

Hampshire County Council's role in Neighbourhood Planning

Summary

Hampshire County Council is supportive of the Neighbourhood Planning process and is keen to assist those preparing Neighbourhood Plans as far as resources permit and where this is consistent with the delivery of County Council service objectives and priorities.

Whilst the first point of contact for those organisations preparing Neighbourhood Plans is the local planning authority (the relevant district, local or unitary authority or National Park authority), the County Council does have a number of statutory duties and responsibilities which may impact on the preparation of Neighbourhood Plans. It is important, therefore, that we are engaged in their preparation.

The County Council's statutory responsibilities which may be relevant to Neighbourhood Planning are as follows:

- Education Authority
- Highway Authority
- Lead Local Flood Authority
- Minerals & Waste Planning Authority
- Provision of Adult & Children's Care Services
- Statutory responsibility for Public Health & Well-being



The County Council delivers a number of other services as follows:

- Countryside, Landscape Ecology & Archaeology advisors
- Countryside access and rights of way
- Archaeology and Historic Buildings
- Library Provider
- Economic Development
- Energy
- Emergency Planning / Local Resilience Forum
- Gypsies & Travellers
- Commons / Village Green Registration Authority
- Significant landowner and estate manager
- Research & Information
- General information on infrastructure including supporting broadband
- Environmental Impact Assessment



The County Council may not be able to engage in depth in each and every aspect of Neighbourhood Plan preparation due to limited resources and the potential scale of Neighbourhood Planning activity in the County. However, those preparing Neighbourhood Plans are advised to contact the County Council in order to discuss how we might best work together to ensure the best outcomes for local communities.

For further information please see the County Council's more detailed guide to its role in Neighbourhood Planning which can be found [here](#) or contact:

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