



Place shaping in your community participation event

The planning department would like to invite you and members of your committees and forums to attend a two hour participation event where you will have the opportunity to set priorities for your local community.

Why are we holding the event?

The events are a response to the Government's new 'localism' policy and the desire to include existing communities in the emerging core strategy. The events are an opportunity for the community members to shape and influence the strategic futures of their areas and for the community to establish the important local priorities in terms of infrastructure and local solutions.

How will the event be run?

In a two hour participation session (there will be a coffee/tea break during the two hours) the community will be asked three questions. The questions are:

What do you value in your community?

What do you find difficult or what would you like to improve in your area?

What are your aspirations for your community in the future?

Areas of interest/discussion could include:

- Housing
- Education
- Roads
- Public Transport
- Retail outlets
- Parks and green spaces
- Employment
- Community facilities
- Sports and leisure
- Safe and healthy communities
- Any other issue which is important to you about the community where you live.

The community will be split into groups; every group will have one or two planning officers. The independent facilitator will ask the questions (noted above). After each question the community will be given time to discuss in pairs and then as a group, their ideas. The community will be asked to write their ideas on post it notes and then place them onto the corresponding

boards. The planners will be capturing any information which has not been written down onto the post it notes.

What will happen to the comments I make on the post it notes or the comments captured by the planners?

The notes and captured comments will be written up. The notes will form part of an evidence base which will be used to draw up local priorities for your community in the emerging core strategy.