



Working with young people

We take a look at working with young people when preparing your neighbourhood plan

Why?

- Neighbourhood plans should aim to best represent the views of all who live in the area. Young people are an important part of every community and should be given the chance to express their views.
- The views of young people offer a different perspective on important issues.
- Young people can offer more than just their views, contributing their time, energy and skills as volunteers. This benefits both young people and the community as a whole.
- Engaging with young people ensures your plan will have the support of people of all ages, helping to better secure its future.

How do you ensure that a Plan's content not only reflects the views of the elderly and the middle aged, but also meets the needs of the younger members of the community?

Host a 30 minute discussion session with several age groups in the school. The engagement to be modelled on a modern primary school lesson with each class session starting with a brief outline of the aims of neighbourhood planning and then discussion based around a series of openended questions. One member of the Task Group could lead the debate. The other could take note of the responses and the themes raised by the children.

Insight

The aim is to gain insight on issues including (but not limited to):

- .areas where the Children do not feel safe,
- how green spaces could be improved
- what is good and bad about local play equipment
- good and bad housing design
- speeding hotspots
- where broadband and wireless signals are poor.
- Future facilities needed
- Conservation and wildlife habitats
- Cycle paths/foot paths



Involvement for the workshop

Let the Children design a pretend new development in Peasmarsh

Where would they choose to have it?

What style/type of housing would they choose (give them a selection of images and let them choose)

What type and how much allocation for green/ open spaces

Would they put in street lights, paths, another play area etc ?

Invite

Invite the parents to come and see their Childs work on display at our workshop