



What we are trying to achieve through localism and neighbourhood planning – the Local Authority Perspective

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What were the motivations?

- Keen to obtain an early understanding of how the system will operate.
 - Help establish what will be required from the LPA in its supporting and advisory role.
 - Try to establish what works well, and not so well.
 - In a good position to support others once neighbourhood planning becomes more commonplace (i.e. post enactment of the Localism Bill).

What were the motivations?

- Strengths of the Parish Council, who were keen to act as a front-runner.
- A number of complex & contentious issues to address in the plan.
- Benefits for the South Downs NPA.
- Envisage neighbourhood planning playing a key role in the implementation of strategic proposals.

What is now happening?

- Been assigned 2 Link Officers from DCLG.
- Meetings held in May & early June.
 - Met with some of the key organisations involved.
 - Process for preparing the plan.
 - Consideration of issues that the plan will be aiming to address.
- Project Plan now being prepared.



Moving forward with the plan

- Plan is being prepared in accordance with the regs for preparing a DPD.
- In parallel with the joint LDC & SDNPA Core Strategy – will be providing the strategic planning context.
- LPA Validation Check and referendum will form part of the process.
- Adoption due in Spring 2013.



Early thoughts on the process

- Overly complex procedure?
- Concerns expressed over the referendum and wider community engagement.
- Making evidence readily available and capable of being relevant at a Parish level.
- A number of organisations willing to provide support & advice (some at a cost).
- Resources.



Contact details and further information

- Neighbourhood Planning page on LDC website, see:

<http://www.lewes.gov.uk/planning/19084.asp>

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