

APPLICATION DATES – PHASE 3

Apply for a Neighbourhood Planning Area:

Area:

Please apply between 4th October 2013 and 1st November 2013.

Applications for Neighbourhood Planning Areas will be published for anyone to comment on the areas/ boundaries for a six week period from 8th November to 20th December 2013. The Council will consider applications and comments and decide on the appropriate boundaries for Neighbourhood Planning Areas by the end of January 2014.

Apply to be a designated Neighbourhood Planning Forum: February 2014 - March 2014 (the date will be publicised at the end of January).

Applications for Neighbourhood Planning Forum designation will be published for anyone to comment on for a six week period ending in April 2014. The council will consider applications and comments and decide on the organisations that can be designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Forum by the end of May 2014.

Please note that only one organisation can be designated for each Neighbourhood Planning Area.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN BRISTOL – EDITION 2



Neighbourhood Planning



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INTRODUCTION

Neighbourhood Planning is about making sure a community gets the development it needs for the future - through the building of homes, job opportunities, and leisure and community facilities, including schools, health services and shops.

Any community in the city can get involved in helping to plan their future development and there are lots of ways to do this including through contacting Bristol Neighbourhood Planning Network (see useful links) or your local Neighbourhood Partnership.

However, the Localism Bill introduced a new opportunity for communities to write their own Development Plan Documents to help guide future development.

From **October 2013**, neighbourhood organisations in Bristol will be able to formally ask the council to designate their area as a 'Neighbourhood Planning Area' so that local voices can get involved and influence the planning process more easily.

There are 2 key steps to this process:

1. Designating a Neighbourhood Planning Area
2. Designating a Neighbourhood Planning Forum for that area

For detailed information on how to designate a Neighbourhood Planning Area and become the designated Forum for that area please visit www.bristol.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplanning or contact the Strategic Planning Team on the details provided at the back of this leaflet.



WHY GET INVOLVED IN THIS?

This is a great opportunity to influence how your area will grow and develop in the future. We hope that a number of Bristol's enthusiastic communities will join the designated Neighbourhood Planning Forums in Lockleaze, Redcliffe, Old Market Quarter, Lawrence Weston and Knowle West in helping to shape their neighbourhoods for a better future.

The council will support Neighbourhood Organisations in the preparation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan or Order, if they meet the following criteria (as set out in the Localism Bill):

The organisation must have;

- been set up to promote or improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area concerned.
- have at least 21 people who live or work in the neighbourhood area, or are elected Council Members for that area.
- be open to any others who wish to join the organisation at any time who live or work in the area.

The organisation must have a written constitution

The organisation must be able to show that:

- it has members come from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area

and reflects in general terms the character of that area.

Useful links

Bristol Neighbourhood Planning Network;
<http://www.bristolnbn.net/>

Locality
<http://locality.org.uk>

Planning Advisory Service
<http://www.pas.gov.uk/>