

Planning Aid in Action: Lockleaze Frontrunner Support

Background

Lockleaze is one of the 10% most deprived neighbourhoods in England and a northern residential suburb of Bristol. They have a positive history of community engagement and worked with Planning Aid previously, to produce 'The Community's Vision for Lockleaze'

We were contacted by David Farnsworth, the assigned Neighbourhood Planning Network mentor for Lockleaze, one of the first wave front runners. He wanted to understand how 'Planning Aid', one of the four providers, could assist Lockleaze in formulating their 'Neighbourhood Plan'.

A meeting with the Neighbourhood Forum representatives was organised, along with a representative from the Local Planning Authority who attended to offer advice and guidance on what support they could give.



Planning Aid's support included:-

- Seeking volunteers - in particular those with an expertise in Community Planning and with an interest in the emergence of Neighbourhood Planning.
- Meeting with representatives of the Neighbourhood Forum and discussing the evidence base needed to create their Neighbourhood Plan.
- Recruiting a volunteer who was able to direct the Forum to sources of information/available data and who suggested questions they might wish to consider when looking at securing evidence to support their plan.

What was the outcome of the project?

This project is on going, with the Forum choosing when to draw on the professional skills of 'Planning Aid's' volunteers.

For example, a volunteer with a landscape background has been identified who can support the Forum in assessing their local spaces. They are also receiving help from a retail specialist volunteer.