

Confidence Through Networking

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Session objectives

- Share the value of talking to other Neighbourhood Planning groups
- To help you find people who you can talk to so that you can help each other through your NP process
- To provide an opportunity for you to air what you are thinking about and need help with
- To familiarise you with the resources that are available to support you
- To make a plan to network with each other and others to share what you know

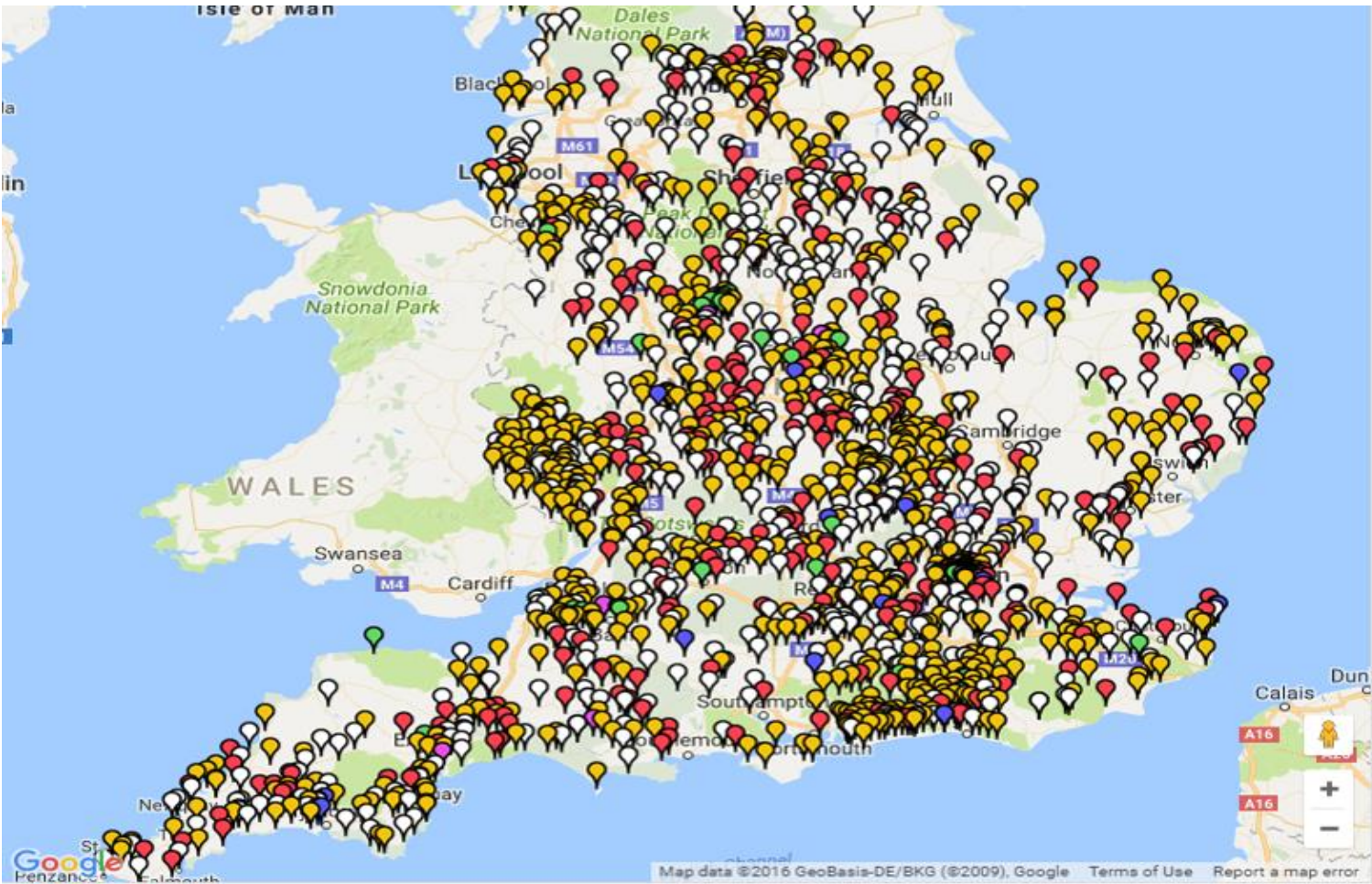
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You all have the same task - to produce **four** documents to submit to your **local planning authority** for independent examination and then to a referendum of residents/businesses:

- ✓ *A Map of your agreed Neighbourhood Plan area* - where your plan policies and proposals will apply
- ✓ *The Neighbourhood Plan itself* - policies and proposals about the use of land and buildings in a neighbourhood area
- ✓ *A Consultation Statement* - an account of who you spoke to about your plan and how it influenced its content
- ✓ *A Basic Conditions Statement* - how your plan meets requirements for sustainable development, EU regulations and fits with national and district planning policy from a neighbourhood perspective

Why Network?

There is no **problem** that someone, somewhere has not already had to **deal with** - both designated bodies and local planning authority officers and councillors



There are plenty of people doing it who know stuff you don't!



No man is an
island...

~John Donne

Issues people face in neighbourhood planning

Establishing Designated bodies in Urban Areas and Parishes agreeing to a plan

- Agreeing an area - straightforward sometimes, not so in others
- Joint Business and Resident Neighbourhood Planning
- Coping with NIMBYs and disagreements within designated bodies
- Engaging with the local planning authority, politicians, landowners and developers

Issues people face in neighbourhood planning

Writing a Neighbourhood Plan

- The lack of an up to date Local Plan
- Writing policy that is locally distinctive and will “stick”
- Designating sites
- Making sense of evidence and preparing your own.

Issues people face in neighbourhood planning

Getting organised and resourcing the process

- Making sure you don't lose the plot
- Getting people to invest their time
- Ways to share the work
- Creative ways to do it
- Becoming a planner
- Getting hold of some money.



Making the best of Networking

- People have examples to share - documents, templates, survey forms, policies that have been agreed in a finally “made” plan
- People have stories to tell - how they won people over - the arguments they used, the examples they used as precedents
- You can develop relationships with people with like minds who you can trust
- You get the satisfaction of helping others to solve problems.

Over to you...

- Questions?
- Next session you get to air and share to start the process of finding useful people and picking their brains

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