

The Community Perspective Workshop



The main points arising from the Communities Perspective Workshop Session were:

Comments about Planning and Planners:

- Planning to become more 'User Friendly'
- Planners need to use 'User Friendly Language.'
- Training in Communication could be beneficial
- Planners could attend community discussion groups
- Planners need to listen to the community and talk to representatives of community groups

Comments about LSP's and their potential role:

- LSP's could act as Interface (between Community/ Community Groups and Planning)
- LSP's need to contact and involve the parishes
- LSP's need to include Community Group Representatives

The role and potential for Community Groups:

- Community groups can be useful to let the public know what is going on
- Community Groups pass information on to Communities,
- Community Groups should have representation on LSP's
- Community involvement could speed up Planning Process
- Community Groups talk to their neighbourhoods
- Larger town communities should be defined as functional groups rather than geographical.

The Role of Parishes

- Parishes need to develop better contact with LSP and Planners
- Parishes need to become better informed on Planning Issues