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# Community Planning - Neighbourhood Plans

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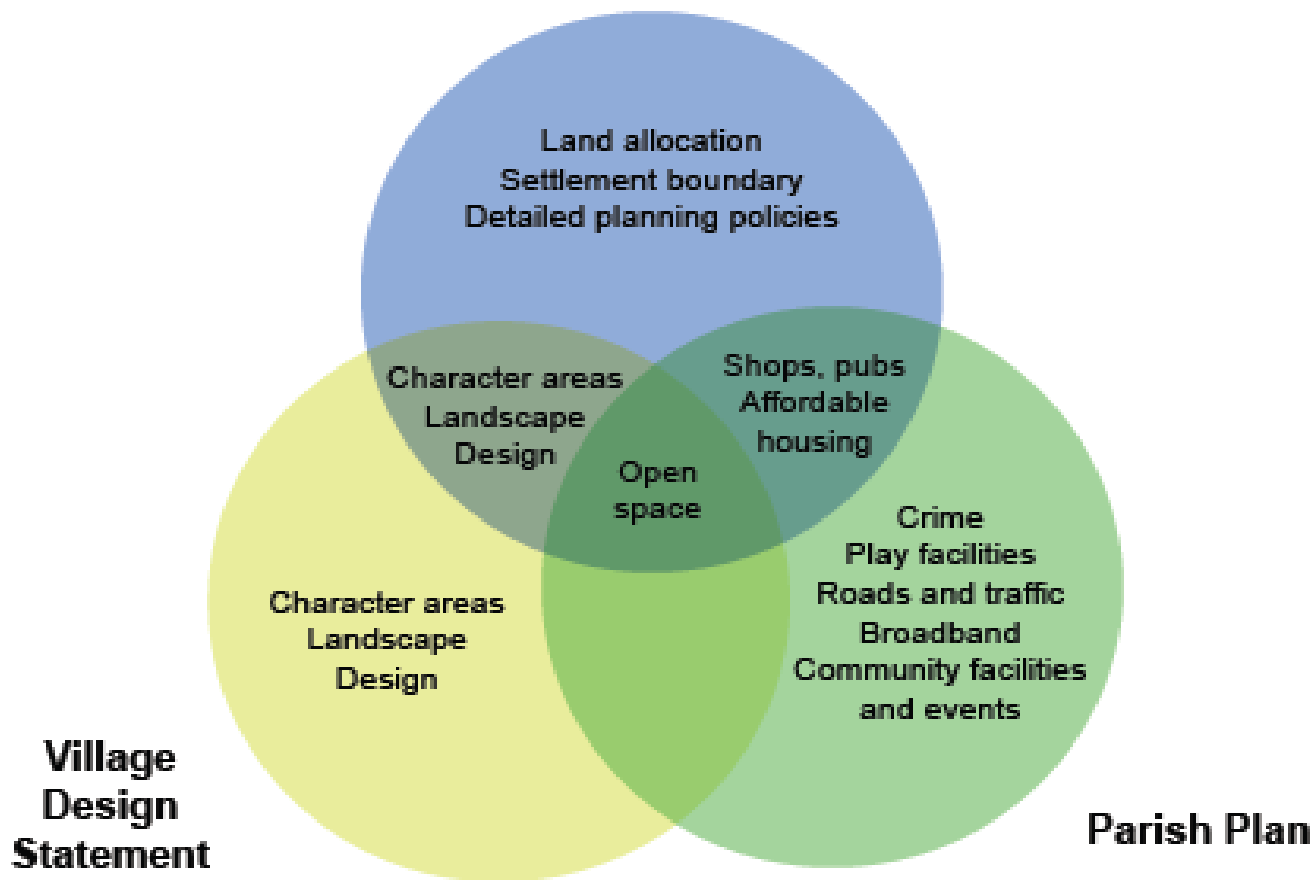
# Purpose

- Localism Act - opportunity to positively shape where you live
- Inclusive & sustainable
- Community ownership
- New ideas with local perspective
- TVBC support with Community Planning Toolkit

# Types of community planning

- Neighbourhood Plan
  - Neighbourhood Development Plans
  - Neighbourhood Development Orders: granting permission for specified development
  - Community Right to Build: small scale development
- Supplementary Planning Document
  - Village Design Statement
- Non Planning Documents
  - Parish Plan
  - Community Action Project

# Neighbourhood Plan



# Neighbourhood Development Plan

What it is:

- Undertaken by town and parish councils
- Set of planning policies – like a Local Plan but on smaller scale
- Sets out where new homes, shops and businesses should go
- Influence what these things should look like
- Identify and protect important local green spaces

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

The benefits:

- A way for the community to take the initiative
- Reflects the unique nature of the place
- Foster community activity and spirit... BUT... could present challenges
- Funding and support available from Central Government
- What will their role be in the next local plan?

# Neighbourhood Development Plan

What it can't do:

- Stop development already allocated or permitted
- Propose policies contrary to national policy
- Propose development which would breach other legal requirements, such as EU regulations (e.g. Habitats Regulations)



# Neighbourhood Plan – Process

- Plan preparation – local consultation/ engagement
- Submit for Independent examination – independent assessor – 3 key tests:
  1. Have regard to National policy (NPPF)
  2. General conformity with strategic policies of TVBC Local Plan
  3. Compatible with EU obligations e.g. human rights requirements
- Local referendum – requires majority of those voting to support. Only held if get past examination
- Adoption by TVBC – form part of ‘Development Plan’

# Neighbourhood Development Plan – Resources

- **Local authorities**
  - pay for independent examinations and local referenda
  - provide support, advice and evidence to neighbourhood planning groups
  - Corporate Plan highlights the benefit of Neighbourhood Planning.
- **Promoters of Neighbourhood Planning**
  - Parish Council + Groups/individuals in the community
  - Developers/ Landowners
- **Central Government**
  - Funding available (locality website)

# Who else is doing it?

Designated Neighbourhood areas – 14  
including UCPC

Drafted plans – Goodworth Clatford, King's  
Somborne, Thruxton

# More information

- Locality – network of community organisations  
[www.locality.org.uk](http://www.locality.org.uk)
- Neighbourhood Development Plans Roadmap  
[www.neighbourhoodplanning.org](http://www.neighbourhoodplanning.org)
- Planning Portal  
[www.planningportal.gov.uk](http://www.planningportal.gov.uk)
- TVBC website
- Other Parishes share their experiences