

APPENDIX 1 NEIGHBOURHOOD VANGUARD SCHEME

Neighbourhood Planning Vanguards

Presentation to Parish/Town Councils
Broadland District Council Offices
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Localism Bill

- ρ Published 13th December 2010
- ρ Allows local people to set priorities and get involved in decisions about the future of their area
- ρ Greater power to councils and neighbourhoods and gives local communities greater control over housing and planning decisions.
- ρ Includes chapter on proposals for Neighbourhood Planning



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Neighbourhood Plans

- ρ Set out policies relating to development and land use in a defined 'neighbourhood area' (usually parish boundary)
- ρ Conformity with EU and national policy and obligations, and strategic policies and proposals within local plan / LDF
- ρ Consistency with other adopted Neighbourhood Plans
- ρ Community should decide what Neighbourhood Plan contains – plans are flexible enough to address different needs and expectations
- ρ Can promote **more but not less** development than that set out in the local development plan



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Neighbourhood Planning

- ρ Gives neighbourhoods more ability to shape the places where they live
- ρ New powers for communities to create 'Neighbourhood Plans' and 'Neighbourhood Development Orders'
- ρ Must be in conformity with EU, national and local planning policy
- ρ Will become part of Broadland's statutory development plan
- ρ In Broadland, will be led by Parish/Town Councils
- ρ Support from the District Council



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Neighbourhood Development Orders

- ρ Automatically grant planning permission (with or without conditions) for:
 - the whole of a 'neighbourhood area' (parish)
 - part of a 'neighbourhood area'
 - a specific site in a 'neighbourhood area'
- ρ NDO sub-category – Community Right to Build Order: provides for community-led development on a specific site
- ρ NDOs are produced by the community
- ρ Neighbourhood Plans and Development Orders share a similar adoption process



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Producing a Neighbourhood Plan or Order

- ρ Will need to involve early consultation with public and other bodies
- ρ Draft to be submitted to BDC for initial assessment
- ρ Independent examination
- ρ Examiner's report
- ρ Referendum on (modified) Plan or Order - 50% to be in favour
- ρ Adoption by BDC – part of Development Plan



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CLG 'Vanguard Neighbourhood Plans'

- ρ Identify 12 or so local authority areas where communities can pilot or develop 'Vanguard' Neighbourhood Plans
- ρ Could include Neighbourhood Development Order(s)
- ρ In advance of Bill being given Royal Assent
- ρ Local authorities to apply by 14th Feb 2011
- ρ CLG looking for a cross-section of locations, nationally
- ρ Procedures detailed in Localism Bill should be followed as closely as possible
- ρ Local authorities will need to operate within current planning system



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Vanguards scheme - Applications

Applications to CLG will be assessed based on...

- ρ **Variety**
 - urban/rural
 - location
 - type of LPA
 - experience of Parish/Town Council
 - income levels across community
 - size and complexity of anticipated local development order or DPD
- ρ **Deliverability and timescale**
 - Parish/Town Council should be ready to proceed immediately and deliver within timescale
 - District Council should have made available required staff and resources to support the community (some funding available to assist with this)



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How does this relate to the Local Development Framework?

- ρ CLG has indicated its ambition for **Vanguard** projects to be adopted as planning policy docs. within the LDF
- ρ In Broadland, likely that a **Vanguard** project could become a section of an emerging planning document, such as the Site Allocations, Area Action Plan or Development Management Policies documents
- ρ E.g. a Vanguard Neighbourhood Plan could identify sites for development within a parish and 'plug-in' to our Site Allocations document



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Issues

- ρ Relationship to Parish Plans
- ρ Gaining support from and consensus within community (50%)
- ρ Govt's. intention is to achieve additional development, not less
- ρ Achieving a coherent framework across the district
- ρ Resourcing – both within community and within BDC (possibly developer support ?)



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Issues contd...

- ρ Timetabling of Neighbourhood Plans and LDF
- ρ Growth Triangle:
 - Detailed planning subject to further studies (e.g. Transport & Protection of Broads and Coastal Sites)
 - Neighbourhood Plans will need to take these studies into account (Results of studies may be binding)
 - Completion of studies may affect timing of Neighbourhood Plans in Growth Triangle



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Some things to consider....

- ρ Does your Parish Council have a desire to develop a Vanguard Neighbourhood Plan?
- ρ What are the land use issues facing your community that you think could be addressed via a Vanguard Neighbourhood Plan?
- ρ Have you produced a community-led plan (e.g. Parish Plan) before and, if so, is there some momentum in the parish that could help to develop a Vanguard Neighbourhood Plan?
- ρ Are you confident that your Parish Council will be ready to start this process (with our support) in the spring?



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