

Strengthening the voluntary and community sector

Community Action Suffolk

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Community Led Planning

- Parish /Town plans
- Town Action plans
- Village reviews
- Focus group meetings
- Other consultation meetings

Ufford
2020

Ufford
Parish
Plan



'Shaping the future of Ufford'

Final Report

January 2009

DISPLAY
ONLY

Plans good for.....

- Improved services
- Starting new groups
- Pulling down funding
- More social activities
- Affordable housing
- Environmental projects
- And many others

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Community Rights

- The Right to Plan
- The Right to Build
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- The Right to Challenge

The Right to Plan

Neighbourhood Development Plan

- Greater involvement in development
- Becomes part of the Local Plan
- Can't be used to grant planning permission
- Sets out the future development and land use

Neighbourhood Development Order

- Same process as for an NDP
- Parish/Town Councils or Neighbourhood Forums can grant planning permission for certain sorts of development

The Government intended:

- Empower communities
- Be community led
- Be flexible
- Be pro growth



What's the process?

- Starting and designating the area to be covered by the plan
- Preparing the Plan
- Independent Examination
- Referendum
- Adoption & legal force

Advantages

- Community consensus
- Community involvement
- Useful for major planning issues
- Planning for the longer term
- Working with the Planners



Disadvantages

- Can take up to 2 years
- Expensive
- Narrow in scope
- A lot of work for volunteers
- Referendum may cause bad feeling

Who can help?

- Local Planning Authority – your District Council
- Locality
- Community Action Suffolk
- Someone in the community may be a planner or explainer

Are there any questions?

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