

The Planners Perspective Workshop



The Planners Perspective Workshop considered the advantages and obstacles of 'Fitting' the required processes to meet demand and community expectation and identified the following key points:

Obstacles to 'Fitting' are:

- Planners workload high
- Lack of resource time for planners to advise Community Planning groups
- Lack of fit of timescales of Community Plans and the statutory planning process.
- LDF process is very complicated
- The formal process doesn't encourage early and continuous dialogue
- Difficulties in planning for the future
- The MCTi process excludes the planners

Advantages of 'Fitting' are:

- Delivering what the community want
- Integrated master planning
- Coming together of different perspectives
- Putting Community Plans in Context
- Avoiding duplication
- Sifting out the rubbish
- Recognising the 'Have to' items! (legislation)
- Sharing of resources
- Learning on both sides
- Building better relationships to make it easier next time
- Community ownership

The Cultures:

- Junior planners are given the engagement role, senior planners avoid contact
- Perception that Planners don't understand how communities work
- Use of 'Planner Speak' make it too complex to understand
- Perceptions that Planners don't believe in partnership 'Us vs Them'
- Feeling that GOSW make it very difficult - disinterested