

# Are You Fit for Neighbourhood Planning?

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# The Localism Act

- Became law in November 2011
- Introduced 'Neighbourhood Plans' as part of the Development Plan for an area
- Once adopted the Neighbourhood Plan is brought into force, the policies take precedence over existing non-strategic policies in the Local Plan

# What Neighbourhood Plans can do

- Provide a powerful set of tools for local people to ensure they get the right types of development for their community (NPPF paragraph 184)
- Set a vision for the future
- Neighbourhood development orders
- Community right to build orders
- Detailed non strategic policies which will take precedence over any non strategic policies in Borough wide Development Plans

# Who can prepare Neighbourhood Plans

- Parish or Town Councils
- Neighbourhood Forums

# What area?

- Parish or Town boundaries
- Other areas (mainly neighbourhood forums)

# Examination Process

- Neighbourhood Plans are subject to Independent Examination
- The purpose of the examination is to determine whether the Plan submitted accords with
  - National Policy
  - Local Plan strategic policies (the Core Strategy)
  - EU and Human Rights obligations

# Limitations

- Neighbourhood Plans must be in general conformity with the Strategic Policies of the Local Plan (NPPF paragraph 184)
- If there is no up to date Local Plan then this causes problems (Dawlish)
- Neighbourhood Plans should plan positively to support strategic policies for the area and should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan or undermine its strategic policies (NPPF paragraph 184)