

How we support local authorities and other public sector bodies

Some recent examples...

HOME COUNTIES DISTRICT COUNCIL - SUPPORTING THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK (LDF)

Dialogue has run a series of five community workshops to:

- gain views on the District's existing community strategy and emerging LDF
- establish a vision for the District to inform strategic direction
- explore more complex issues including biodiversity, waste reduction, recycling and flood risk management



REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCY - MASTERPLAN CONSULTATION

Dialogue developed and managed a comprehensive public consultation programme on a Masterplan for an historic urban park. Activity included:

- specific focus on reaching traditionally excluded groups
- a touring exhibition bus
- a dedicated schools and young peoples consultation
- a regularly updated website and newsletters
- frequent exhibitions and weekend events, both in the park and in local town centres
- themed workshops involving over 500 residents, park users, and BME groups



The Masterplan application was approved in November 2008.

FROM START TO FINISH - WORKING ON A LONDON BOROUGH'S LDF

We have worked with this London Borough, organising workshops and other events:

- through all stages of the LDF process, over a four year period
- involving the Council Executive, as well as senior officers
- with the wider community, with a specific focus on the 'hard to reach'



LOCAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (LSP) - CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY

This North Eastern LSP appointed Dialogue to consult widely on its sustainable community strategy. Our activity included:

- identifying key issues and obstacles and focusing on the actions required to combat these
- running three public exhibitions, workshops and an information booth in local markets
- producing the draft sustainable community strategy, outlining the key issues and actions



RUNNING AN LDF ROADSHOW FOR A RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Dialogue ran a series of 10 LDF roadshow events for a predominantly rural District Council. Each event was tailored to match the needs of the individual communities being visited and activity included:

- an exhibition and several 'guided discussion' sessions
- area-specific questionnaires, collecting qualitative and quantitative data used for the Council's draft options and issues report

CONSORTIUM OF MIDLANDS AUTHORITIES - SPATIAL OPTIONS EVENT

Dialogue organised a workshop to capture key stakeholder views on a range of complex and inter-connected development options.

The workshop focused on:

- 15 separate 'Regeneration Corridors' and urban centres
- two simple alternatives for each option - concentrated development or dispersed development
- detailed discussion of issues relating to public transport, waste management, remediation, recycling facilities, biodiversity and nature conservation



HOME COUNTIES DISTRICT COUNCIL - SITE APPRAISAL WORKSHOPS

When this Local Authority needed to know what development local people would accept in the main town centre, it commissioned Dialogue to organise workshops to:

- ensure that a representative cross section of the community participated in the consultation
- explain the opportunities and constraints for each identified site
- capture and distil the community's views



Dialogue has also:

- organised environmental workshops
- run town centre 'visioning' events
- researched gypsy and traveller housing needs
- organised tenant liaison programmes
- audited Statements of Community Involvement/Consultation Strategies

We are also one of the UK's leading providers of planning training to Local Authorities. Since 2007, we have delivered an 'Introduction to Planning' training course to more than 500 elected members at Borough and District Councils, Metropolitan Councils, County Councils and National Park Authorities.

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