



**Planning Aid**

England

*Engaging Communities in Planning*

## An Introduction to Planning Aid England



# What is Planning Aid

- Help/advice on town planning issues
- Available to: community groups, tenants/residents groups, voluntary organisations, Parish Councils and individuals
- Work prioritised in areas of deprivation
- Independent
- Free!



# Planning Aid England?

- Part of the Royal Town Planning Institute – a Registered Charity
- Part-Funded by DCLG (The Government!) under ‘Supporting Communities & Neighbourhoods in Planning Fund’
- BUT independent of central/local government
- A small team of staff – but the bulk of activities are delivered by volunteers (1000+ nationally) all of whom are professional town planners.



# What Planning Aid does

- Provides free, independent, professional planning advice to people who do not have the means to pay professional fees
- Provides support and training to local communities to influence and contribute to planning strategy, policy and decision making at all levels
- Promotes and helps deliver better practices in community engagement in a range of organisations
- Improves skills in planning and community engagement



# Our advice line:

- *This service provides fifteen minutes of free professional advice to all callers. Eligible callers may then receive further professional advice through a network of professional volunteers, who give their services free of charge to individuals and groups who are unable to afford professional fees.*

• **Tel: 0330 123 9244**

- [advice@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk](mailto:advice@planningaid.rtpi.org.uk)



# Planning Aid England Supporting Communities in Neighbourhood Planning



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