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## WORKSHOP 1

# Getting to Know the Community

### THE AIM

- Bring the community together
- Share knowledge of the local area
- Identify key individuals with a range of skills and knowledge
- Establish broad community requirements of a new development

### THE HOW

- Building a database of local individuals' skills and specialist knowledge
- Identifying and mapping 'assets' in your community using our 'sustainability framework'
- Mapping the quality of place



#### Where

Somewhere central to the community such as a church, a theatre, a public house or community hall. It must have disabled access, plenty of seating and empty wall-space for sticking up paper.



#### When

When the most people will be available; weekends and early evenings are usually preferable.



#### Who

You will need a Coordination Team (1-3 people) who organise the event. It's important to get a wide range of ideas and opinion from a cross-section of your community, so try to invite 100 people to your workshops.



#### How

Publicise widely. Post notices in Parish Council newsletters/ websites and flyers in local shops, schools or even the window of your own home. Make the most of social media too – why not create a Facebook event or group?

## Things you will need

- ✓ A1 boards
- ✓ coloured Post-it notes and sticky dots
- ✓ blue-tack
- ✓ coloured felt-tip pens
- ✓ a large map of the local area
- ✓ a sign-in sheet
- ✓ refreshments including water, tea, coffee and biscuits

## BEFORE YOU GET STARTED

You will also need to have a rough idea of who your BIMBY Leadership Group will be. The Leadership group will lead on the creation of content for the Toolkit. You'll confirm who they are in Activity 1a.

- ✓ You will need to identify a Coordination Team for your first workshop – useful team members will include a note-taker, a leader, a photographer.
- ✓ You need to have in mind a key group of individuals who will lead on the BIMBY journey (The BIMBY Leadership Team).
- ✓ You will also need a picture or a map with your defined neighbourhood area on it.
- ✓ You will need the contact details of your Local Authority or Parish Council planning officer and meet to discuss the BIMBY process.
- ✓ You need to check if a Neighbourhood Plan is being prepared in the area and if so coordinate activities.



YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO FIND THE DETAILS ON YOUR LOCAL AUTHORITY'S WEBSITE, UNDER 'PLANNING' OR 'PLANNING POLICY'. IT'S WORTH TAKING TIME NOW TO NOTE THE CONTACT DETAILS AND SEE WHAT THEY HAVE ON THEIR SITE.