



## Neighbourhood Planning support: Trull

### Background

Trull is a Parish and a village located just outside of Taunton, covering an extensive area to the south of the town, with various small settlements and farms and extensive farmland extending as far south as the M5 corridor. The Trull area has been identified as a potential area to accommodate a substantial element of Taunton's long term growth. Trull produced a Parish Plan in 2005, which has recently been updated.

### How did Planning Aid England help?

Trull Parish Council first contacted Planning Aid England (PAE) in the autumn of 2012, seeking support in producing their Neighbourhood Plan. PAE worked with the group and the Local Planning Authority to deliver a session on 'Are You Fit for Plan Preparation' to Trull and representatives from neighbouring groups also embarking on the plan preparation process. PAE is looking to support Trull further with the possibility of providing bespoke training and volunteer support.

### What difference did PAE's support make?

Eleanor Moore, Trull Neighbourhood planning group member, explains: "The training was well organised with good attention to detail; the timings, layout of the room, pace and variety of activities and the facilitation input were clearly all carefully planned and worked well on the day.

The training day was supported by a large team of Planning Aid England staff and volunteers, including a number of planning professionals who brought experience, insight and expertise in relation to our real issues and concerns. The latter were crucial in giving the day a real sense of usefulness and purpose.





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As a result of the clear, well thought out approach from PAE, the training has definitely helped our group to understand the neighbourhood planning process, and the principles that underpin it. It has boosted our confidence to continue to pursue our aim of a robust, well researched and community-centred plan.

In particular it helped us think more broadly about consultation, and it helped us to understand the inspection process more fully, as well as the importance of a well documented approach to consultation to provide evidence of community support for our plan content."

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