

# A Neighbourhood Forum & Plan for Ham and Petersham

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# Background

- Previously Area Consultation meetings – last one December 2009
- Ham Working Together Group – disbanded Jan 2011
- ‘All in One’ consultation – November 2010
- Village Plan consultation – July 2011
  - Focused on council services, excluded local groups, ignored HUG comments cards



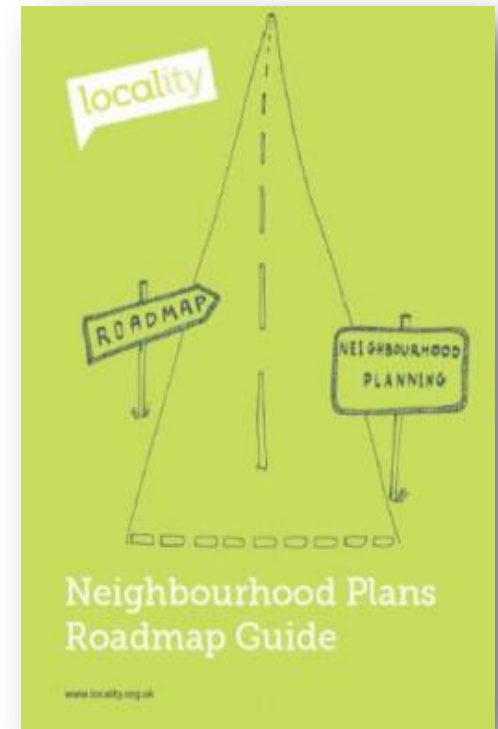
# HUG Visioning and topic papers

- HUG 'visioning event' 15 June 2011. 300 ideas in 2 hours, draft ideas on 5 topic areas.
- 'Village Plans' published August 2012 – again ignoring most comments submitted by HUG
- Conflict/ lack of clarity between Village Plans (Richmond) and Neighbourhood Plans (central government)
- HUG agrees to progress application for Neighbourhood Forum/ Plan Autumn 2012



# Introduction to the Neighbourhood Planning process

- Setting the context: Localism Act, Neighbourhood Planning (NP) regulations, community rights, CIL
- Key stages of NP
- The role of the Local Planning Authority (LPA)
- The role of the neighbourhood Forum (NF)
- Support and funding –

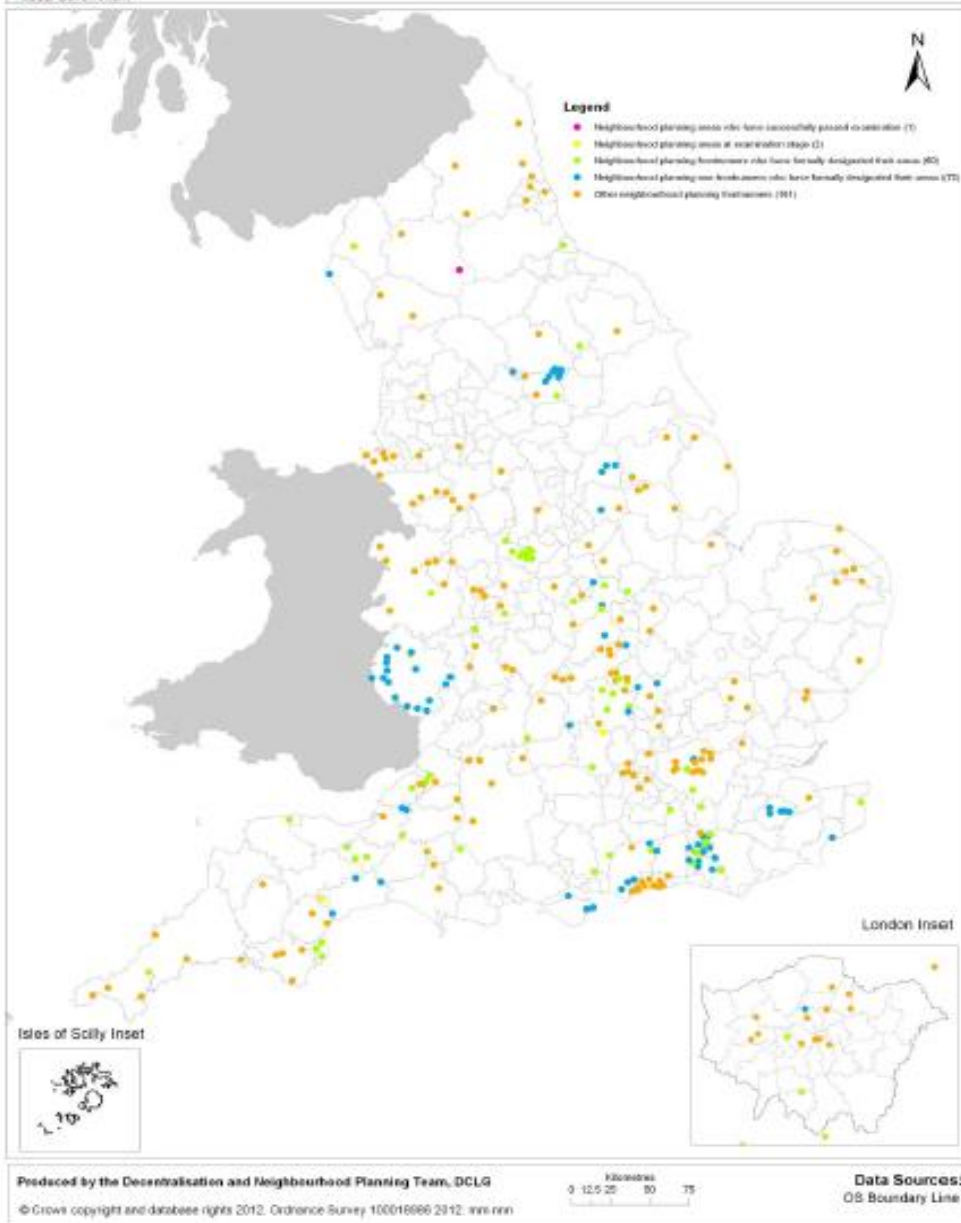


# Neighbourhood planning

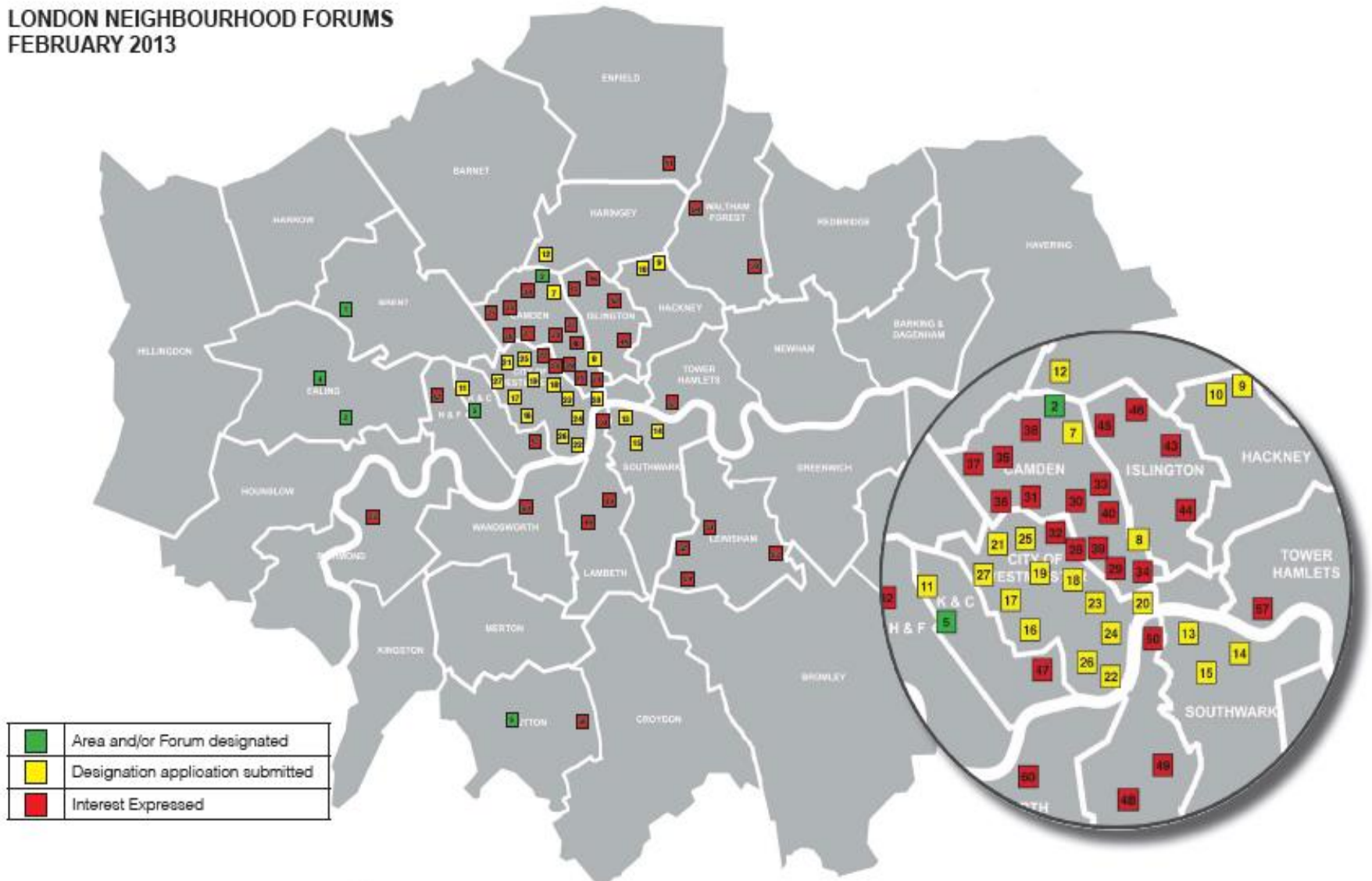
- Ultimate aim is to give **communities more power** over development and shift attitudes to local growth
- Localism Act introduced new right for communities to draw up a **'neighbourhood plan (NP)'**
- Provided NP is in line with national planning policy, with the strategic vision for the wider area set by the LPA, and with other legal requirements, local people will be able to vote on it in a **referendum**;
- Local authority required to bring NP into force if approved by a majority



# Neighbourhood Planning Areas: Progress at January 2013



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# What can a NP do?

A Neighbourhood Plan can propose:

1. More but not less development than in LP
2. Pace of development across plan period
3. Location/type/quantum of development, except for strategic sites
4. Precise contribution of development towards community infrastructure
5. Neighbourhood Standards for sustainability (social, environmental and economic issues), good design, use of materials, physical access



*Where these don't compromise standards in local plan or NPPF!*

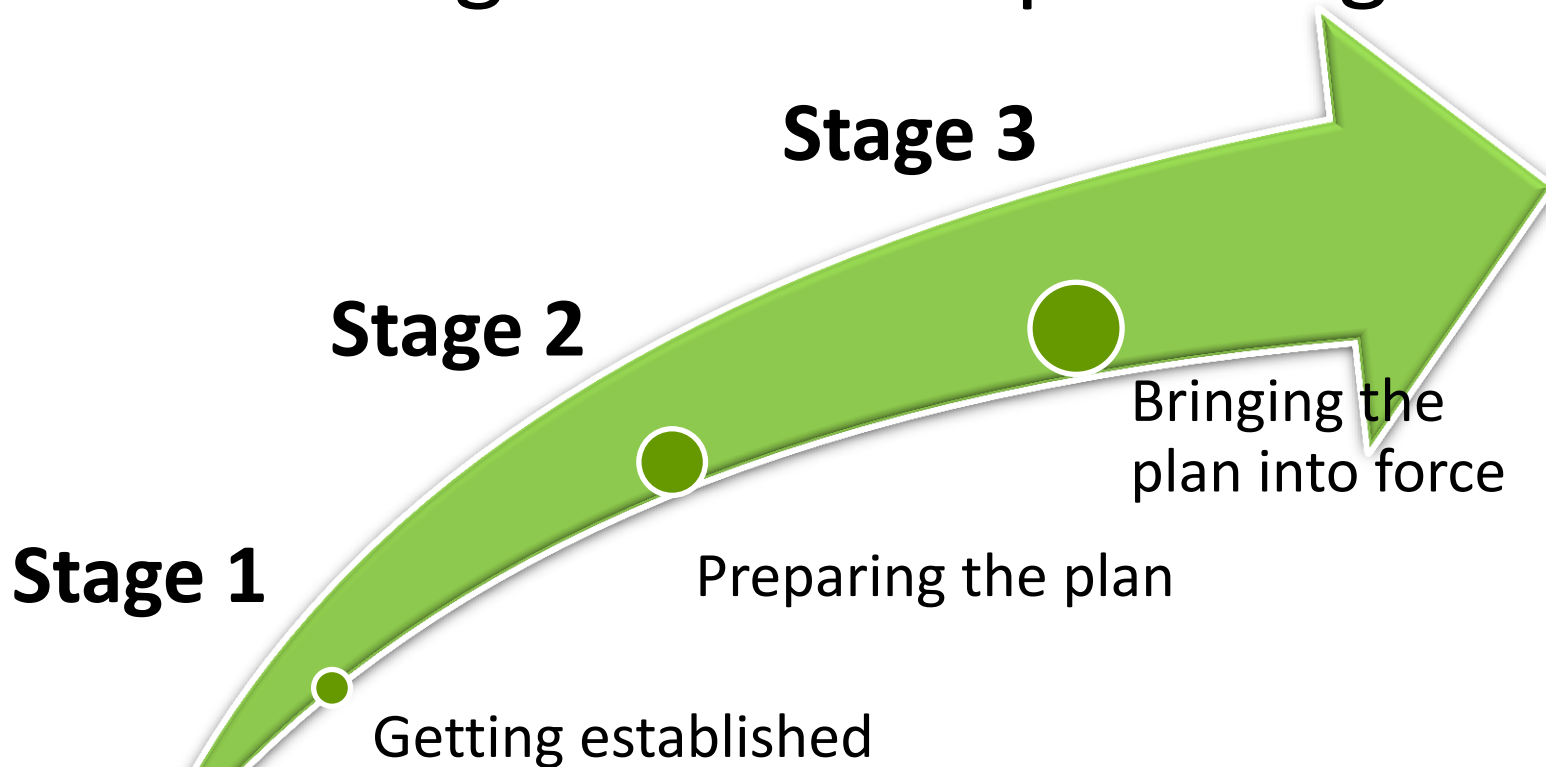


# Widening the Scope

- Neighbourhood Plans meant to be land use based/ development matters – primarily interested in growth
- Remit needs to be wider and include small scale improvements/ changes that residents can relate and aspire to.
- Many ‘front runner’ NP’s include non ‘development’ issues.



# Introduction to key stages of neighbourhood planning



Source: Neighbourhood Plans Roadmap Guide. Locality  
<http://locality.org.uk/resources/neighbourhood-planning-roadmap-guide/>

# Stage 1: Getting Established

- Approval for a neighbourhood area (parish or town council or neighbourhood forum will need to submit details to the LPA).
- Such details include the following:
  - a map (proposed neighbourhood area)
  - a statement (why the area is appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area)
  - a statement (capability of the parish or town council or prospective neighbourhood forum to be a qualifying body)





## ANNEX B

### DRAFT HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM CONSTITUTION

#### 1 Purpose and Objects

1.1 The Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum ("H+PNF") is a neighbourhood forum as defined in the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Localism Act 2011 ("the Act") and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations in force 6 April 2012.

1.2 The purpose of H+PNF is to further the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Ham and Petersham Area as defined in section 2 below ("the Area") by acting for the Area under the provisions of the Act.

1.3 H+PNF membership will be open to residents living in the Area, individuals working or carrying on business in the Area, local representative groups and Borough Councillors representing the Area. H+PNF will aim for as wide a representation of communities in the area as possible.

1.4 H+PNF will monitor development management policy and its application in the Area and will produce and maintain a Neighbourhood Development Plan as defined in section 4 below.

1.5 H+PNF may initiate Neighbourhood Development Orders or Community Right to Build Orders, identify Assets of Community Value, or carry out any other permitted actions.

1.6 H+PNF will act in accordance with General Policies and Principles set out in section 5 below.

#### 2 The Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Area ("the Area")

2.1 The Area shall be the area shown in the map in Annex 1 and will be finally determined on designation by the relevant authorities.

2.2 The Area includes all of the Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside ward with the exception of the area within Richmond Park and that to the north of Petersham Common and Petersham Meadows (i.e. "Richmond Riverside"). The area is clearly defined by the River Thames to the west, Richmond Park to the east and the boundary with the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames to the south.

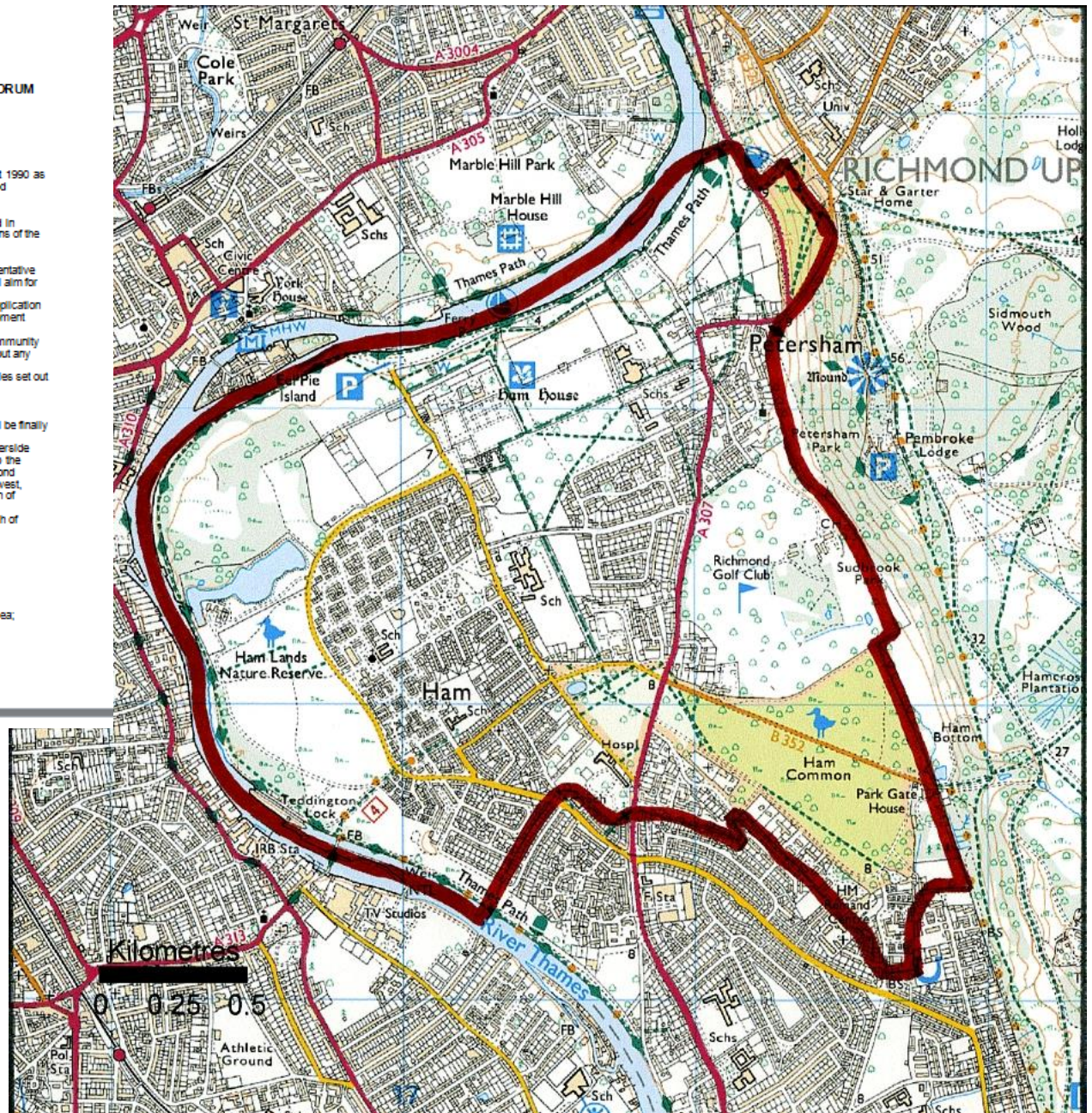
2.3 The Area falls entirely within the boundary of the London Borough of Richmond.

#### 3 Membership and Organisation

##### Membership

3.1 Membership of H+PNF is open to:

- residents living in the Area, either as individual members or via representative bodies;
- local businesses, organisations and individuals who work in the Area;
- Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside Ward Councillors.





# H&P Neighbourhood Forum

- Plan, application letter, signatures, draft constitution sent to LBRuT on 18 March 2013
- Article on Forum in Spring issue of H+P Community Magazine
- Plan to be advertised on LBRuT web site for 6 weeks – 3 May – 14 June 2013
- Public meeting to be arranged – early June to formally set up Neighbourhood Forum, agree constitution and membership.
- Intended that both voluntary/ community sector and service providers will be represented.
- Forum will meet quarterly + committee



# Stage 2: Preparing the Plan

- Setting the Scope and Content – early plan template
- Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation
- Building the Evidence Base – aspiration & sub-local evidence around housing need, open space, transport etc
- Tapping LPA's 'duty to support' NP constructively

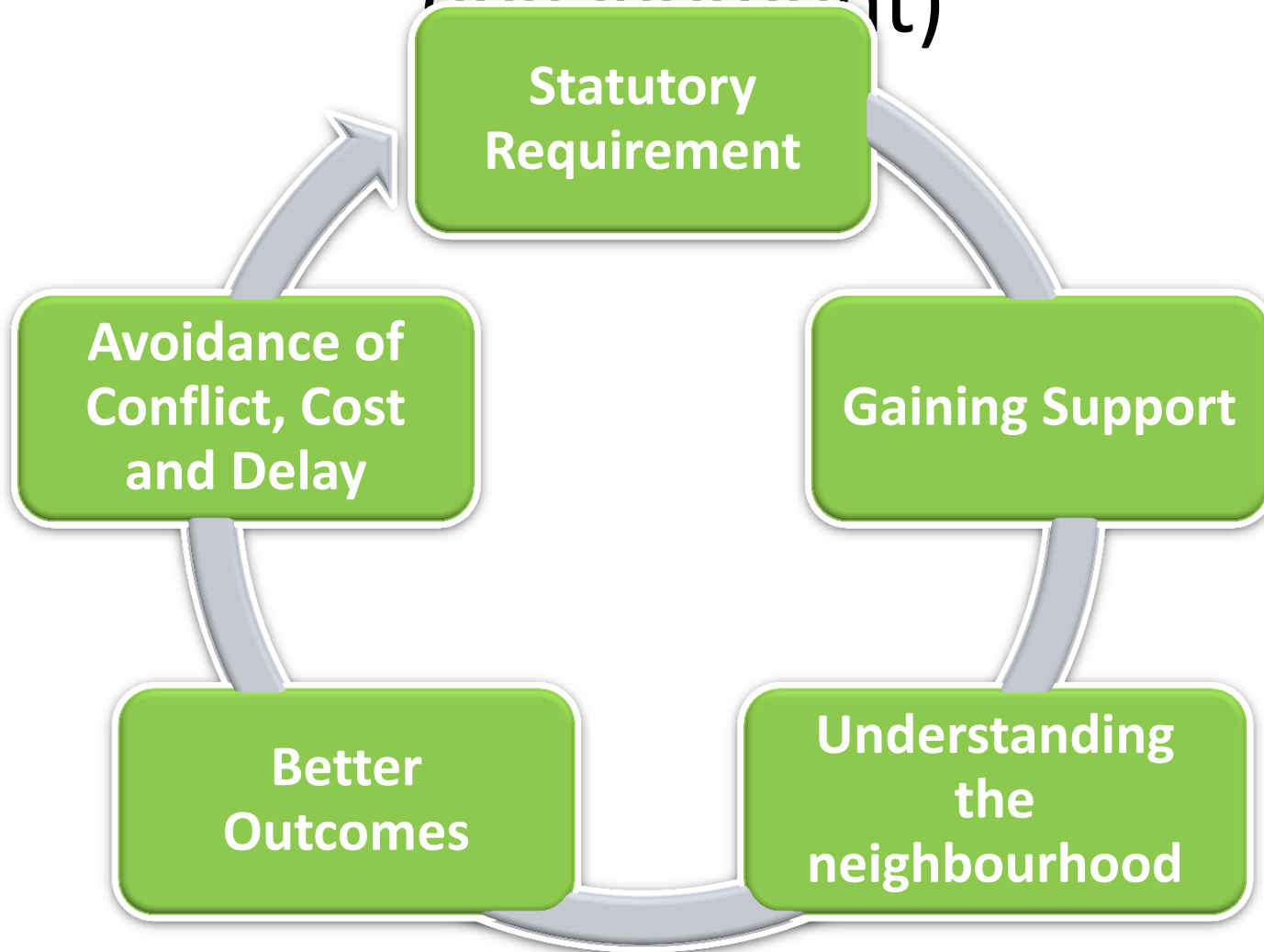
*“Effective community engagement and a robust evidence base are the pillars on which a good Neighbourhood Plan will be built.”* (Locality NP Roadmap)



# Preparing the Plan: scope and content



# Stage 2: Preparing the Plan (Importance of stakeholder engagement)





# Plan Implementation - Funding

- Qualifying Bodies can claim a percentage of money from the Community Infrastructure Levy
- This is known as the 'meaningful proportion'
- Adopting a NP can capture a greater amount of this funding for Parishes and Neighbourhood Forums.
- CIL can be used as match funding for lottery applications, community right to build feasibility applications and other funding bids
- LPAs also receive New Homes Bonus for new housing, this could potentially be spent on NP implementation
- More information on funding is available from sources such as PAS, Locality and DCLG



# Plan Implementation - Funding

<p>Parish council ✓ Neighbourhood Plan ✓</p> <p>= 25% uncapped, paid to Parish</p>	<p>Parish council ✓ Neighbourhood Plan X</p> <p>= 15% capped at £100 / dwelling, paid to Parish</p>
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Further details on the operation of neighbourhood CIL will be set out in secondary legislation which the Government intends to bring into force in April 2013



# Spending

What money can (and can't) be spent on?

The Localism Act sets out what neighbourhood CIL can be spent on:

the **provision, improvement, replacement, operation or maintenance of infrastructure** - or **anything else** that is concerned with **addressing demands** that development places on an area.



# Spending

*“If you want to re-roof your village hall, build a permanent home for your community shop, refurbish the municipal swimming pool, implement a new landscape design in your local park or save your local pub, look no further.”*

Nick Boles: ‘Housing the Next Generation’  
speech on 10 January

