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Neighbourhood Planning: Is it B.S?

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Brain Surgery?

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"This isn't brain surgery. This is about how you shape your community. This ought to be a community-owned occupation, not something that requires a huge overwhelming amount of technical content." *Andrew Stunnell M.P.,*

Under SoS, DCLG

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What I will talk about...

- **Personal reflections gained over 25 years**
- **New process**
- **Technical content**
- **Community-owned occupation?**

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New Process

- **Define your neighbourhood**
- **Survey and evidence base**
- **Draft Plan**
- **Consult**
- **Revise the Plan**
- **Examination**
- **Referendum**

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Defining your neighbourhood

- **Easy bits – parish and town councils**
- **What if you do not have a parish or town council?**
- **Contested areas**
- **Overlaps**
- **Not chosen?**

Survey/evidence base

- **Front loading**
- **Who better placed?**
- **Outside Eye?**
- **Analysis**
- **Projection**
- **“Techie” bits – local skills?**

Drafting and revising the plan

- **Time and commitment**
- **“The Melt”**
- **Writers**
- **Examination/Legal Challenge/Core Strategy**
- **Criticism “think skin”**
- **Different views**

Examination

- **Time to stand up and be counted**
- **Evidence**
- **Dealing with representations**
- **Inspectors, barristers, developers, paid advisors**

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Referenda

- **At last a vote!**
- **May not necessary!**
- **Help will be there**
- **Timing**
- **For and against**

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Technical Content

- **Infrastructure**
- **Sustainability Appraisal**
- **Habitat Regulations**
- **Population Projections**
- **The Core Strategy**

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Technical Content

- **Lots of help available**
- **From within the community**
- **Planning Aid**
- **Council planners**
- **Free time?**
- **Paid advisors**
- **Budget?**

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Community-owned occupation?

YES

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But is it brain surgery?

NO

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PLANNER community engagement **designer**

Geographer surveyor **negotiator** mediator

lawyer representation POWER

Advocate **DECISION MAKER** ecologist **TRANSPORT**
ENGINEER Demographer ECONOMIST

Politician

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