

Planning Aid England Intensive Support Offer

Planning Aid England (PAE) can offer groups intensive support with the preparation of their neighbourhood plan. What support is required will depend entirely upon the interested groups' bespoke needs. However, PAE's support is just that; bespoke and tailored specifically to the needs of a group. The support is split into two key areas. Namely; **training** and **direct support**.

Training

Depending upon the progress and resources available to a group they may require training in some key areas. This will assist them in the preparation of their plan as well as allowing them to work more closely with the volunteers assisting in direct support. It not only helps the group to understand the processes involved but gives them more ownership of the plan making process. Training/workshops available under the support include:

- **Are You Fit for Neighbourhood Planning**
 - Statutory procedure
 - Discussing issues that they may include in their NP
 - What they need in place as a group to progress their NP
- **Are You Fit for Plan Preparation**
 - Policy writing for beginners
 - Site allocation
 - Evidence gathering
 - Effective public engagement
 - Putting together project plans
- **An expanded workshop(s) on one or more of the AYFPP topics (above)**
- **Are You Fit for Examination**
 - Assessing your plan against the basic conditions
 - Carrying out statutory public consultation
 - Carrying out consultation with statutory consultees
 - Preparing your consultation statement

In addition to the above PAE can offer workshops training on specific topic themes. We would encourage any group to contact us to discuss a bespoke training package as we can flexible in accommodating specific needs/requirements.

Direct Support

We have over 800 Chartered Town Planner volunteers at our disposal. As such we can put together a team of professionals to provide direct support to a group in preparing their plan. The support provided will be tailored to the specific needs of the group and could include assistance/advice with:

- Statutory applications (neighbourhood area, neighbourhood forum, formal submission)
- Policy writing/drafting
- Evidence gathering
- Project Planning
- Site selection
- Engagement
- Consultation
- Critical friend support (general advice on statutory process/plan making etc.)
- Technical support to assess draft plan ahead of submission
- Technical support/advice on specific policy areas (e.g. housing, retail, environment etc.).
- Assistance to drive process forward
- Attend meetings with group and other stakeholders to provide independent advice

It must be stressed that the support will only include what is required by the group. It will be bespoke and tailored to their needs so may not involve all of the above at the same time.