# #neighbourhoodplanning



**Rural Services Network Seminar** 

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A quick reminder of what neighbourhood planning is...

# • POWER

to make planning policy

# RESPONSIBILITY

to meet need and support growth

## INVESTMENT

through Community Infrastructure Levy\*

\* Communities with a neighbourhood plan in place receive 25% of CIL



+ 33 local authorities have designated areas

+ 36 have their first applications pending



*Of Local authorities have received an area application There are 326 local authorities – not including county councils* 

#NP100



Number of applications to designate areas for neighbourhood planning

### 669

Number of areas designated by their local authority for neighbourhood planning

Submitted to Examination: Cringleford – *until* 27/09/13 Woburn Sands Winsford – 16/09/13 Rolleston –04/09/13 Kirdford – 02/09/13 CMK – 18/08/13 Broughton Astley – 12/08/13 Norland Much Wenlock

472

Slaugham



**Upper Eden** 

Thame

Exeter St James

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#### **#NEIGHBOURHOODPLANNING PIPELINE**

Figures are cumulative and are based on the informal monitoring of local authority websites, so will be an underestimate.

### 34% turnout

### 21% turnout

### 40% turnout







90% Yes



76% Yes The notion of creating a sustainable community in The Upper Eden Valley was in danger of proving ultimately elusive. The practical consequence is that the decisions and observations of the parishes now carry much greater weight in the determination of planning applications by the authority itself. Given the collective claustrophobia felt by the parishes prior to the coming into force of the Localism Act in terms of their growth and development, the opportunities we now have, as local councillors, are ones we could only dream of as recently as two years ago. Thanks to the development of (neighbourhood) plans, the parish council landscape could look very different in a matter of a few years...

#### Cllr Alex Birtles, Kirkby Stephen Town Council

For too long communities have been denied a real influence over how their area is designed and developed. This new Form of community planning will help to redress this imbalance and get communities back in the driving seat, In Upper Eden this will include providing more homes for local people by allowing development on farms and conversions into affordable housing, as a well as better broadband connections.

#### National Association of Local Councils

What Mark and Sonia have shown is that a locally focused planning policy can have a real and tangible impact on our communities. I think everyone locally saw the sense behind their application, and Upper Eden's neighbourhood plan has ensured a greater correlation between local sentiment and planning priorities. This is why Upper Eden was such a success, and this is why I am keen to see neighbourhood plans cover every patch of my constituency.

#### Rory Stewart MP

### UPPER EDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN











#### WE'VE DONE IT!

Congratulations to all ESJF members and associate members

- On the evening of 16th July Exeter City Council adopted the Exeter St James Neighbourhood Plan.
- The Plan now forms part of Exeter's statutory development plans and in future the policies it contains will be used to help determine planning applications.
- This decision can also be seen as the green light for projects which have been proposed.
- The Steering Group has been eager to make a start with Queens Crescent Garden, the top priority project, and plans are being made for the setting up of a Community Interest Company to assume responsibility for the development and future management of this community green space





- I have experience of community development work but somehow this was different. It involved understanding the constraints imposed by environmental and planning issues, of accepting growth in an area where everyone wanted to close the town's gates.
- Instead of a top down approach this is what is best for your area, it was a bottom up approach – this is what we want so go and make it work in planning terms. Tension erupted as the "professionals" had to listen and produce rather than produce and inform.
- The status of the town council has definitely changed, somehow it seems there is more respect for what a town council does and can do. The district council is involving us at the first stage of planning enquiries.

Helen Stewart, Town Clerk

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