

Planning for climate change

Harnessing planning to meet the challenge of climate change



Steps in the process



Local development framework



Masterplanning pre-application

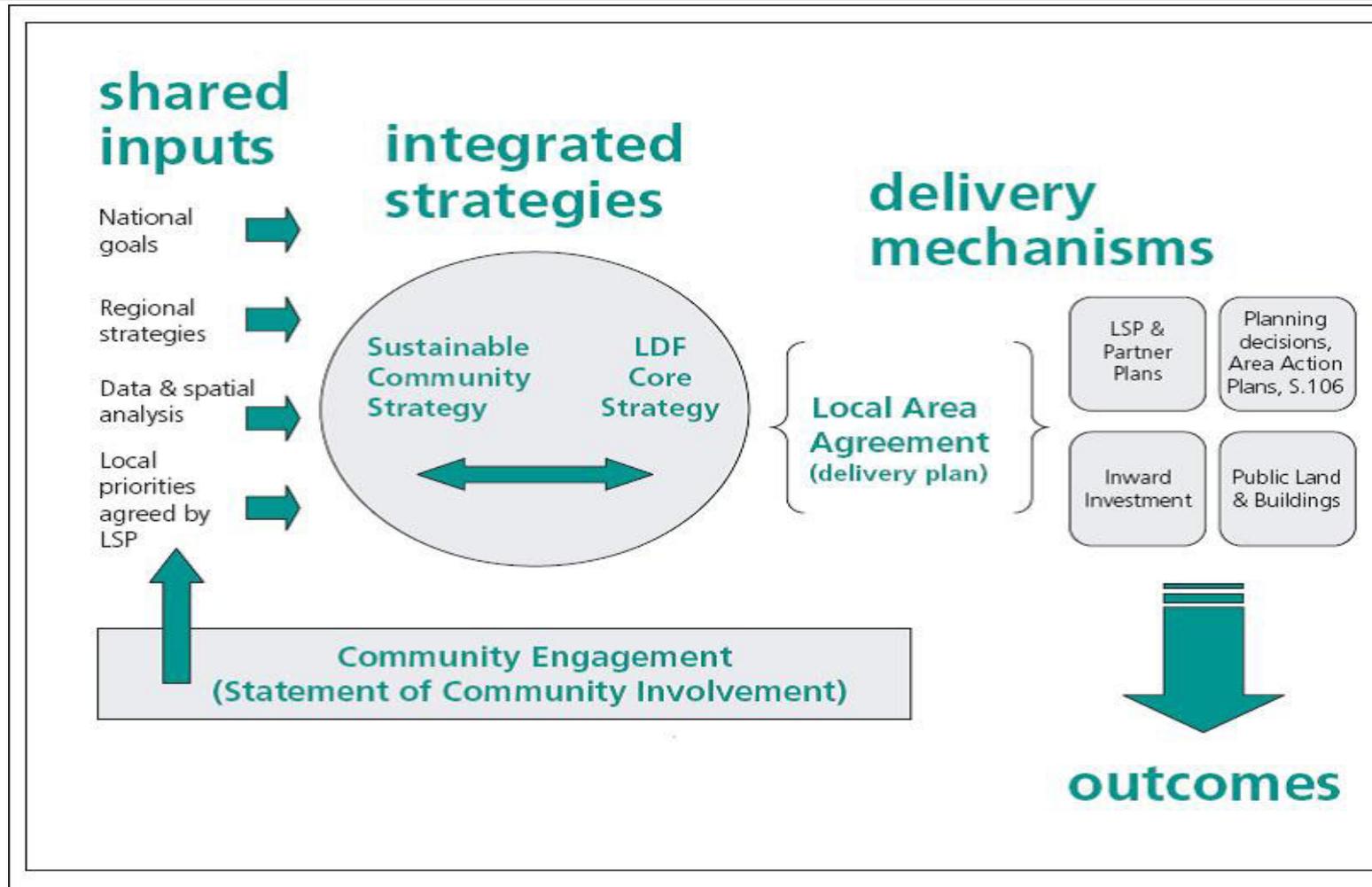


Planning applications

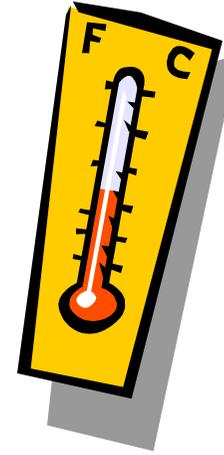
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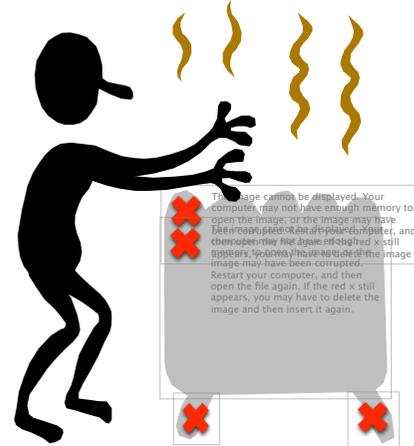
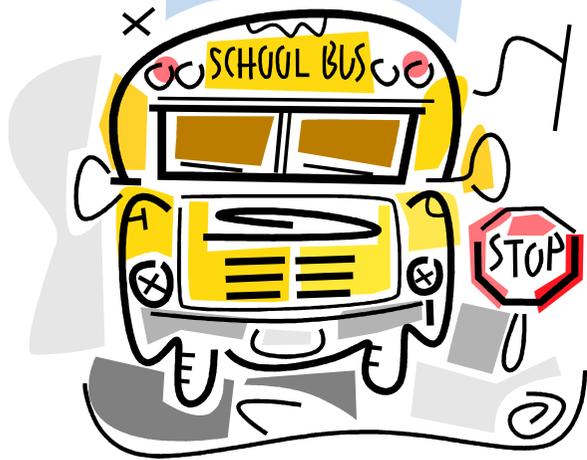
planning – tool for integration



Source: Planning together (RTPI/CLG)

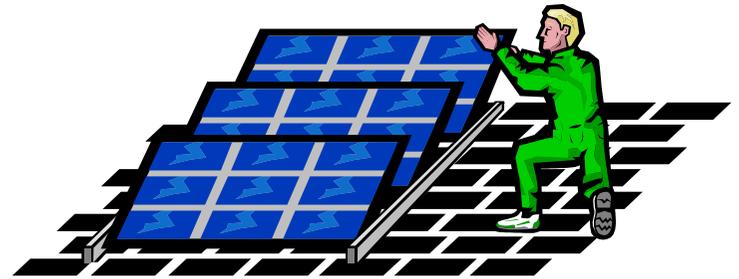


“Is climate change really our problem?”

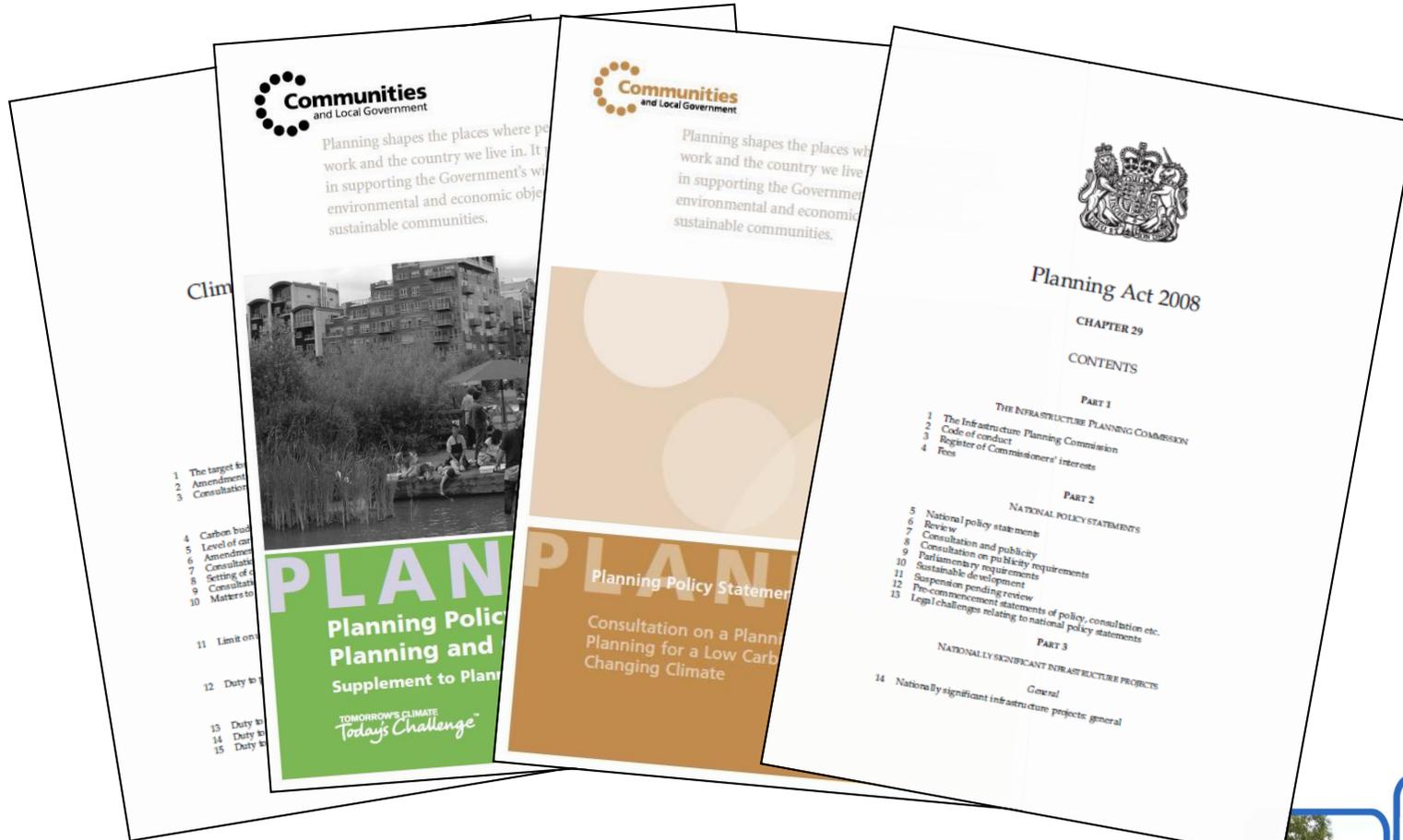




What are the links between climate change and planning?



National policy



From vision to policy



The core strategy orchestrates 'the necessary social, physical and green infrastructure' required to create sustainable communities.



Developing a local evidence base



energy

open space

settlement patterns

waste management

infrastructure

pollution control

employment

coastal planning

biodiversity

retail and town

flooding

centre development



Undertake viability appraisal



Example – St Helens affordable housing viability study included assumptions about Code for Sustainable Homes



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Adapting to climate change



Role of development management



Proactive Planning from Pre-Application to Delivery

- Pre-application
- Application
- Determination
- Delivery
- Monitoring



Development management



Things to look out for:

- energy efficiency
- cycle parking
- waste recycling
- adaptation to impacts



How can you take a lead?



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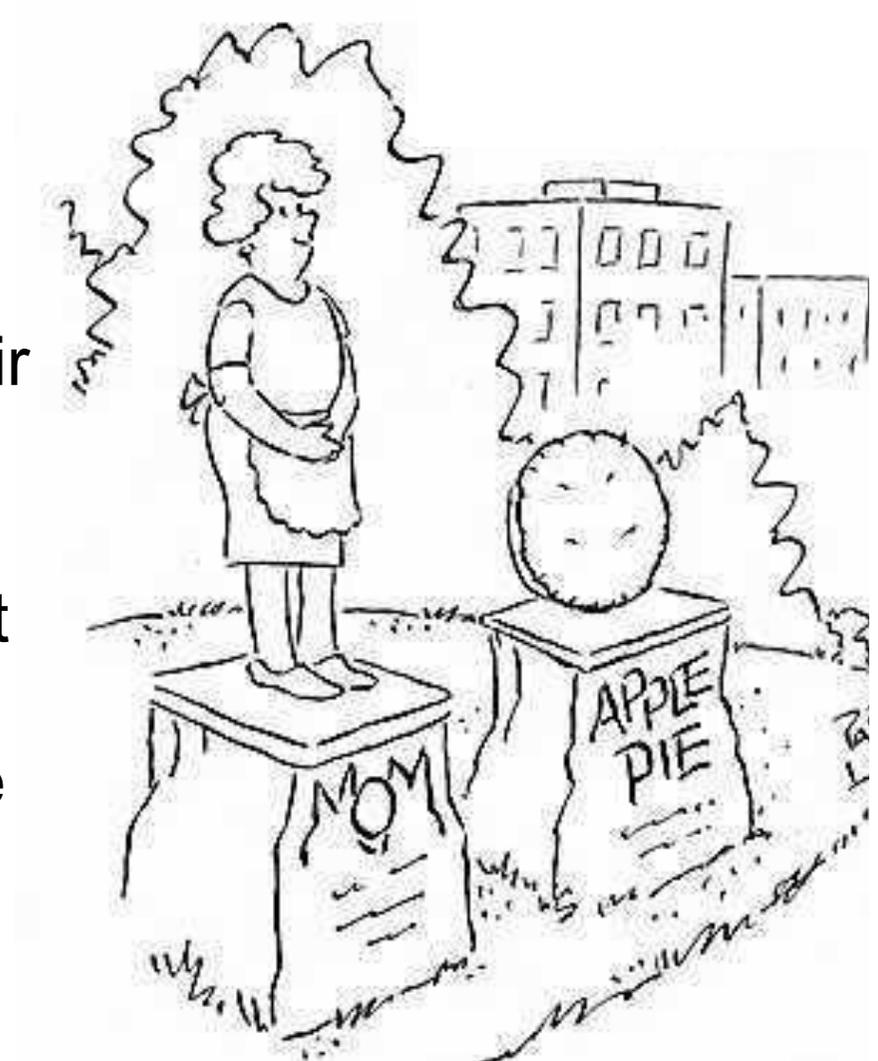


Planning Under Localism

CREATING A COHERENT SPATIAL VISION

Planning under localism

- The agenda
 - You are Councillors on Utopia's LDF panel
 - The previous council had made good progress with their Core Strategy
 - But it seems too vague
 - Now the new localism has set you free:
....It's even more of a challenge



Critique of Core Strategies



- They lost focus
 - Didn't focus on the important things
- It puts normal people off planning
 - You lose them about page 2
- Everything is a priority



Be more realistic About the economy



- Quantity
 - We'll get lots of new jobs
- Quality
 - Lots will be in priority sectors
 - Knowledge-based
 - Creative
 - Innovative
 - Green
 - Clean
 - High-paid



Does it matter?



- You allocate too much land for employment
- You allocate the wrong sites for employment
- You get distracted from looking for realistic solutions

Think hard about housing & job targets

Plan for both together



- It's a new task
 - Before localism RSSs set land provision targets
 - Population > households > housing requirement
- Some RSSs also showed economic targets
 - For employment growth and/or employment land provision
- Now you're on your own
- An opportunity to do things better
- But challenging

But we are only cutting a few houses....

- What's the harm in cutting 5,000 houses
 - When our stock is 60,000
 - And we're building an extra 10,000?
- But the impact will be disproportionate
 - Because we are living longer
 - Living in smaller households
 - You need more houses just to maintain your population
 - And lots more to maintain or grow your workforce
 - If that's what you want

Consequences of lower housing targets



- In the new preferred option you save some fields
- Outsiders who were going to move to Utopia won't be coming
- Plans for new business parks etc are at risk
- More of your jobs may be in local service industries

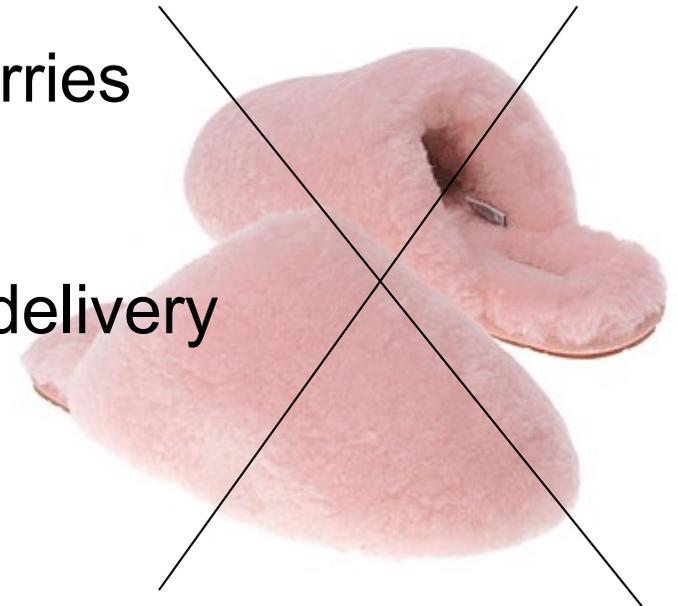
In summary

- Be more focused
 - On a few things you want to change and can change
- Be more realistic
 - About the economy
 - And public funding
- Plan for housing and jobs together
- So how could this work in Utopia?

A Spatial Vision for Utopia



- A description of the Utopia as we want it to be
- A picture of how Utopia will spatially develop
- A succinct statement of intent that carries consensus
- Helps motivate partners and assists delivery
- Identifies the main priorities
- Is realistic and deliverable



Key Priorities



- What issues are affecting Utopia
 - What is happening
 - Where is it happening
 - Who is affected
- What evidence do you have
- What do you want to change

Utopian Evening News 11 January 2031



What headline do you want
the local papers to report



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Engagement



How would you propose other Members who are not on the LDF panel should be involved in developing a good plan.

