

Neighbourhood Development Order  
Guidance Note 6

# Glossary of terms

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Whilst producing a Neighbourhood Development Order or reading guidance material there may be unfamiliar planning terms which you will need to understand or use. This glossary has been produced to help provide a definition or explanation to many of the commonly used terms

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Term	Definition
Adoption	The final confirmation of a development order by Herefordshire Council.
Conservation Area	An area of special architectural or historic interest whose character and appearance is preserved by stricter planning controls.
Consultation Statement	A document which needs to be submitted to Herefordshire Council with your draft Neighbourhood Development Plan. It sets out details of who was consulted, how they were consulted and the main issues and concerns raised and how they were addressed within the plan.
Core Strategy	A Development Plan Document which forms part of the Local Development Framework and sets out the vision and strategic policies for the county.
Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)	Evaluates the likely environmental impacts of the development, together with an assessment of how these impacts could be reduced.
Enterprise Zone	An area with economic potential that has been given financial assistance by the Government to encourage the growth of new businesses.
Evidence base	The background information that any development plan is based on and is made of studies on specific issues, facts about an area or views from stakeholders.
Infrastructure	Basic services necessary for development to take place for example roads, water, education, health facilities.
Listed Building	Any building or structure which is included in the list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest.
Local referendum	A direct vote in which communities will be asked to either accept or reject a particular proposal/plan.
Local Development Framework (LDF)	The collection of documents which guide the future development in the county.
Local Development Order	A type of Development Plan, prepared by local planning authorities, which grants permission for specific developments without the need to go through the normal planning application process.
Material consideration	Factors which are relevant to planning such as sustainability, design and traffic impacts.
Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project	Major infrastructure developments in England and Wales, such as proposals for power plants, new airports and major road projects etc.

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National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)	National planning policy designed to make the planning system less complex and more accessible. Currently still in draft.
Neighbourhood Development Order	A type of Development Plan, prepared by parish councils with assistance from the community, which grants permission for specific developments without the need to go through the normal planning application process.
Regeneration	Improving a place by making it more active or successful.
Renewable energy (microgeneration)	Energy that is produced from the sun, wind etc, or from crops, rather than using fuels such as oil or coals.
Stakeholder	People who have an interest in an organisation or process including residents, business owners and national organisations and government departments.
Statutory consultee	This is a body that Herefordshire Council must consult on plans and applications which could affect their interest. For example Highway Agency, Environment Agency.
Sustainable communities	Places where people want to live and work, now and in the future. Communities that meet the needs of existing and future residents, are sensitive to their environment and contribute to a high quality of life.
Sustainable development	An approach to development that aims to allow economic growth without damaging the environment or natural resources.

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