

18 December 2014

Mr Gareth Bacon AM  
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Dear Gareth,

**Re: Regeneration Committee - 26 November 2014**

Many thanks for your letter dated 12 December where you asked me to clarify whether residents in the three residential areas within the Legacy Corporation's area could apply to have a local neighbourhood plan.

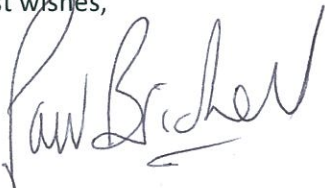
The Legacy Corporation has all of the main planning powers that a local authority has, including powers to: prepare and adopt a Local Plan for its area; prepare and implement a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL); make decisions on planning applications; and take enforcement action against unauthorised development.

Community groups are also able to bring forward and adopt a neighbourhood plan and as an example of this, the Legacy Corporation's Planning and Policy Decisions Team has assisted Carpenters Estate residents in their early proposals to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the estate area.

The Legacy Corporation's planning functions are exercised through its Board (for planning policy and CIL issues) and the Planning Decisions Committee (for decisions on planning applications and planning enforcement action). Elected mayors and local councillors of the Growth Boroughs are members of both the Board and the Planning Decisions Committee.

I hope this clarifies the Legacy Corporation's planning function and the powers residents have to apply to have a local neighbourhood plan, but please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any further questions.

Best wishes,



Dr Paul Brickell  
Executive Director  
Regeneration and Community Partnerships