

Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area Board Meeting

25th July 2012

Comments in answer to:-

What are the biggest challenges to developing the two processes? (Neighbourhood Plan and Community Led Plans)

- Amount of time and keeping focussed
- Reconciling needs of Parishes and Towns infrastructure together
- Communication to public – clarity of 2 processes
- We need to see Common Places Work Plan – who, what and when by – seems a bit wishy washy
- I fail to see or believe that parish plans coming into the NAP process late can have a full and meaningful engagement
- The defining envelope is the Core Strategy and that has hundreds of objectives to it. So meaningful alignment between the CS, NAP and CLP is highly unlikely.
- Firstly I hate post-its and surely we have moved beyond that
- The Localism Act allows any parish to develop a Neighbourhood Plan – so Alistair Cunningham was wrong when he said parishes could be left out – this has been confirmed with DCLG
- Community involvement and apathy
- Consultation fatigue
- Neighbourhood Plans – needs of area are so diverse that Neighbourhood Plan will be too generic
- Apathy of community
- ‘Manpower’ for PPs and TPs
- What is common to all and what happens to gathered non-pl??
- Resistance to change
- Consensus could be hard to find
- Inability to make decisions within the required timescale
- Using the collected data to benefit both processes which may have differing needs and outcomes
- Finding the same solutions for different areas to the common issues
- Communication of the 2 processes to avoid confusion
- Securing input from broad sections of the community – notably youth
- Generating community involvement
- Limited volunteer time evaporating in a fog of confusion
- No money
- Neighbourhood Plan needs to be focussed on a single issue (or a few). Having lots of different issues from different parishes is recipe for disaster. What would people be voting for in Referendum?
- It all seems unnecessarily complicated