

Planning Service

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING IN THE PEAK DISTRICT

There are many ways in which local people can become involved in planning their communities. The Authority has developed a 'menu' of options to help you decide which is right. Please visit: <http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/planning/community-led-planning>

These different techniques are responsive to the interest and capability of each community, linking to the statutory planning system where necessary.

Since the 2011 Localism Act, many parishes, including some Peak District parishes, have decided that a statutory *neighbourhood plan* is the best for them.

<http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/neighbourhood-planning>

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A neighbourhood plan forms part of the Authority's Local Development Plan. It allows parish councils to examine the capacity for growth and to consider potential sites for a range of new developments, but always subject to the National Park's overall planning policies: the [Core Strategy](#) and the saved [Local Plan](#)

A neighbourhood plan can be very powerful, but undertaking one undoubtedly places a burden on the parish council. But if your parish decides that a neighbourhood plan is the right thing, there is plenty of help, advice and funding:

- **Speak to the Authority's Villages and Communities Officer Adele Metcalfe.** The Authority has a statutory duty to give you advice and assistance. adele.metcalfe@peakdistrict.gov.uk 01629 8163775
- Visit the Authority's community planning webpages for a simple [step-by-step guide](#)

- Go to <http://mycommunityrights.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning/> to apply for:

direct support – advice and support, with an average value of equivalent to £9,500, tailored to meet the needs of supported neighbourhoods

grant payments – up to £7,000 per neighbourhood area, to contribute to costs incurred by the group preparing a neighbourhood plan or order.

Feedback:

The Planning Service is committed to listening to customer feedback to help us to identify any positives or negatives or areas for service improvement. We encourage you to provide feedback to us so that where workable, we can refine our procedures accordingly.

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