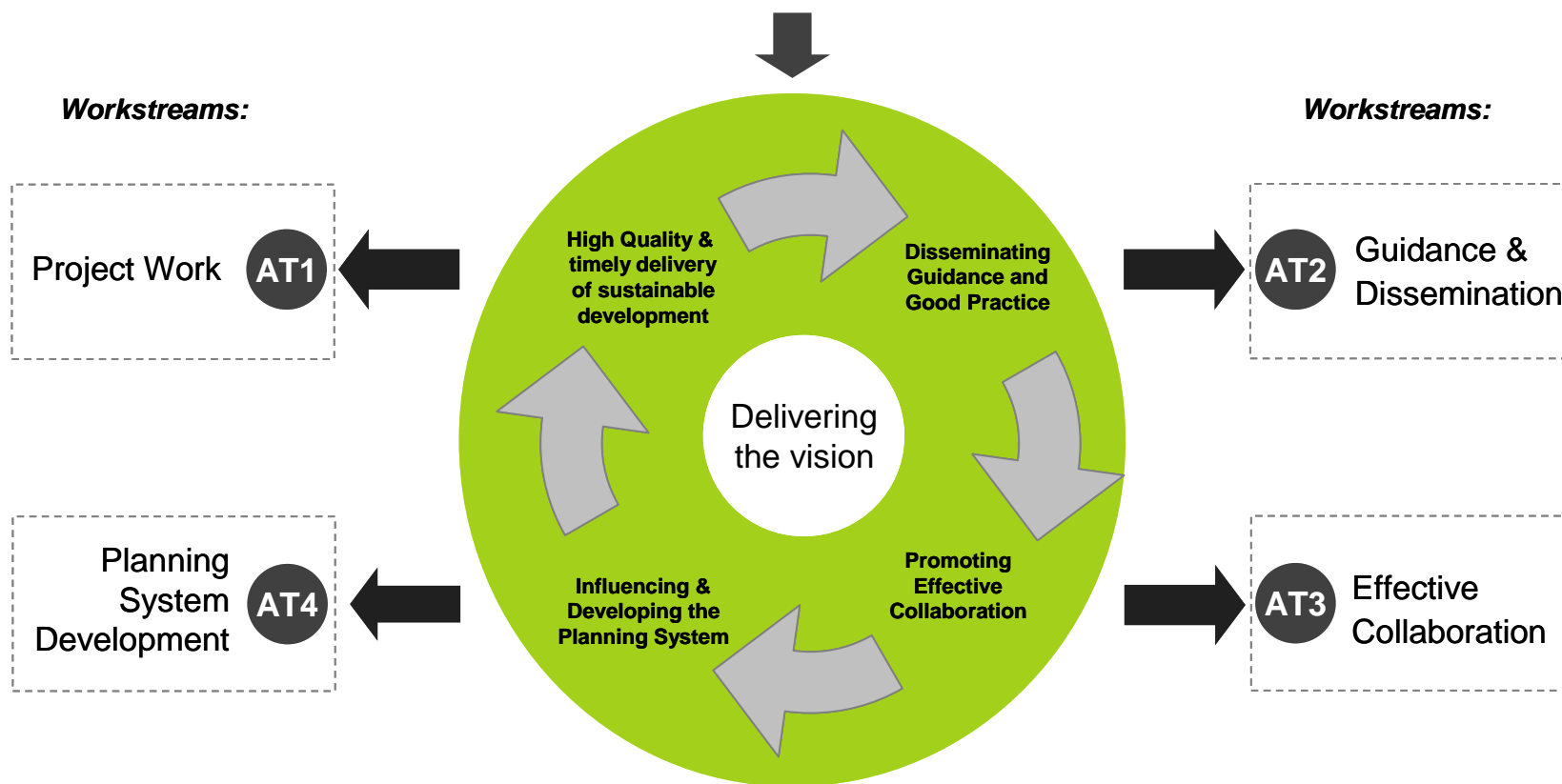
Advisory Team for Large Application



What ATLAS Does:



The Vision: To secure the timely delivery of high quality sustainable development through effective planning processes, collaborative working and the promotion of good practice.



The ATLAS Approach.....



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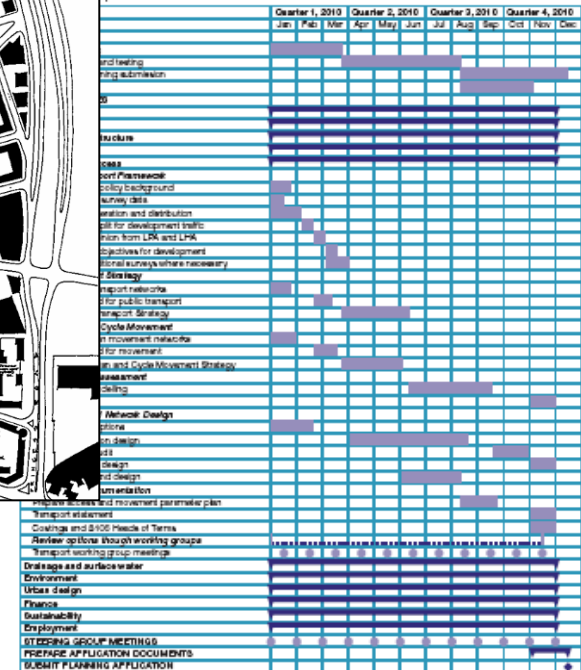
*The Vision
a new sustainable
urban village that
enhances
and integrates
with the existing
community and
makes the most
of its attractive
setting on the
edge of etc.....*



2. Collaboration



**3. Spatial
Masterplanning**



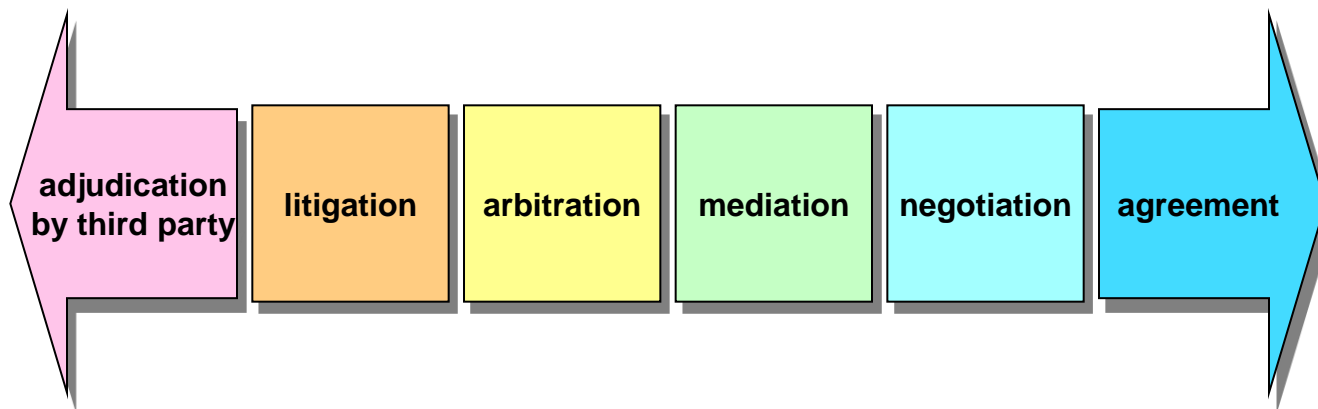
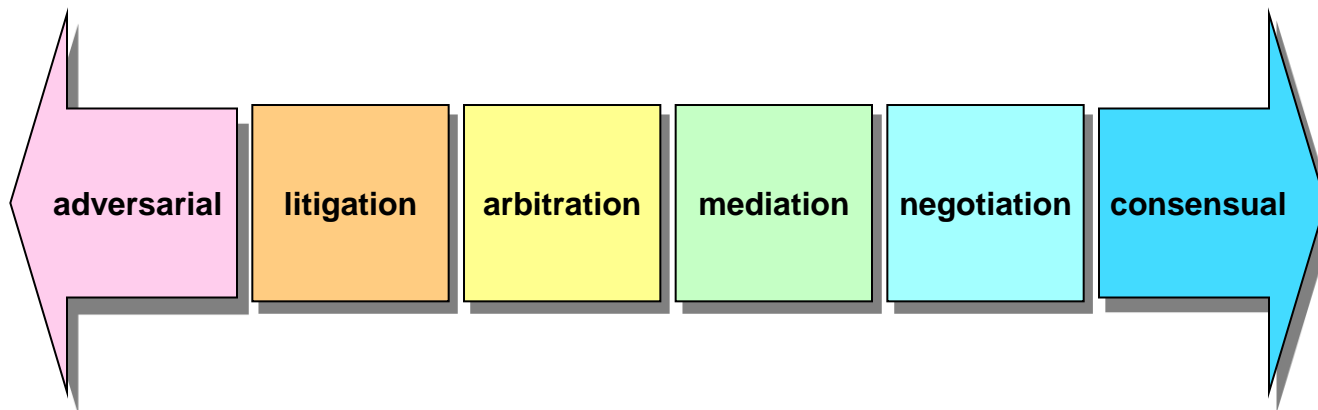
4. Project Management

**1. Shared
Vision**

Conflict Resolution: Some Options



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- National Planning Forum and Planning Inspectorate research project, Planning Advisory Service funded.
- Cross-sector steering group
- Current and potential mediation, barriers and opportunities
- Pilot cases, evidence from group, literature and other cases

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Mediation in Planning

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by Leonora Rozee OBE and Kay Powell

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Mediation in Planning: findings

Barriers

- Definition
- Neutrality
- Expertise
- Timing
- Democratic process
- Power
- Culture
- Diversity
- Funding

Opportunities

- Good fit with decentralised planning
- Increasing interest
- Lesson from civil justice system
- Potential for money and time saving



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Mediation in Planning: recommendations

- Develop and build a market for mediation
- Provide advice and guidance
- Develop skills and create capacity

Broader understanding of collaboration
and mediation in planning- *from ATLAS*
examples



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Conflict avoidance	Providing training on effective collaboration and negotiation skills
	Providing skills and knowledge to foster collaboration
	Building trust and consensus amongst key parties
Conflict resolution	Facilitating a negotiation over a dispute
	Providing knowledge to balance relations
	Mending broken relationships

Collaboration - Mediation: ATLAS cases

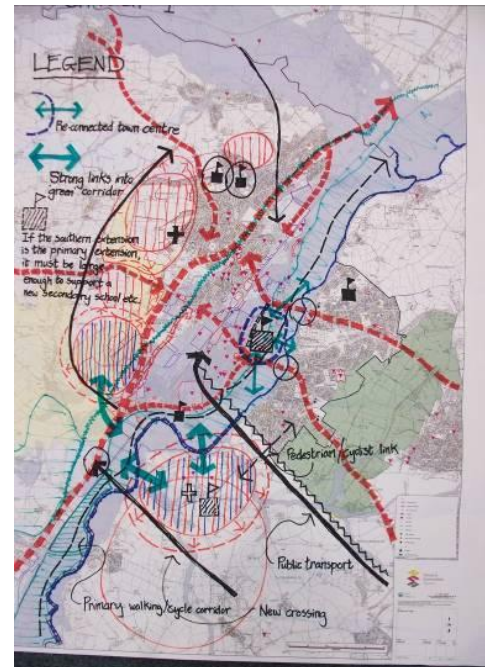


' Without ATLAS, the worst case scenario would be that we end up at public enquiry...we did get some feisty meetings but ATLAS were able to keep these on track...'



Mediation: ATLAS cases

‘the day was an impressive demonstration of a spatial planning approach, of the power of bringing together all the interests to consider the potential of the site, it opened up options and helped create an agreed vision so we could take the project forward finally.....’



Key success factors



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1. Combine professional/technical knowledge with independent facilitation
2. Skills and knowledge of participants
3. Confidence building
4. Unravelling the issues – *first principles*
5. Preparation
6. Structure

All relevant to the collaborative role of the planner - avoiding and resolving conflict

Further information:



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The ATLAS Guide: Planning for Large Scale Development

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