Planning power is heading back to the people

Planning is a key part of public life, but the planning system is complex, confusing and remote. Right? Wrong! It is possible to understand the planning system and to influence planning outcomes.

First person

A revolution in planning power is now being delivered by a new national policy. Planning power is being devolved to local government and communities.

The new approach is about taking decisions locally and giving people a say in the development that affects their lives.

Planning is about more than just building houses. It's about creating places where people want to live, work and play.

Planning can help to make our communities better by providing a framework for development that is sustainable, inclusive and responsive to local needs.

Planning is also about protecting the environment. It helps to ensure that development is compatible with the natural world and that our countryside is preserved for future generations.

Planning is about ensuring that development is delivered in a way that is safe, healthy and affordable. It helps to create opportunities for people to access good jobs and to support local businesses.

Planning is about providing a framework for development that is inclusive, fair and open to all. It helps to ensure that everyone has a say in the development that affects their lives.