



Planning - Local Planning Authorities

What do Local Planning Authorities do?

Local Planning Authorities (LPAs) are responsible for determining planning applications and enforcing planning law, and they are required to prepare a Local Development Plan for their area (see Planning Quick Guide 44: Local Development Plans).

The LPAs should act in a fair, transparent manner and encourage public participation in the planning system. The authorities are required to report on their performance annually, reviewing services and establishing action plans to show how improvements will be achieved.

What are the Local Planning Authorities?

The LPAs in Wales are the 22 Unitary Authorities and the 3 National Park Authorities. Information on planning applications, the Unitary or Local Development Plan, and any local supplementary planning guidance is available from each authority, and on their websites.

The 25 LPAs, and their respective websites, are as follows:

Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council:

<http://www.blaenau-gwent.gov.uk/>

Brecon Beacons National Park:

<http://www.breconbeacons.org/planning/>

Bridgend County Borough Council:

<http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/Web1/groups/public/documents/services/007914.hcsp>

Caerphilly County Borough Council:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/yourservices/planning/index.htm>

Cardiff City and County Council:

http://www.caerdydd.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=2870%2C3139&parent_directory_id=2865&positioning_article_id=&language=&sortkey

Carmarthenshire County Council:

<http://www.sirgar.gov.uk/eng/index.asp?locID=35>

Ceredigion County Council:


<http://www.ceredigion.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=164>

Conwy County Borough Council:

<http://www.conwy.gov.uk/sectionextra.asp?cat=459>

Denbighshire County Council:

[http://www.sirddinbych.gov.uk/EN/EnvDirec.nsf/\(\\$All\)/F6C145CEA473A43A80256C790056B7D1?OpenDocument](http://www.sirddinbych.gov.uk/EN/EnvDirec.nsf/($All)/F6C145CEA473A43A80256C790056B7D1?OpenDocument)



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Flintshire County Council:

http://www.siryfflint.gov.uk/webcont/newrealweb.nsf/vwa_areas/planning+services+online?OpenDocument

Gwynedd County Council:

http://www.gwynedd.gov.uk/gwy_doc.asp?docid=12901&catid=2953&Language=1

Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council:

<http://www.merthyr.gov.uk/Home/Local+Services/Planning/default.htm>

Monmouthshire County Council:

http://www.sirfynwy.gov.uk/Monmouth/English/Environment_and_Planning/Planning_Building_Moving/

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council:

<http://www.newport.gov.uk/dc/index.cfm>

Newport City Council:

<http://www.newport.gov.uk/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=planning.homepage>

Pembrokeshire County Council:

http://www.pembrokeshire.gov.uk/content.asp?nav=109&parent_directory_id=646&positioning_article_id=&language=&sortkey=

Pembrokeshire Coast National Park:

<http://www.pcnpa.org.uk/website/default.asp?SID=98>

Powys County Council:

<http://www.powys.gov.uk/index.php?id=141&L=0>

Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council:

http://www.rhondda-cynon-taf.gov.uk/stellent/groups/public/documents/hcst/landing_page.hcst?lang=en&textonly=false&xNodeID=200074

Snowdonia National Park Authority:

<http://snowdonia-npa.gov.uk/>

Swansea City and County Council:

<http://www.swansea.gov.uk/index.cfm?articleid=701>

Torfaen County Borough Council:

<http://www.torfaen.gov.uk/en/living/index.php/mid=172~sect=>

Vale of Glamorgan Council:

<http://www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk/>

Wrexham County Borough Council:

http://www.wreccsam.gov.uk/english/planning_portal/index.htm

Ynys Môn County Council:

<http://www.anglesey.gov.uk/doc.asp?cat=938>

What is the procedure to complain about a Local Planning Authority?



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Each LPA may have a different complaints procedure, but the following will usually apply in each case. In the first instance, a complaint should be directed to the LPA that is the subject of the complaint. Most authorities will have specific advice on how to complain, and most will accept complaints in writing, via email, in person, or on the telephone. Usually, a manager will investigate the complaint, and will respond within a specified timeframe. Certain types of complaints are often excluded from authorities' procedures, including:

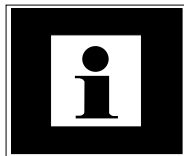
- A Town and Country Planning appeal against a refusal of planning permission or other planning decision.
- A complaint about a planning decision that you do not agree with, unless the complaint is about the process rather than the substance of the decision.

If the response is unsatisfactory, or if the plaintiff feels that there are grounds for taking further action, the Chief Planning Officer of the LPA should be contacted, stating the grounds for complaint.

If, having followed the complaints procedure of the relevant LPA, the plaintiff is still not satisfied, the Wales Local Government Ombudsman should be contacted, at:

Derwen House
Court Road
Bridgend
Morgannwg
CF31 1BL
Tel: 01656 661325

The Local Government Ombudsman is not able to investigate complaints that have not run the full course of complaints procedures available through LPAs.



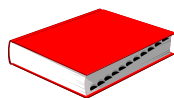
Further Information:

The Welsh Assembly Government planning home page is
<http://new.wales.gov.uk/topics/planning/?lang=en>



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