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## Information Sheet: Heritage Link's Guide to useful links for Planning Resources on the web

As a result of the Heritage Link 2006 report *Making Consultation Matter*, this information is being provided to signpost existing online resources that are proving useful in encouraging and assisting public involvement in land use planning. It is designed to be of practical use to all those wishing to get involved in planning issues. Resources include information on the planning system, getting involved in planning issues, making an assessment of your neighbourhood, campaigning and raising that essential finance.

To download pdf files of the full report *Making Consultation Matter* click [http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/MCM\\_full.pdf](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/MCM_full.pdf) for the Report and [http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/MCM\\_ReportAppendices.pdf](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/MCM_ReportAppendices.pdf) for the Appendices.

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If you have come across any useful links that could be included in this information sheet please email [mail@heritagelink.org.uk](mailto:mail@heritagelink.org.uk)

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## Community Involvement

The Community Planning website contains much advice and information for community involvement in planning. Anyone considering getting involved in planning issues should read *Why get involved?* – a document that lists the benefits that stem from community involvement. Take the time to add your suggestions to the list <http://www.communityplanning.net/whygetinvolved.htm>

Another document from the Community Planning website is *Getting Started* which has a whole host of information relating to methodology and strategy as well as planning and checklists <http://www.communityplanning.net/gettingstarted.htm>

The Royal Town Planning Institute provides best practice *Guidelines on effective community involvement and consultation* which are of interest to all stakeholders <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/item/593/23/5/3>

*The LSP Guide*, published by Urban Forum and the Community Development Foundation, discusses the role of local strategic partnerships and is helpful for the involvement of voluntary and community groups <http://www.urbanforum.org.uk/pubs/index.html>

ESRC Seminar Series *Mapping the public policy landscape: individual pathways in participation* discusses the pathways people take through participation and involvement, using case studies from north east London and Canada. Download the report from the archives on ncvo's website: [http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What\\_we\\_do/Research/Research\\_Events/ESRC\\_NCVO\\_brochure\\_on\\_pathways\\_PDF.pdf](http://www.ncvo-vol.org.uk/uploadedFiles/NCVO/What_we_do/Research/Research_Events/ESRC_NCVO_brochure_on_pathways_PDF.pdf)

## The value of the historic environment

The English Heritage second stage consultation document *Conservation principles, policies and guidance for the sustainable management of the historic environment* is a value-based approach to the management of the historic environment, taking account of the diverse ways in which people value the historic environment as part of their cultural and natural heritage <http://www.english-heritage.org.uk/server/show/ConWebDoc.10217>

Read the great range of benefits that the historic environment delivers in *Valuing Historic Places* on the website of the Institute of Historic Building Conservation [www.ihbc.org.uk/Downloads/IHBC%20Valuing%20Historic.pdf](http://www.ihbc.org.uk/Downloads/IHBC%20Valuing%20Historic.pdf)

London Historic Environment Forum's *Capital Values: the contribution of the historic environment to London*, published by English Heritage, shows how the historic environment contributes to the London economy, community and environment and indicates how partnerships can maximise the potential of the local historic environment [www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Capital-Values-part1.pdf](http://www.helm.org.uk/upload/pdf/Capital-Values-part1.pdf)

Common Ground's work is about encouraging people to value their everyday surroundings and to stand up for them. It gives several resources explaining Parish Maps, which are rather different from 'usual' maps shaped by surveying, measuring, fact gathering, analysis and policymaking. Parish Maps aim to highlight the very things which make a place significant to people who know it well rather than the purely physical characteristics. The medium can help people to chart what they value locally, to make their voice heard amongst professionals and developers and to begin to take action and some control in the decisions being made about their place. The description 'parish', though inspired by the ecclesiastical definition, is used in the sense of a self defined small territory, the smallest arena in which life is played out.

For information and examples of parish maps see [www.commonground.org.uk](http://www.commonground.org.uk) and [www.England-in-particular.info](http://www.England-in-particular.info) for further case studies and ideas.

## Assessment of Place

Urban Design Alliance *To get the right answers, ask the right questions - arm yourself with a placecheck: a user's guide*. Readers may find this document useful to help assess the qualities of a place, 'showing what improvements are needed, and focusing people on working together to achieve them' <http://www.placecheck.info/>

## Campaigning

A series of questions and tactics that the Victorian Society find effective when mounting a local campaign <http://www.victorian-society.org.uk/adv6.html>

A helpful document relating to good practice on responding to consultations [www.civicforum.org.uk/participation\\_toolkit/responding\\_to\\_consultation\\_papers.htm](http://www.civicforum.org.uk/participation_toolkit/responding_to_consultation_papers.htm)

Some good advice on how to use your own resources to augment the efforts of your conservation officer from Heritage Link [www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/Les\\_sparks\\_HowTo.pdf](http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/docs/Les_sparks_HowTo.pdf)

## Planning information

The Planning Portal website offers a one-stop-shop for planning and building services for the general public including planning permission, building regulations and appeals as well as contact details and links to local authorities <http://www.planningportal.gov.uk/>

It is possible to search for the schedules of specific local authority planning documents from the Local Development Scheme database search page <http://ldsdatabase.planningportal.gov.uk/ldfsearch.aspx>

Urban Planning's *Handy Guide to Planning* is a good introduction to the planning system <http://www.urbanforum.org.uk/pubs/index.html>

More detailed information on the planning system can be found in Planning Aid's *Planning Information Pack* – a series of individual leaflets with in-depth information [http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk/pooled/articles/BF\\_PSART/view.asp?Q=BF\\_PSART\\_231650](http://www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk/pooled/articles/BF_PSART/view.asp?Q=BF_PSART_231650)

Practical information from the Campaign to Protect Rural England for those who want to influence the development of their local region, stop or improve a bad development or read the latest planning news <http://www.planninghelp.org.uk/>

The Council for British Archaeology have a series of fact sheets relating to planning issues which can be accessed from <http://www.britarch.ac.uk/conserves/planning/plansheet1.html>

## Finance, Funding and Fundraising

Useful information can be found on the Finance Hub

- Introducing Funding and Finance - choose either the pocket sized guide or a more comprehensive pack of information accessed from
- A directory of existing funding sources including national and regional offices of funding bodies, government and agencies and links to websites
- A guide to fundraising

All available from <http://financehub.org.uk/?Resources#intropack>

In addition, a list of sources for funding may be found at <http://www.volunteering.org.uk/applyforfunding/otherfundingsources.htm>

Heritage Link's own Funding Directory is a user-friendly online database of UK funding sources for heritage and the historic environment. From the homepage click on the Funding Directory logo or go type in the url

<http://www.heritagelink.org.uk/fundingdirectory/main/fundinghome.php>

## Participation and Wellbeing

This short article discusses recent research relating to participation and wellbeing. *Community participation is a good thing. Correct? Not when it burns out the participants*, says Carolyn Kagan <http://www.newstartmag.co.uk/features/health-hazards>

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