

Engaging Communities in Planning



Who are we?



Planning Aid

- Charity national & regional
- Part of Royal Town Planning Institute
- Independent of local and central government and developers
- Network of professional, qualified volunteers



What do we do?

- We help individuals and groups understand and get involved in the planning system
- We offer impartial advice on planning matters
- Focus on disadvantaged clients those on low income, areas undergoing considerable change etc.







Today we are going to look at:

- The planning system at national and local level
- · Changes proposed by Coalition Government
- The planning application process
- · Material considerations
- The Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment
- What' happening in Southampton
- What you can do





The Planning System

Structure – National and Local Process





Structure - National







Coalition government

- · Regional Spatial Strategies dropped
- Local Authorities to decide housing figures for their borough including gypsy/traveller sites
- Development of housing on brownfield land no longer considered acceptable in principal
- Back gardens removed from brownfield classification
- · National minimum density of 30 dph dropped
- Amend Use Class Order to allow use of land / buildings for anything within Local Plan
- Appeal process to include 3rd Party right of appeal but scope of grounds reduced to process or contrary to Local Plan
- Move towards local control such as Local Housing Trust/S106





ENFORCEMENT:

COUNCIL'S POLICE IN PLANNING DEPARTMENT WHO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION IN RESPECT OF DEVELOPMENT WITHOUT PLANNING PERMISSION

COUNCIL POLICY:

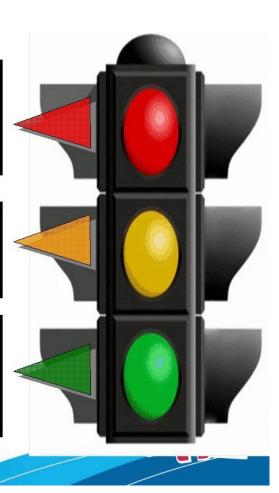
LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

ALL APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED AGAINST LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK OR LOCAL PLAN

PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

NEW DEVELOPMENT,
RETROSPECTIVE,
LAWFULNESS OF EXISTING USE/BUILDING





Structure - Local



