

Community Rights within the Localism Act (2011)



- Neighbourhood Planning and Community Right to Build (Infrastructure)
- Community Right to Challenge (Services)
- Community Right to Bid (Assets of community value)

Neighbourhood Planning and Community Right to Build (Infrastructure)



- Came into force in April 2012.
- Communities groups are able to become a Neighbourhood Forum
- Neighbourhood Development Plan' *

Used to establish general planning policies for the development and use of land in the neighbourhood (i.e. where new homes and offices should be built, what they should look like).

- Neighbourhood Development Orders'*

Allows the community to grant planning permission for development that complies with the order, removing the need for a planning application.

- Community Right to Build Order*

Gives the community themselves the power to build local housing, shops and community facilities without going through the normal planning application process.

NOTE: Plans and orders must be in line with local and national planning policies and cannot be used to block development.

* Community Referendum required

Community Right to Challenge (Services)



- Came into force on 27th June 2012
- 'Relevant' community and staff groups' able to challenge to take over local services that they think they can run differently and better.
- 'Expression of interest' submitted to the Council for consideration. Submission period 1st May to 31st July.
- May result in a procurement exercise in which the challenger would be able to take part along with other interested organisations.
- Exclusions apply

NOTE:

No automatic right to the EOI organisation to deliver the service.

No guarantee that the organisation will be successful in any procurement exercise.



Community Right to Bid (Assets of community value)

- Came into force on 21st September 2012
- **Community groups** have the opportunity to bid to buy and take over the running of assets that are of value to the local community.
- Property that is of value to the community (e.g. a village shop, community centre, library or local pub). Applies to publicly and privately owned.
- Register the asset by completing a Nomination form, and the owner is given the opportunity to appeal.
- ‘Approved’ and ‘Unsuccessful’ Community Asset Lists published on Council website.
- If the owner decides to sell the registered asset, then the community group is advised and given 6 weeks to confirm whether they wish to bid for it. If they wish to bid, then they have up to 6 months to submit a bid.
- Exclusions apply

NOTE: Not an automatic right to purchase the nominated asset.



How can a find out more?

- Search 'community rights' on boroughofpoole.com

www.boroughofpoole.com/communities-and-people/community-advice-and-grants/localism-act-community-rights/

- A Government Plain English guide to the Localism Act (2011)

Neighbourhood Forum

- application form & designation procedure

Community Right to Challenge

- Procedures
- Expression of Interest form

Community Right to Bid

- Procedures
- Nomination form
- Lists of Approved and unsuccessful community asset nominations

PLUS links to external sources of information & advice.

Any Questions?

