

# Neighbourhood Plans

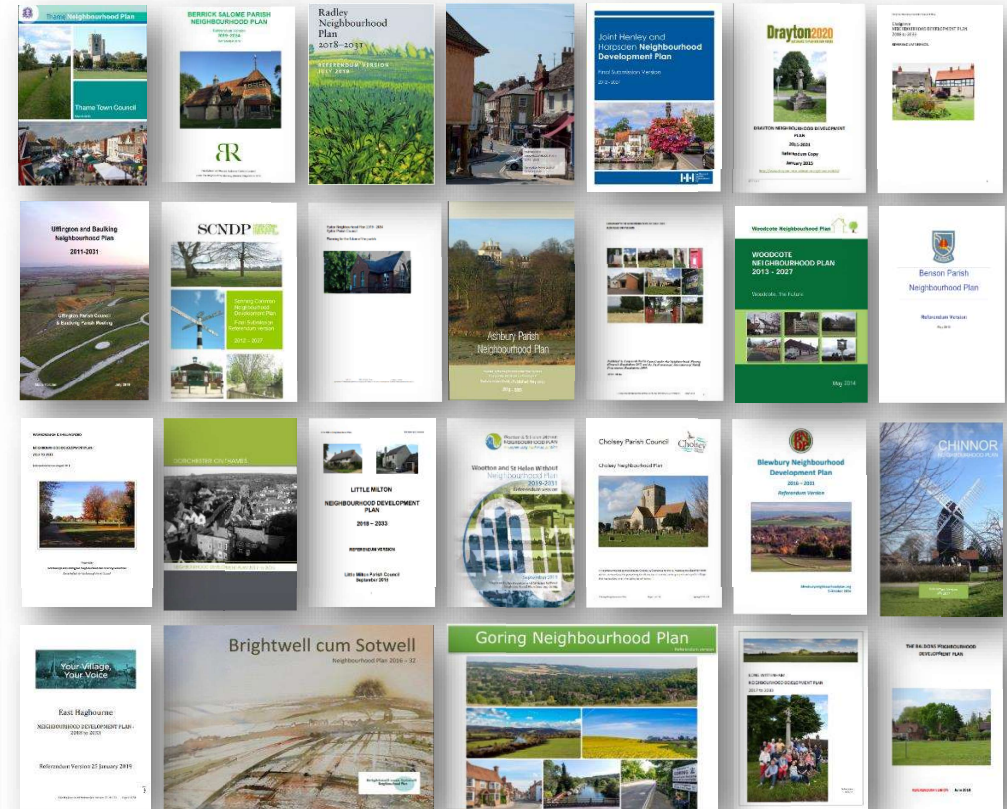
Give communities (towns, parishes, neighbourhood forums) direct **power to:**

- **develop a shared vision** for their neighbourhood
- **shape the development/growth** of their local area
- **produce a plan with real legal weight** that directs development in a local area.

Help communities:

- **influence** the type of development
- **choose** where new homes, shops and offices should be built and **shape** what those new buildings should look like.

- ✓ Must deal with development and the use of land.
- ✓ Must be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the Local Plan - should not promote less development than set out in the Local Plan.



## Can a Neighbourhood Plan...

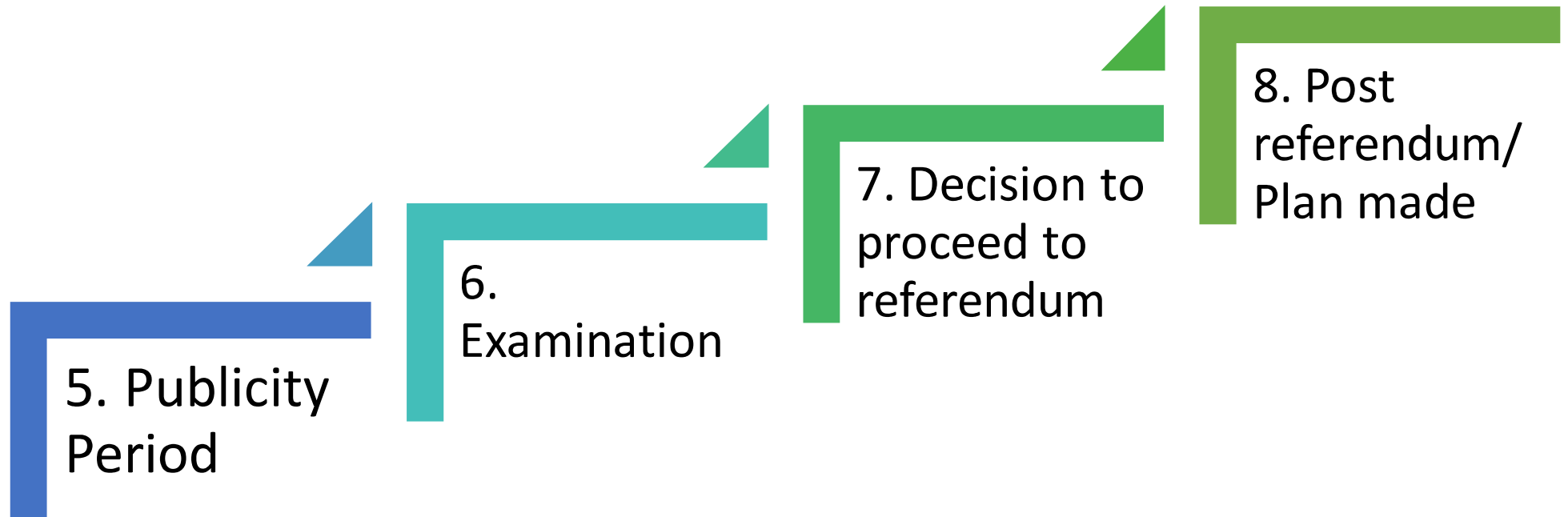
Help deliver affordable housing?	Yes
Identify and or prioritise necessary infrastructure?	Yes
Guide the design of new buildings?	Yes
Conserve and enhance the character of the area?	Yes
Protect important green spaces and public views?	Yes
Control development that does not require planning permission?	No
Improve bus services?	No
Stop HGVs from using the High Street?	No
Lower the speed of traffic?	No
Amend the boundary of a conservation area?	No



# The Process – Part 1

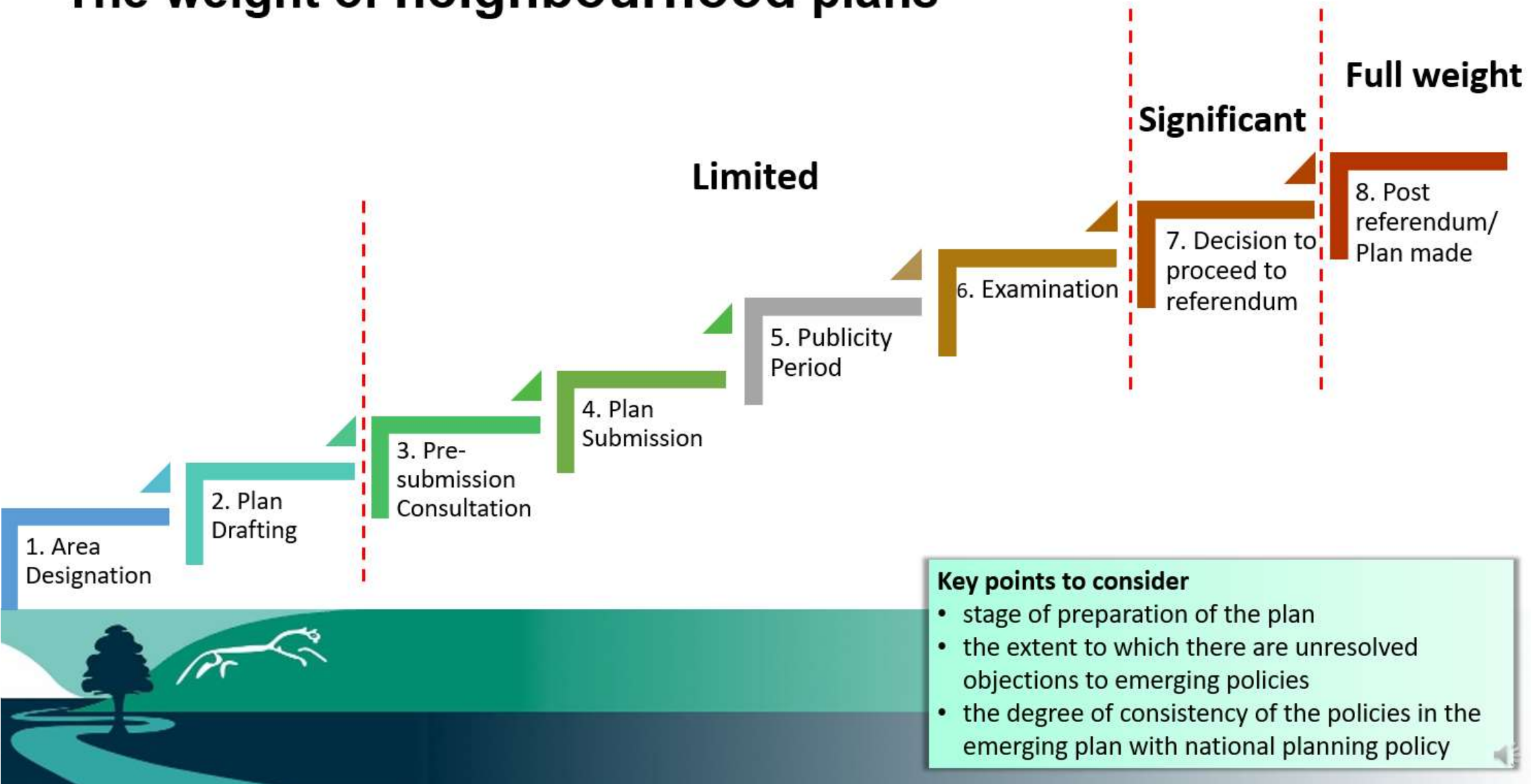


## The Process – Part 2





# The weight of neighbourhood plans

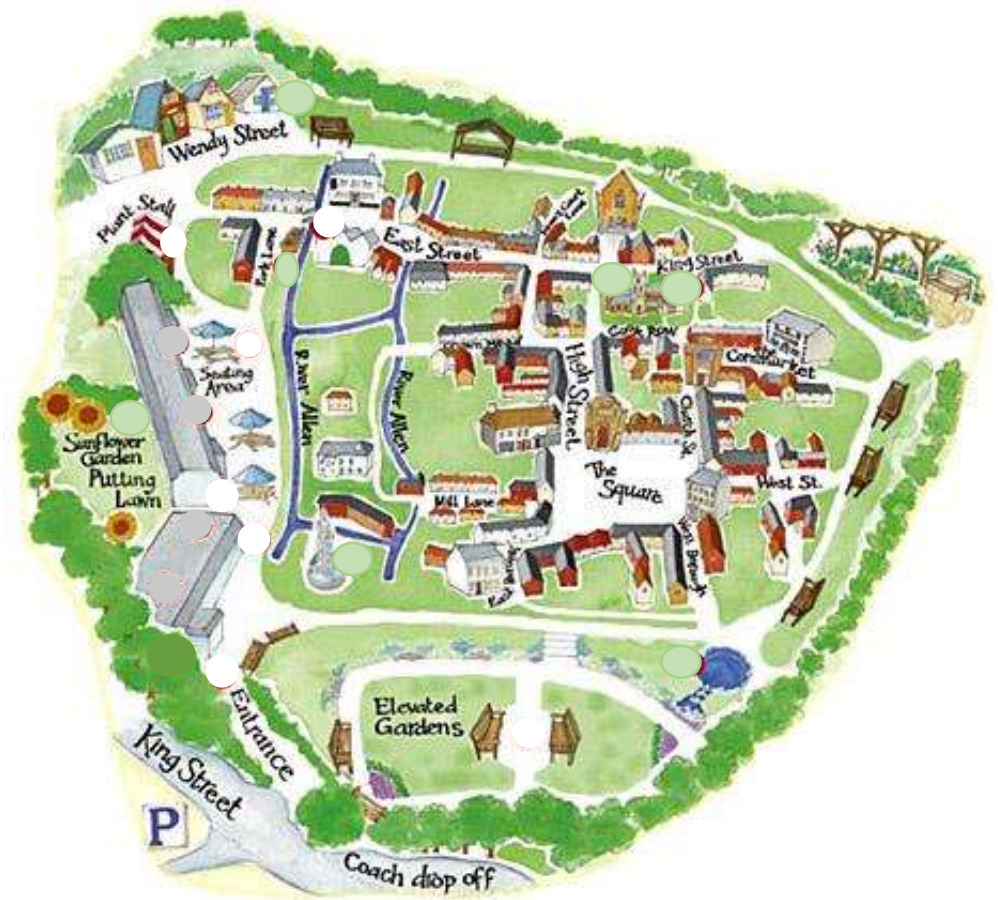


# How Neighbourhood Plans can be Successful in Adding Value

Neighbourhood Plans are an excellent tool for communities to **add local detail**.

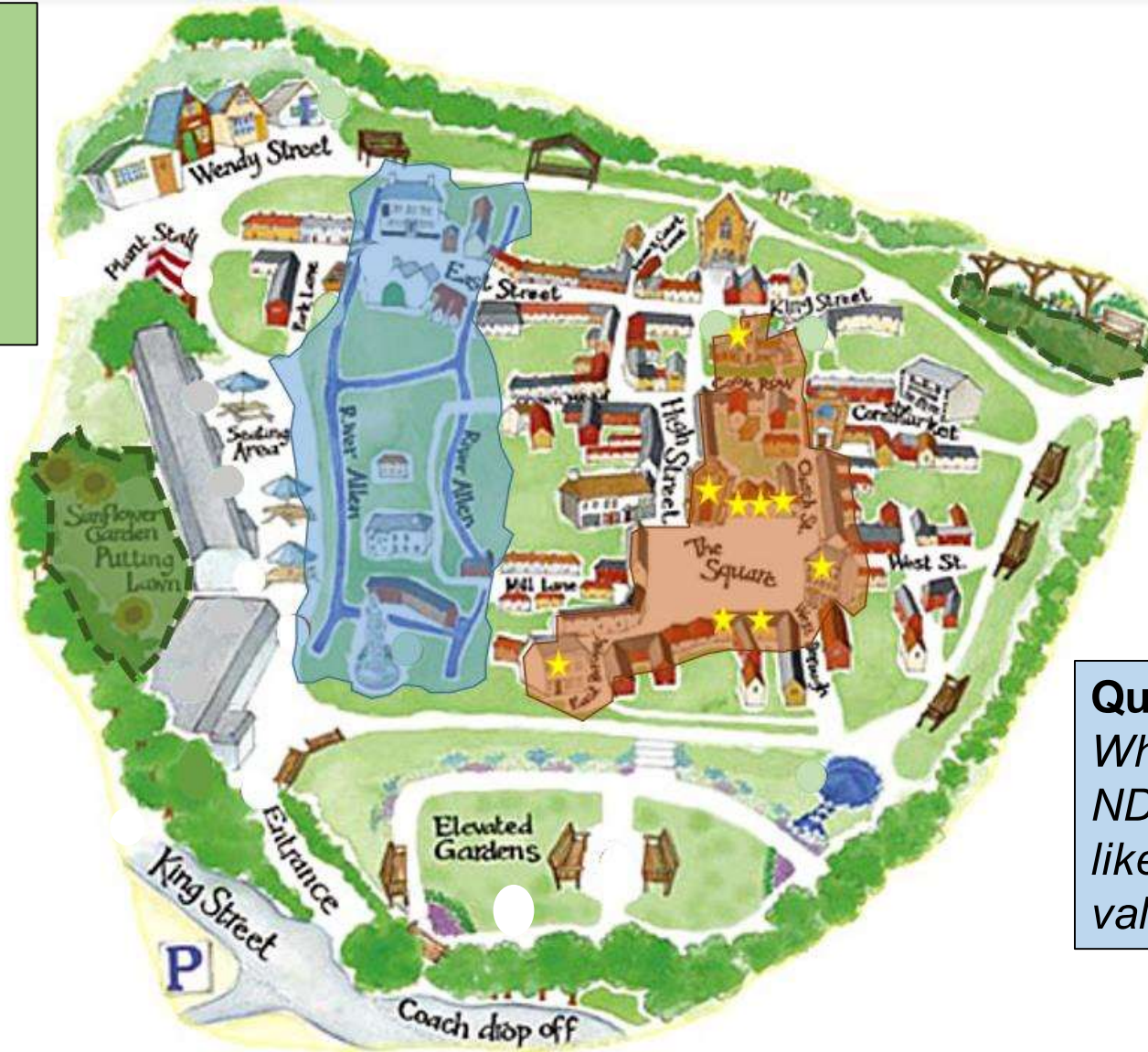
Communities can:

- ✓ **utilise their local knowledge** to
- ✓ **produce evidence** to fill policy gaps
- ✓ **and add detail** to Local Plan policies.









**Example of a  
Village - prior to  
developing a  
Neighbourhood  
Development  
Plan**



**Legend**

-  Risk of flooding
-  Designated heritage assets
-  Biodiversity area
-  Conservation area

**Question:**

*What do you think a  
NDP could do in a place  
like this to add  
value/add local detail?*

**Village following Adoption of a Neighbourhood Development Plan**



**Legend**

Risk of flooding

Designated heritage assets

Biodiversity

Conservation area

Housing allocation

Local Green Space

Key views

Character area 1

Character area 2

Locally listed buildings

Site for solar power

Added via an NDP



## Benefits of a NP



Enables communities to play a **stronger role in shaping** the areas they live and work.



Enables communities to **address local needs** (local **housing** needs, need for **recreation** space, need for **employment** facilities).



Enables communities to **protect important features** (heritage, green spaces, public views, character).



**More CIL money is available** to the community when a neighbourhood plan is in place.



It can help to **bring communities together** to help build a **better relationship** between the district and parishes.



# Support available

## Financial



- Groups are able to obtain **financial support** from central Government.
- This usually **covers the preparation costs** of most neighbourhood plans.

## District Council



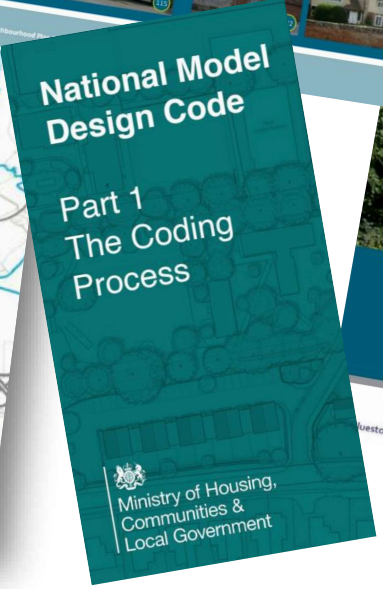
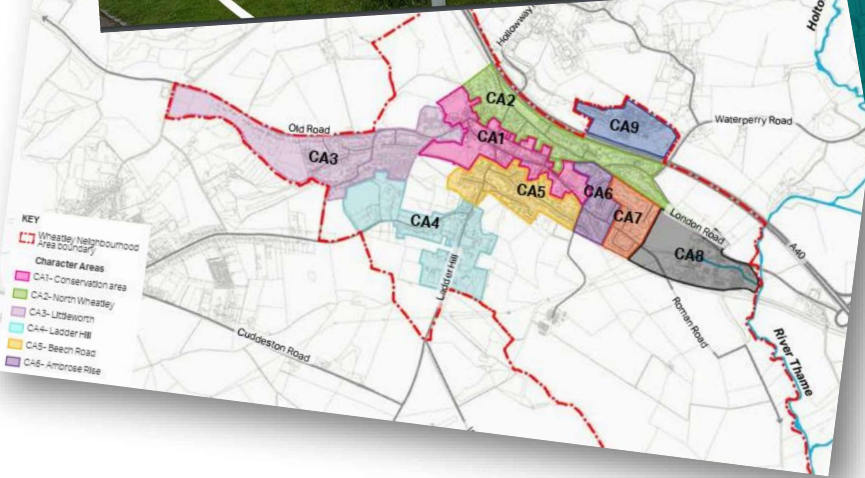
- Advice and **guidance** throughout the process.
- A named **lead officer** offering support.
- **Advice** on government grant funding and **technical support** available.
- Advice on **community engagement**.
- Guidance of statutory requirements and policy.

## Examination/Referendum



- The district council covers the **cost of examination and referendum**.

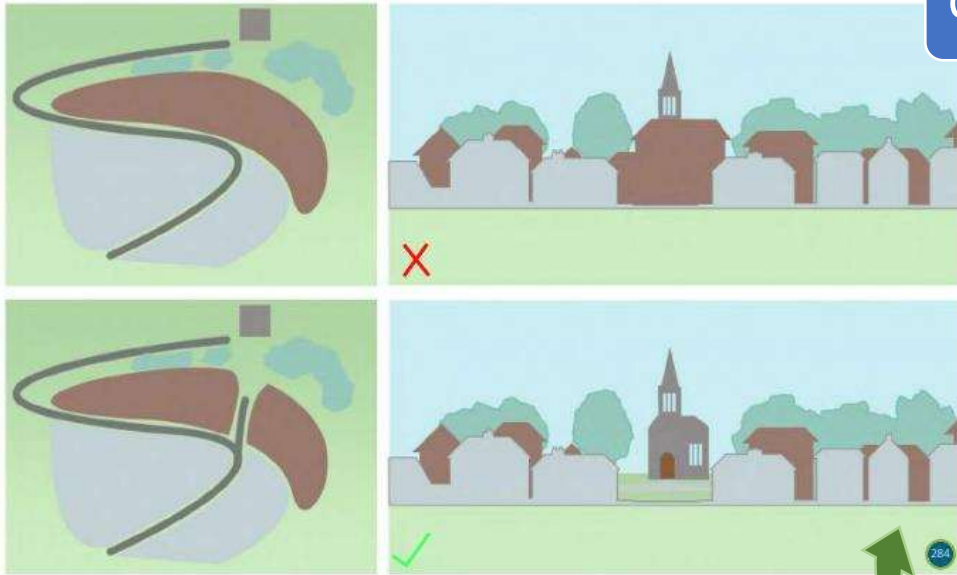
# Further ways to Influence Development: Design Codes





# Design Codes:

Simple, concise, illustrated design requirements



For the physical development of a site or area

Rules that are clear, specific and unambiguous

Include extensive graphical illustrations

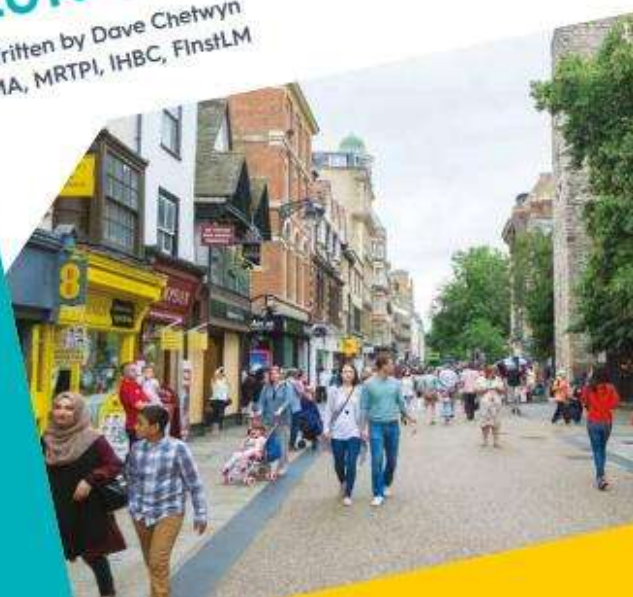
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# Neighbourhood Plans Roadmap

A Step-by-Step Guide  
2018 edition

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## Locality NP Roadmap Online

- ✓ Excellent starting/reference point - useful guide to the whole process
- ✓ Step-by-step explanations
- ✓ [neighbourhoodplanning.org](http://neighbourhoodplanning.org)



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