# Neighbourhood Planning Process Timetable

Regulations refer to Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012

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**Step 1. Application for designation of a neighbourhood area (Regulation 5)**

1. (a) Application must include a map which identifies the area to which the neighbourhood area application relates  
   (b) Application must include a statement explaining why area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area  
   (c) Application must include a statement that body making area application is a relevant body in accordance with legislation (61G of 1990 Act* as amended by Localism Act 2011)  

2. Local planning authority may decline to consider an area application if relevant body has already made an area application and a decision has not been made on that application

*1990 Act refers to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

**Step 2. Publicising an area application (Regulation 6)**

Local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and elsewhere as appropriate

- (a) a copy of area application  
- (b) details of how to make representations  
- (c) deadline for receipt of representations (minimum 6 week period)

**Step 3. Publicising the designation of a neighbourhood area etc (Regulation 7)**

1. As soon as possible after designation, local planning authority must publicise the following on website and elsewhere as appropriate
   - (a) name of the neighbourhood area  
   - (b) map identifying the area  
   - (c) name of relevant body applying for designation
2. As soon as possible after deciding to refuse a designation, local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and elsewhere as appropriate:

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<td>details of where and when decision document can be seen</td>
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**Neighbourhood Areas - Application to establish the neighbourhood forum**

**Step 4. Application for designation of a neighbourhood forum (Regulation 8)**

1. Where a body submits a neighbourhood forum application to the local planning authority, it must include:

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<td>name of proposed neighbourhood forum</td>
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<td>a copy of written constitution of proposed neighbourhood forum</td>
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<td>(c)</td>
<td>name of neighbourhood area and a map identifying area</td>
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<td>(d)</td>
<td>contact details of at least one member of proposed neighbourhood forum</td>
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<td>statement of how proposed neighbourhood forum meets relevant legislation (61F of 1990 Act as amended by Localism Act 2011)</td>
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**Step 5. Publicising a neighbourhood forum application (Regulation 9)**

1. As soon as possible after receiving a neighbourhood forum application, the local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and elsewhere as appropriate:

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<td>a statement that if a designation is made, no other body may be designated for that neighbourhood area until designation expires or is withdrawn</td>
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**Step 6. Publicising a designation of a neighbourhood forum (Regulation 10)**

1. As soon as possible after designating a neighbourhood forum, a local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and elsewhere as appropriate:

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(c) the name of the neighbourhood area to which designation relates
(d) contact details of at least one member of the neighbourhood forum

2. As soon as possible after deciding to refuse a designation, local planning authority must publicise the following on their website and elsewhere as appropriate
   (a) a refusal statement setting out decision and reasons for the decision
   (b) details of where and when refusal statement can be seen

### Neighbourhood Development Plans
- Develop draft plan proposals and policies

#### Step 7. Pre-submission consultation and publicity for the plan (Regulation 14)

1. Before submitting a plan proposal to the local planning authority, the qualifying body must
   (a) publicise in an appropriate manner in the neighbourhood area
      (i) details of the proposals in a neighbourhood development plan
      (ii) details of where and when proposals for neighbourhood development plan can be seen
      (iii) details of how to make representations
      (iv) deadline for receipt of representations (minimum 6 week period)
   (b) consult relevant consultation bodies that may be affected by neighbourhood development plan
   (c) send a copy of proposals for neighbourhood development plan to local planning authority

#### Step 8. Plan proposals (Regulation 15)

1. Where a qualifying body submits a plan proposal to the local planning authority, it must include
   (a) a map or statement identifying the proposed neighbourhood plan area
   (b) a consultation statement
   (c) the proposed neighbourhood development plan; and
   (d) a statement explaining how the proposed neighbourhood development plan meets the relevant legislation (para 8 of SCHEDULE 4B of 1990 Act as inserted Localism Act, set out in schedule 10)
2. A consultation statement means a document that
   (a) contains details of persons and bodies consulted about plan
   (b) explains how they were consulted
   (c) summaries main issues raised by consultees
   (d) describes how issues have been considered and where relevant
       addressed in proposed neighbourhood development plan

### Step 9. Publicising a plan proposal (Regulation 16)

1. As soon as possible after receiving a plan proposal that includes all of the relevant documents, the local planning authority must

   (a) publicise the following on their website and elsewhere as appropriate
      (i) details of the plan proposal
      (ii) details of where and when the plan proposal can be seen
      (iii) details of how to make representations
      (iv) a statement that representations may include a request to be notified of local planning authority’s decision under Regulation 19 below
      (v) deadline for receipt of representations (minimum 6 week period)

   (b) notify any consultation body referred to in the consultation statement that the plan proposal has been received

### Step 10. Submission of a plan proposal to examination (Regulation 17)

1. As soon as possible after appointment of person to carry out an examination, local planning authority must send the following to the person appointed

   (a) the plan proposal
   (b) the other plan proposal documents referred to in Regulation 15(1) submitted to the local planning authority
   (c) information relating to Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations if relevant
   (d) a copy of any representations made (Regulation 16)

### Step 11. Publication of the examiner’s report and plan proposal decisions (Regulation 18)

1. Local planning authority can decide
   (a) to decline to consider a plan proposal
   (b) to refuse a plan proposal
(c) what action to take in response to the recommendations of an examiner regarding a neighbourhood plan
(d) what modifications if any they are to make to the draft plan
(e) whether to extend the area to which a referendum is to take place
(f) that they are not satisfied with the plan proposal

2. As soon as possible after making a decision referred to above, a local planning authority must publish on their website and elsewhere as appropriate
   (a) the decision and their reasons (the decision statement)
   (b) details of where and when the decision statement may be inspected
   (c) the report made by the examiner

### Step 12. Decision on a plan proposal (Regulation 19)

1. As soon as possible after deciding to make a neighbourhood development plan (or refusing to make a plan), a local planning authority must
   (a) publish on their website and elsewhere as appropriate
      (i) a statement setting out the decision and their reasons (the decision statement)
      (ii) details of where and when the decision statement may be inspected
   (b) send a copy of the decision statement to
      (i) the qualifying body
      (ii) any person who asked to be notified of the decision

### Step 13. Publicising a neighbourhood development plan (Regulation 19)

1. As soon as possible after making a neighbourhood development plan, a local planning authority must
   (a) publish on their website and elsewhere as appropriate
      (i) the neighbourhood development plan
      (ii) details of where and when the neighbourhood development plan may be inspected
   (b) notify any persons who asked to be notified of the making of the neighbourhood development plan that it has been made and where and when it may be inspected