

My Community Rights

Community Right to Build

Step 3:

Defining the neighbourhood area



Defined neighbourhood area

A neighbourhood area must be identified in order to be eligible to apply for a Community Right to Build Order. This can be large or small. For example, it could contain a village, town centre, housing estate, employment area or combination of these. Or it could be based on an administrative boundary such as a local ward. For town and parish councils (which are legally the same for neighbourhood planning purposes) the boundary will already be defined.

The neighbourhood area will need to be designated by the local planning authority. To gain designation, the following must be submitted to the local authority: a map identifying the area, a statement that you are or are about to become a community organisation and a statement explaining why the area is appropriate to be designated. Please note that there may already be a designated neighbourhood area in place so it is worth checking beforehand with the local planning authority.

Local Planning Authority

A local planning authority is the local authority or council that is empowered by law to exercise statutory town planning functions for a particular area of the United Kingdom.

You can search for your local planning authority (using your post code) at the [Planning Portal](#)