

Sustainable Neighbourhood Planning Support

Free support for neighbourhood planning groups

Dear Sir or Madam,

We want to alert you to the free support we are able to offer neighbourhood planning groups wishing to develop low carbon neighbourhood plans, that is plans which include climate change mitigation and adaptation policies and which target carbon emission reductions.

We'd be grateful if you could inform the neighbourhood planning groups you support of our service and resources.

Resources are limited, but our chartered town planner, Dan Stone, is able to offer free hands-on support and advice to neighbourhood planning groups, as follows:

- Initial advice on relevant sustainability and climate issues in the area, and accompanying opportunities, such as transport, improving green spaces, the energy efficiency of existing and new buildings, flooding, habitat protection and renewable energy.
- Advice on gaining public support for their vision for the local community.
- A second opinion on draft neighbourhood plans and detailed support with policy drafting and wording.
- Delivering presentations and workshops or helping with public consultations, including identifying key stakeholders and ensuring comprehensive engagement.
- Research for developing an evidence base.

You can contact Dan at neighbourhoodplanning@cse.org.uk

We have developed a range of resources and guides that you may find useful. Here are three of them:

[Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning Guidebook](#)

The new and updated edition of our popular resource - 5400 downloads and counting! This explores the potential of low carbon neighbourhood plans to incorporate policies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. Thoroughly overhauled, more policy detail (especially around renewable energy) and with a foreword from the Town and Country Planning Association.

[Energy Landscape Workshops – community consultation method](#)

Workshop resources that can help you towards an informed consensus within your community on the type of renewable energy that could carry community support. We are looking for groups where we can pilot these workshops as a policy tool at a subsidised cost. Alternately, neighbourhood planning groups can run the workshops for free themselves.

[How to identify suitable areas for onshore wind development in your neighbourhood plan](#)

A step-by-step guide to help community groups identify suitable areas for onshore wind development in their neighbourhood plan. It includes guidance on carrying out constraints mapping, suggestions for approaching community involvement and a suggested template for a wind policy.

Read more about our offer and find all our resources at www.cse.org.uk/lcnp

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