

How to Apply

You can apply for Neighbourhood Planning Area or Forum status at any time.

Applications for Neighbourhood Planning Areas will be published for anyone to comment on the areas / boundaries for a six week period from the date they are confirmed as valid applications. The Council will aim to consider comments received on applications and decide on the appropriate boundaries for within a 12 week period.

Applications for Neighbourhood Planning Forum designation will be published for anyone to comment on for a six week period from the date they are confirmed as valid applications. The Council will aim to consider comments received on applications and decide on the appropriate boundaries for within a 12 week period.

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

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN BRISTOL – EDITION 3



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Applying for Neighbourhood Planning Area or Forum Status

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 Act introduced a new opportunity for communities to write their own Development Plan Documents to help guide future development.

Neighbourhood organisations in Bristol can 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 City 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 and Lawrence Weston 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 Act):

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/>