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Localism Act Planning

A bitesize guide

Introduction

The Localism Bill includes a number of measures for planning which aim to devolve power and decision making to a more local level, both to Local Authorities and to local Communities.

The Localism Act and Planning

The new powers for planning include:

- New enforcement powers dealing with retrospective planning permission.
- Time limits for enforcing concealed breaches of planning control.
- New powers in relation to unauthorised advertisements and defacement of premises.
- Local financial considerations can be a material consideration when determining a planning application.
- Neighbourhood planning (see separate Bitesize Guide).
- Abolition of Regional Spatial Strategies and the regional planning tier.
- Abolition of the Infrastructure Planning Commission.

- Duty to cooperate in policy making between neighbouring authorities.
- Community Infrastructure Levy – a proportion will be paid directly to communities.
- Clarifies the rules on predetermination.
- Mandatory pre-application consultation for applications over a certain size.

What does the Localism Bill mean for you?

There will be more opportunities for community leadership, with members having a role in promoting Neighbourhood Planning to parish and town councils and communities.

The absence of regional housing targets means that local members are responsible for setting housing targets in the Local Development Framework.

Members can use their local knowledge to help communities set priorities for spending their Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). They will also have to decide what proportion of the CIL will go straight to Town and Parish Councils.

How will it work?

The housing targets will be set in the Cornwall Core Strategy and members can contribute to the preferred approach consultation, which will be taking place between January and March 2012).

Members will have a decision making role in allocating resources to meet our new obligations most effectively.

Useful links

The Plain English guide to the Localism Act is available on the Gov.uk website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5959/1896534.pdf