

Historic Environment Local Engagement Workshops, April 2012

Quick reference guide to resources

National Policy

National Planning Policy Framework document

The National Planning Policy Framework is a key part of reforms to make the English planning system less complex and more accessible, to protect the environment and to promote sustainable growth.

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/nppf>

National Framework

National Heritage Protection Plan, May 2011

The National Heritage Protection Plan (NHPP) is the new sector-wide framework that English Heritage has developed to protect the historic environment more effectively.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/content/imported-docs/k-o/nhpp-plan.pdf>

National Heritage Protection Plan 2011-2015: progress report May-September 2011

This, the October Progress Report, aims to present the half-year statement of progress against the protection results we aim to achieve. This is the first progress report for the NHPP

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/nhpp-progress-rep-maysep11/>

Heritage Protection Reform

Averting Crisis in Heritage: CLA report on reforming a crumbling system

A Country Land and Business Association report highlighting the key issues facing heritage protection and making recommendations for its improvement.

http://www.cla.org.uk/Policy_Work/Averting_Crisis_in_Heritage/

Realising the Benefits of Planning-led Investigation in the Historic Environment: A Framework of Delivery

The Southport Group report makes recommendations to increase the historic environment's value in the context of the planning system and PPS5. The Southport group is formed of sector professionals.

<http://www.archaeologists.net/sites/default/files/node-files/SouthportreportA4.pdf>

Neighbourhood Planning and Community Led Plans Guidance

How to shape where you live: a guide to neighbourhood planning

Advice and guidance document produced by Campaign to Protect Rural England on neighbourhood planning.

<http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/housing-and-planning/planning/item/2689-how-to-shape-where-you-live-a-guide-to-neighbourhood-planning>

Knowing Your Place: Heritage and community-led planning in the countryside
This advice document deals with the incorporation of local heritage within Community-Led plans that are being produced, reviewed or updated by rural communities. It focuses on parish plans and village design statements.
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/knowning-your-place/knowning-your-place12.pdf>

Neighbourhoods planning guidance and toolkit information from CABE
A list of link to useful resources including guidance, toolkits and case studies focusing on Neighbourhood Planning, put together by CABE. There is also a section on resources in the pipeline.
<http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/CABE/Services/Plan/Neighbourhood-planning-toolkits-and-guidance/>

Unlocking the Landscape - Action Pack: Preparing a Community Landscape Character Statement
This action pack, developed by the Campaign to Protect Rural England, aims to assist communities in providing their evidence on landscape character in a way that is compatible with the planning process.
<http://www.cpre.org.uk/resources/countryside/landscapes/item/1929->

Planning for the environment at neighbourhood level
This is a joint publication by Natural England, English Heritage, Environment Agency and the Forestry Commission. This advice note is aimed at community groups, and parish/town councils starting work on a neighbourhood plan, a neighbourhood development order, or a Community Right to Build Order.
<http://publications.environment-agency.gov.uk/PDF/GEHO0212BWAZ-E-E.pdf>

Local Listing

Good Practice Guide for Local Heritage Listing
English Heritage (forthcoming, please check the HELM website
www.helm.org.uk

Toolkit for Developing Local Lists
Essex Historic Environment, Essex County Council (forthcoming)

Historic Area Assessments Guidance

Understanding Place: An Introduction
This document introduces historic characterisation, and its application in spatial planning. It is aimed at local planning authorities, regeneration agencies, and developers and their agents.
<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/understanding-place-intro/>

Understanding Place: Historic Area Assessments: Principals and Practice
This guidance document is to assist local authorities, practitioners, developers, community groups and others assess the character and

significance of historic areas, be they city or town centres, suburbs, villages or other urban and rural landscapes. Historic Area Assessment (HAA) is an important and practical tool for the informed management of the historic environment.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/understanding-place-principles-practice/>

Understanding Place: Historic Area Assessments in a planning and development context

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It complements Understanding Place: Historic Area Assessments : Principles and Practice.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/understanding-place-planning-develop/>

Toolkits and Methodologies

Community Led Planning: the gold standard for Localism (Action with Communities in Rural England)

This toolkit for Community Led planning provides step-by-step guidance for local communities who want to take action and produce a holistic plan that will guarantee the sustainability and wellbeing of their neighbourhood. It enables local communities to become stronger and more resilient, by working together to research the needs and aspirations of their community and agree upon a range of different actions that will improve their neighbourhood

<http://www.acre.org.uk/our-work/community-led-planning/News/Community+Led+Planning++the+gold+standard+for+Localism>

Making the most of Community Led Planning: a best practice guide for local authorities

This best practice guide examines the practical ways that local authorities have already sought to empower local communities to take action by making the most of Community Led Planning.

<http://towns.org.uk/files/Making-the-most-of-Community-Led-Planning.pdf>

Historic Environment Forum: Health check for local groups

This pack looks at ways that local groups can broaden their base of volunteers. It looks at ways to identify what is preventing them from having a wide appeal and devising strategies to combat this.

<http://hc.english-heritage.org.uk/content/pub/2011/health-check-local-groups.pdf>

Oxford City Character Assessment Toolkit

The Oxford Character Assessment Toolkit has been prepared for you to assess the character of areas within the city. Whether you are planning a new development, or a community group who want to be involved in planning the future of your area, you can use the toolkit to record the features that give your part of Oxford its sense of place, as well as the issues to be addressed in future.

<http://www.oxford.gov.uk/PageRender/decP/CharacterAppraisalToolkit.htm>

Placecheck: where community involvement in planning starts

Placecheck is a method of assessing the qualities of a place, showing what improvements are needed, and focusing people on working together to achieve them. It can suit initiatives of any size or location, instigated by anyone, any organisation or any sector. It is designed to be a simple method for involving the community that is available and requires minimal resourcing or preparation.

<http://www.placecheck.info/>

Toolkits list from CABE

The CABE website includes a list of toolkits specifically aimed at neighbourhood planning.

<http://www.designcouncil.org.uk/our-work/CABE/Services/Plan/Neighbourhood-planning-toolkits-and-guidance/NP-Toolkits---Toolkits/>

Brierley Hillness Community Engagement Toolkit

A community arts and heritage project for enabling local people to articulate what makes Brierley Hill distinctive.

<http://brierleyhillnesstoolkit.wordpress.com>

Examples and case studies

A guide to Heritage Impact Assessments by Bassetlaw District Council

This document provides advice guidance for planning applicants undertaking Heritage Impact Assessments to the District Planning Authority for Bassetlaw District Council.

<http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/pdf/Heritage%20Impact%20Assessment%20Guidance%20FINAL%20VERSIONx.pdf>

Non-Designated Heritage Assets Criteria by Bassetlaw District Council

This document has been produced to set out the process through which the District Planning Authority for Bassetlaw District Council will identify heritage assets. The criteria is consistent with NPPF and English Heritage guidance.

<http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/pdf/Non-Designated%20Heritage%20Assets%20Criteria%20-%20August%202011%20update.pdf>

Valuing Places: Good Practice in Conservation Areas

'Valuing Places - Good Practice in Conservation Areas' looks at exemplary ways to manage change in the historic environment.

The eighteen case studies in this publication are examples of how this has been achieved in a range of conservation areas. The care of our built inheritance has to be carefully balanced with the economic and social imperatives of the present. As the case studies demonstrate, the two requirements are not mutually exclusive.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/publications/valuing-places/>

HER21

Developing Historic Environment Records for the 21st Century

14 case studies were undertaken to look at ways of developing HERs to ensure that useful, appropriate and accurate information is readily available to those making planning decisions about the future of our historic environment. The case studies cover a wide variety of subjects including projects designed to encourage local engagement.

HER21 Project Summaries <http://www.helm.org.uk/server/show/nav.21732>

Social and Digital Media

Digital Participation and Learning: 22 Case Studies

This document comprises 22 case studies of participation and learning activity in the digital environment. These case studies illustrate a wide range of approaches to using digital media to engage people with heritage. This report draws together key themes and lessons to consider when planning and delivering digital activity designed to engage a range of different audiences.

<http://www.hlf.org.uk/aboutus/howwework/Pages/Digitalparticipationandlearning.aspx>

Local by Social: How local authorities can use social media to achieve more for less

A paper looking at how local authorities can use social media like Twitter, eBay, Facebook and YouTube to engage with their customers. It looks at how social media can be used to achieve more for less. It also highlights the risk to councils if they ignore social media and the people using them.

<http://www.idea.gov.uk/idk/core/page.do?pagelId=17770779>

Workplaces and Social Networking: The Implications for Employment Relations

A research paper by the Institute of Employment Studies, commissioned by ACAS, on social networking at work. Looks at various social media issues with regards employment.

<http://www.acas.org.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=3182&p=0>

Historic Environment Survey

Heritage Counts 2011

'Heritage Counts' is an annual survey on the state of the historic environment. It collects data and information on funding, participation and the number and type of listed buildings. It also summarises the key policy developments in each year.

<http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/professional/research/social-and-economic-research/heritage-counts/>

Measuring Success

First Steps in Monitoring and Evaluation

Charities Evaluation Services

<http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/downloads/firststepsinmonitoringandevaluation-738-746.pdf>

Next Steps: Monitoring and Evaluation on a Shoestring

Charities Evaluation Services

<http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/downloads/meonashoestring-795-803.pdf>

Your Project and its outcomes

Charities Evaluation Services

<http://www.ces-vol.org.uk/downloads/yourprojectanditsoutcomes-139-146.pdf>

Project Reflection Workshop toolkit

Church Urban Fund

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/act/resources-projects/project-reflection-workshop>

Project Development Workshop toolkit

Church Urban Fund

<http://www.cuf.org.uk/act/resources-projects/project-development-workshop>

Projects referenced during the workshop

Know Your Place, Bristol City Council www.bristol.gov.uk/knowyourplace

Imaging our past and present, Warwickshire HER Flickr project

<http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/Web/corporate/pages.nsf/Links/2934690AFC-A07020802578760048F08E>

Northwick Manor Community Heritage Project

<http://www.worcester.gov.uk/index.php?id=2561>

Developing Local List Records In Essex

Essex Historic Environment, Essex County Council (forthcoming)

Your suggestions

Please send your suggestions for additions to this list to

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