Local & Neighbourhood Planning

Opportunity

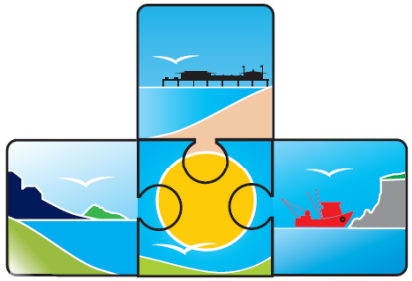
- For local people to have a greater say about planning in their area
- Local + Neighbourhood Plans = Development Plan with teeth
- Local Plan does not allocate sites. Seen as meaningful role for Neighbourhood Plans.
- Opportunity to identify sites and nature of viable development should not be missed

Risk

- With opportunity comes responsibility
- If Neighbourhood Plan doesn't identify sites, the Local Plan may fail
- If Local Plan fails, so will Neighbourhood Plan
- Local Plan identification of sites with planning permission or previously allocated helps reduce risk in first 5 years

Neighbourhood Plans – duty

- To promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area
- Must be in general conformity with the Local Plan and/or NPPF
- Must equal or exceed level of change / growth in Local Plan

Structure of Neighbourhood Plan

- Context: history and nature of area; big issues
- Projects: 'community pride' / quality of place projects
- Sites / buildings: particularly in focus areas (e.g. Torquay Gateway)
- Policy: additional policy / detail to add to Local Plan