How to influence decision-making within the planning ecosystem at a local level.

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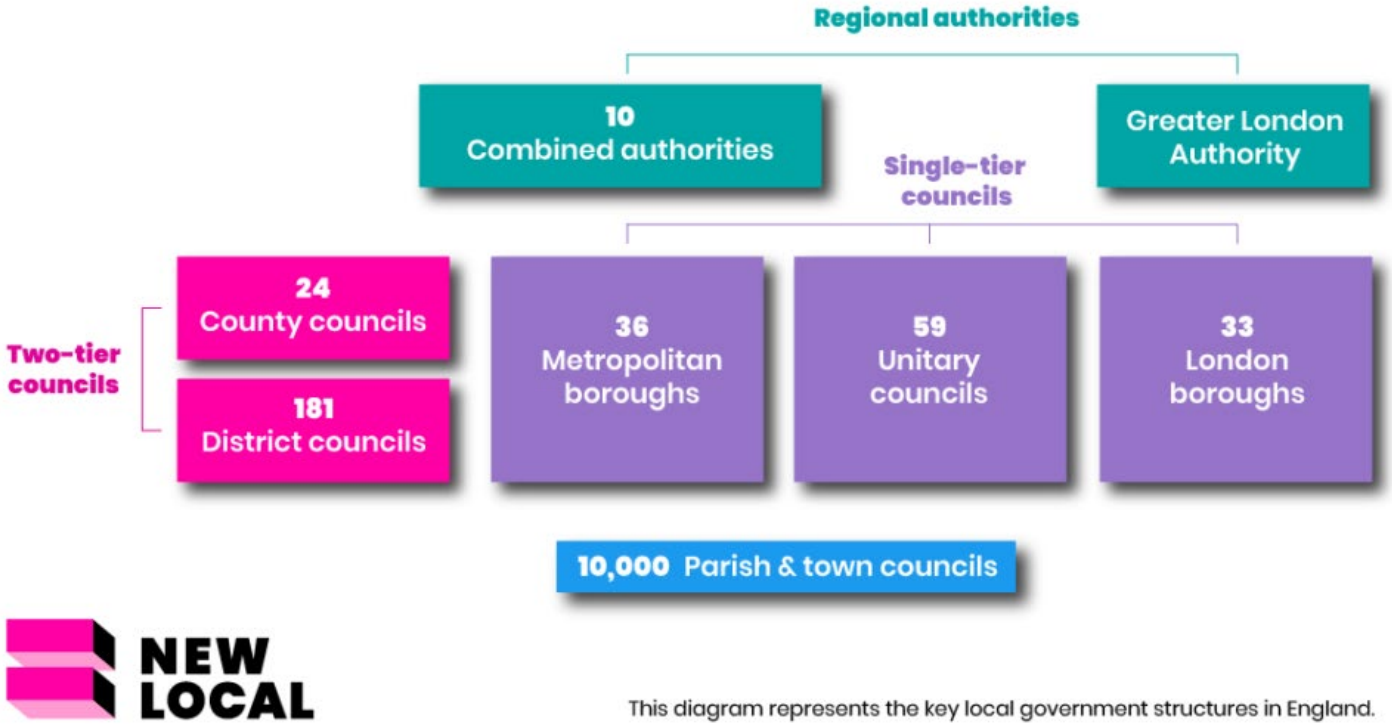
English local government structures



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This diagram represents the key local government structures in England.

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what National & Local Planning Policies

- Local Government Act / Localism Act
- Town & Country Planning Act
- NPPF
- PPG
- Local Plan
- Supplementary Planning Documents
- Neighbourhood Plan
- Design Statement / Guidelines

- + LURB on its way

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STATUTORY RESPONSIBILITIES

Who? - LOCAL PLAN ?

National

DLUC

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Local

When ?

- Get ahead of the curve
- Anticipate scenarios
- Set Priorities
- Effectiveness
- Impacts
- Outcomes

- Be adaptable & flexible

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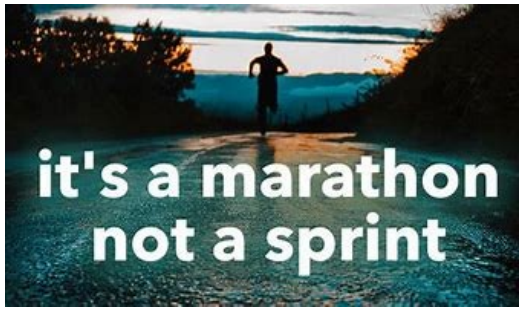
- Collect information and acquire knowledge/skills
- Understand each stakeholders' objectives
- Professional approach
- Analyse and collect insights
- Use material policies and factual accuracy
- Offer solutions not just objections
- Communicate & compromise, not confront & conflict



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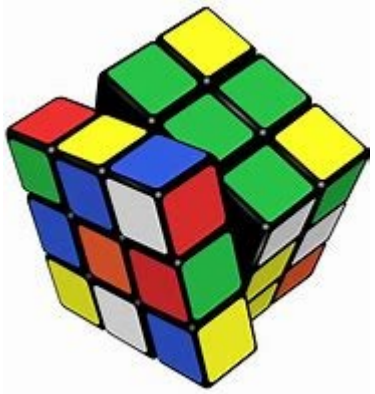

- Every LPA is different, so is every Local Plan, and every application
- Cllrs can change every four years, officers usually actually run things
- Too many tiers and siloed departments
- Too much self-interest often conflicting
- Slow and confusion decision making, often behind closed doors
- Use of technical ‘consultations’ as lip service
- The system is broken but you have to work inside it.

- Identify the influencers and decision makers
- Communicate & compromise, don’t confront & conflict

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Any Questions

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National Planning Policy Guidance (NPPG) | PlanningResource
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Revised **National Planning Policy Framework** - GOV.UK
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