

# The Power of Neighbourhood Planning and Confidence Through Networking

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# The Power of Neighbourhood Planning

- Guiding new development
- Securing investment
- Protecting the neighbourhood's assets
- A context for Localism Rights and fostering locally based developers and development

# Confidence Through Networking

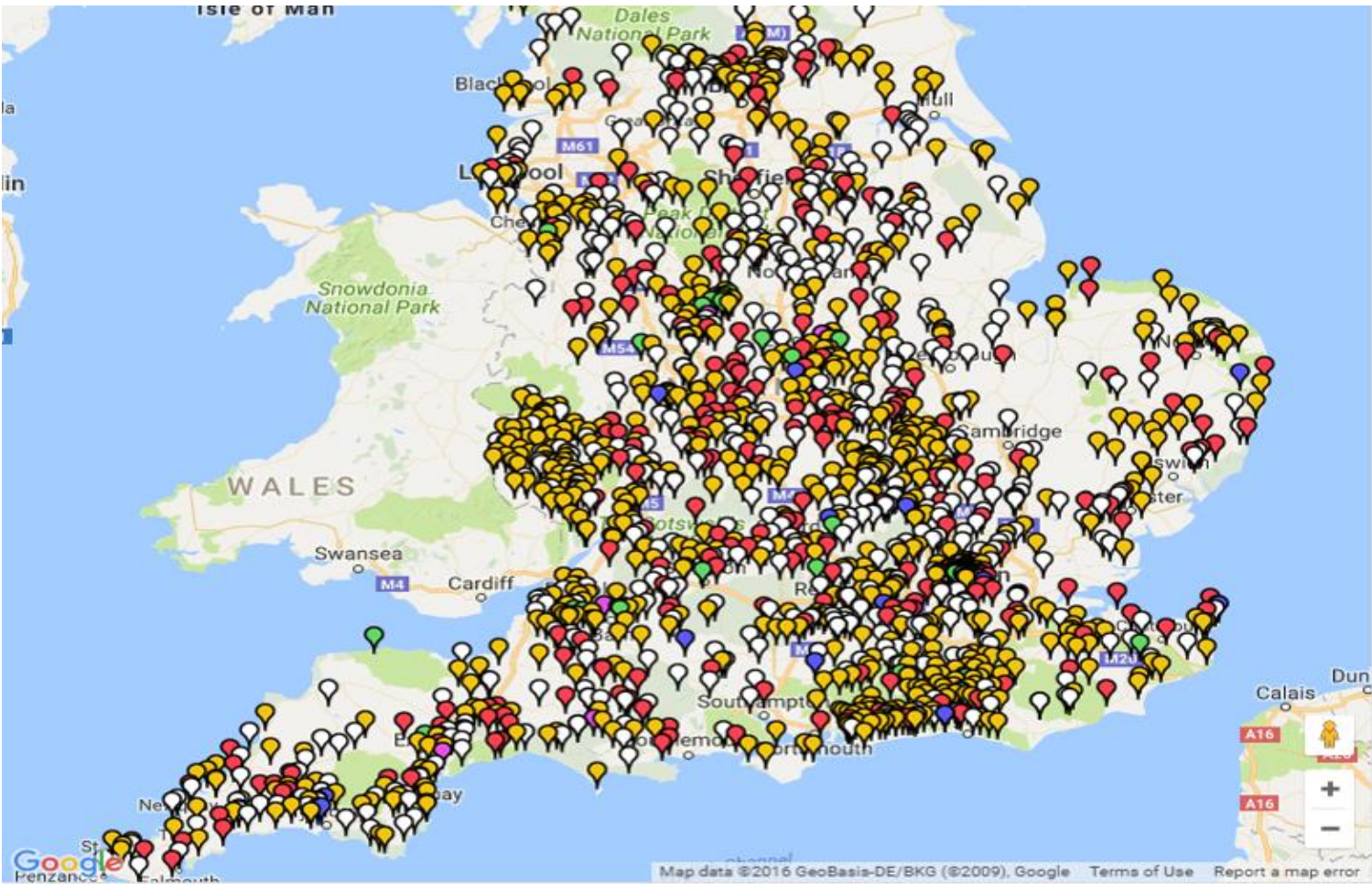
You all have the same task - to produce **four** documents to submit to your **local planning authority** for independent examination and then to a referendum of residents/businesses:

- ✓ *A Map of your agreed Neighbourhood Plan area* - where your plan policies and proposals will apply
- ✓ *The Neighbourhood Plan itself* - policies and proposals about the use of land and buildings in a neighbourhood area
- ✓ *A Consultation Statement* - an account of who you spoke to about your plan and how it influenced its content
- ✓ *A Basic Conditions Statement* - how your plan meets requirements for sustainable development, EU regulations and fits with national and district planning policy from a neighbourhood perspective

## Why Network?

There is no **problem** that someone, somewhere has not already had to **deal with** - both designated bodies and local planning authority officers and councillors





There are plenty  
of people doing it  
who know stuff  
you don't!



No man is an  
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*~John Donne*

# Issues people face in neighbourhood planning

## Establishing Designated bodies in Urban Areas and Parishes agreeing to a plan

- Agreeing an area - straightforward sometimes, not so in others
- Joint Business and Resident Neighbourhood Planning
- Coping with NIMBYs and disagreements within designated bodies
- Engaging with the local planning authority, politicians, landowners and developers

# Issues people face in neighbourhood planning

## Writing a Neighbourhood Plan

- The lack of an up to date Local Plan
- Writing policy that is locally distinctive and will “stick”
- Designating sites
- Making sense of evidence and preparing your own.



# Issues people face in neighbourhood planning

## Getting organised and resourcing the process

- Making sure you don't lose the plot
- Getting people to invest their time
- Ways to share the work
- Creative ways to do it
- Becoming a planner
- Getting hold of some money.



# Making the best of Networking

- People have examples to share - documents, templates, survey forms, policies that have been agreed in a finally “made” plan
- People have stories to tell - how they won people over - the arguments they used, the examples they used as precedents
- You can develop relationships with people with like minds who you can trust
- You get the satisfaction of helping others to solve problems.

# Over to you...

There are some resources for you to help you network with others in your region:

- A list of all groups in the region who have started the process
- A list of all the resources available on all aspects of the process

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Questions??

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