

NALC Neighbourhood Planning survey

At the end of the 2025-6 financial year the government ceased all general and technical funding to parish and town councils and neighbourhood fora to help them develop, adopt and make neighbourhood plans. NALC met with Locality (which for several years had done an excellent job dispersing the above mentioned funding), who confirmed that as well as the entire Locality neighbourhood planning team having now been scrapped, all of the extensive Locality library of neighbourhood planning materials have been migrated to the [.gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

Whilst the government has stated it has no intention of legislating to rescind the Localism Act 2011 and get rid of neighbourhood planning, the NALC Policy Committee agreed at its 12 May 2026 session that NALC would undertake a survey on neighbourhood planning (via the 43 county associations of Local Councils) of the 2,850 parish councils which have developed neighbourhood plans in recent years – to gauge their intentions, to vet their status, and to help inform NALC's evidence when lobbying the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ahead of its upcoming update to neighbourhood planning guidance.

Accordingly if you are a parish or town council which has developed a neighbourhood plan, please take the 5-10 minutes to complete this survey. The deadline for responses is 25 September 2026.

Required

- 1.** Please tell us the name of your neighbourhood plan group.
- 2.** Please advise your county association.
- 3.** Please tell us the designation date of your neighbourhood area from the options provided below:

2012-2014

2015-2017

2018-2020

2021-2023

2024-2026

- 4.** Please tell us the date on which your parish or town council's neighbourhood plan was made from the options below:

2012-2014

2015-2017

2018-2020

2021-2023

2024-2026

5. Please indicate if, after designation, your parish and town council decided not to develop a neighbourhood plan:

My parish or town council decided to develop a neighbourhood plan after designation

My parish or town council decided not to develop a neighbourhood plan after designation