Resource List
Neighbourhood planning
Below is a list of all of the current neighbourhood planning resources that can be found in on the Neighbourhood Planning website. All resources are on the same webpage. To find them go to: https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/toolkits-and-guidance/

**Key Resources:**

**Neighbourhood Plan Roadmap Guide**
This guide is for all those involved in, or thinking about, producing a Neighbourhood Plan, and for those who are just curious to find out more.

**Neighbourhood Plan Project Planner**
The Project Planner will assist you to set key dates on the neighbourhood planning journey.

**Neighbourhood Planning Grant & Technical Support Guidance Notes**
These are the Guidance Notes to apply for Neighbourhood Planning Grants and Technical Support.

**Resources:**

**Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)**
This toolkit aims to help those involved in Neighbourhood Planning to consider the issues of infrastructure provision and improvement in their neighbourhood development plan.

**Regeneration**
This tool has been prepared to help neighbourhood planning groups to address regeneration issues in their neighbourhood plans. This can involve a wide range of issues, including regeneration of housing estates, town centres, and industrial and commercial areas.

**Local Green Spaces**
Green space can be a key asset for many communities and a specific kind of land designation called a ‘local green space’ can protect these assets from development. This toolkit highlights what we mean by ‘local green space’, how a neighbourhood plan can address green space and green infrastructure and the evidence base required for local green space designation and policies on green space.

**Memorandum of Understanding**
This toolkit explains the purpose, content and use of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a qualifying body (QB) for neighbourhood planning and stakeholders critical to the development of a successful neighbourhood development plan or order. In particular, a MOU is relevant to the way in which a QB and their Local Planning Authority (LPA) do business together.
Social Survey
This toolkit is aimed at neighbourhood planners who may be developing a survey for the first time and explains how parish and town councils and neighbourhood forums can best approach a survey phase and use the data and evidence produced to maximum effect in justifying their neighbourhood plan policies.

Neighbourhood Development Order (NDO) and Community Right to Build Orders (CRtBOs) Guide
This guide has been prepared to guide organisations on the use of NDOs and CRtBOs. It sets out the reasons why such orders should be considered, their possible uses, the process involved and good practice.

Commissioning Consultants
This guide describes the process of commissioning consultants to support the town/ parish council or neighbourhood forum, (the commissioning client) in the production of the neighbourhood plan.

Housing Needs Assessment at Neighbourhood Plan Level
This guide explains how neighbourhood planners can produce Housing Needs Assessments (HNAs) for their neighbourhood area, why they may need to do so, and the resources necessary to undertake this work.

Design in Neighbourhood Planning
This guide describes the role of good design within a neighbourhood plan, setting out some tools and activities for assessing the qualities and character of a place and guiding the development of design policies within the neighbourhood plan.

Viability Toolkit for Neighbourhood Planning
This toolkit will help neighbourhood groups preparing neighbourhood plans and NDOs who are engaging with viability issues.

Neighbourhood Planning Community Consultation
In this guide you’ll find advice on: helping people to imagine the future, engaging with different groups, organising events, engagement events, making the most of your community’s physical assets and hidden talents, and some examples of projects that have pioneered this approach.

Planning for Community-led Housing
The guide is targeted at people and organisations that are currently preparing neighbourhood plans, or have recently made a neighbourhood plan and are looking at ways to deliver its aims.
Site Assessment for Neighbourhood Plans
This guide is aimed at neighbourhood planning groups who are intending to allocate sites for development within the neighbourhood plan.

Screening Neighbourhood Plans for Strategic Environmental Assessment
This guide sets out how neighbourhood groups can conclude whether an SEA is required for their neighbourhood plan and the next steps it should take having made this determination.

General Conformity with Strategic Local Planning Policy
This guidance note deals with the need for neighbourhood plans to be in general conformity with strategic local planning policies.

Establishing a Neighbourhood Planning Forum
This resource is designed to help groups or individuals who want to establish a neighbourhood forum and to develop a suitable constitution.

The Power of Neighbourhood Planning
Taking real world examples from neighbourhood plans across the country, this guide answers key questions around the scope of neighbourhood planning.

Writing Planning Policies
Planning jargon can seem like a foreign language so this guide shows how to write planning policies which will address the issues that matter to your neighbourhood.

Keeping it Simple
This guide shows how to keep your neighbourhood plan simple.

Terms of Reference for Neighbourhood Plans
The following neighbourhood planning areas have provided their terms of reference for you to view: Morpeth, Allendale and East Leake.

Neighbourhood Planning Glossary
Definitions of frequently used terms in neighbourhood planning.

How to set up a Neighbourhood Forum
This resource explains how to set up a neighbourhood forum, including: ensuring membership is representative of your neighbourhood area and putting together a written constitution, how to formally apply for designation of your neighbourhood forum and how your application will be determined by the local planning authority.
A Guidebook to Low Carbon Neighbourhood Planning
This guidebook has been developed to help you and your community develop a neighbourhood plan, concentrating on the potential neighbourhood planning has to address climate change mitigation and adaptation considerations.

Social Media Guidelines for Neighbourhood Planning
Sets out some social media guidelines for neighbourhood planners.

What transport matters can a neighbourhood plan address?
Provides a comprehensive understanding of the transport issues that fall within scope of neighbourhood planning and those that do not.

How to consider the environment in neighbourhood plans
This guide sets out how to consider the natural and historic environment when making a neighbourhood plan and has been written by statutory consultees.

Frequently asked questions by neighbourhood planners
This guide answers the most commonly occurring questions asked by those not familiar with the planning system. It helps explain how the planning system operates, where neighbourhood planning fits in, and the neighbourhood planning process itself.

**Guidance and Legislation**

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2018
The NPPF sets out the Government’s planning policies for England and how these should be applied. It provides a framework within which locally-prepared plans (including neighbourhood plans) for housing and other development can be produced. Replaces the 2012 NPPF.

Localism Act 2011
These explanatory notes relate to the Localism Act 2011, which contains a wide range of measures to devolve more powers to councils and neighbourhoods and give local communities greater control over local decisions like housing and planning.

Planning Practice Guidance
https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/planning-practice-guidance
Provides advice on the neighbourhood planning system introduced by the Localism Act 2012, including key stages and decisions (e.g. deciding neighbourhood areas, the legal tests for neighbourhood plans, and the process of independent examination and referendum).
The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, and subsequent amendments
These are the Regulations set out the procedure for the designation of neighbourhood areas and neighbourhood forums and for the preparation of neighbourhood development plans and Neighbourhood Development Orders (including Community Right to Build Orders).
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