

HERE TO ADVISE TOWN AND PARISH COUNCILS ON PLANNING MATTERS

- Is your Council concerned about over-development in your area?
- Is your Council keen to protect local green spaces?
- Is your area crying out for new housing, jobs and community facilities?
- Are you struggling to get to grips with the planning maze?

The Localism Act puts local councils at the heart of planning – providing the opportunity for communities to shape the areas in which they live and work and have a say on what basis development will be accepted.

To be effective in this role, you will need to understand what is being proposed and what opportunities are being provided. This is where Directions Planning Consultancy can help.

OUR OFFER

Information

Knowledge of how the planning system works, its implications for your area and the opportunities presented by the Government's Neighbourhood Planning agenda.

Influence

Advice on the Local Development Framework (LDF) process in your area and how best to influence its drafting.

Assistance with engaging your community in the process of preparing LDFs, so that as many local people as possible have the opportunity to have a say in the final version.

Training

Friendly, accessible and expert training on all aspects of the planning system, covering relevant issues of interest to you. Training is developed in consultation with you and tailored to your needs. Available to members, clerks and parishioners alike.

We are currently offering a free presentation to Town and Parish Councils to explain the current state of play in the planning system and how involvement in Neighbourhood Planning could be of benefit to your area.



Neighbourhood Plans to Shape the Future of Your Area

Guidance on why a Neighbourhood Plan is essential for your area.

Practical help with the process of drafting Neighbourhood Plans, determining format and contents, undertaking community engagement, and monitoring of your plan.

Assistance in updating Parish Plans and Village Design Statements in order to reflect the new Neighbourhood Planning agenda.

Planning Advice & Assistance

A source of knowledge and expertise, no matter what your local planning issues – from planning applications to conservation areas; listed buildings to enforcement action; Tree Preservation Orders to telephone masts; local housing need to economic development. No issue is too big or too small.

OUR TRACK RECORD

- Assisting and representing countless Town and Parish Councils, and local community groups in the Local Development Framework process
- Successful production of various Parish Plans, Community Plans, Neighbourhood Plans, and Village Design Statements. Encompassing rural and urban areas, towns and villages, housing estates and mining communities
- Successful training of local Councillors, voluntary and community group members in the 'black arts' of the planning system

OUR CREDENTIALS

- Chartered Membership of the Royal Town Planning Institute (RTPI)
- Specialist expertise and experience in the statutory development plan process, and drafting and influencing planning policy
- Specialist expertise and experience in dealing with issues of concern to communities
- Specialist expertise and experience of working with communities at grassroots level
- Knowledge of local planning issues in Yorkshire, gained from working across the whole of the Region

CASE STUDY

A Neighbourhood Plan for Otley

Directions Planning Consultancy was originally approached by Otley Town Partnership to provide initial advice in relation to neighbourhood planning and to provide an outline of the process and structures required for preparing a community led plan. The community led plan was initially viewed as an extension to previous strategy documents the Partnership had previously prepared.

Leeds City Council then started consultation on a 'Housing Prospectus' paper which involved responding to a questionnaire and taking part in a series of workshops intended to flush out priorities for housing need and demand across the district.

Directions Planning Consultancy supported Otley Town Partnership through the consultation process, helping to shape the drafting of the response and providing support to the Partnership.

Subsequently, Directions Planning Consultancy made Otley Town Council aware of the Government's Front Runner programme and liaised with Otley Town Council, Otley Town Partnership and Leeds City Council in the drafting of the bid and submission to the Government.

On 1st March 2012, Otley was named as only one of seven parishes in Yorkshire to be awarded Front Runner status.

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