

Neighbourhood Planning Update

 **The
South Woodford Society**



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What is Neighbourhood Planning?

Neighbourhood planning aims to give local communities greater power to shape development by taking a more active role in the development of local planning policies.

This is done by way of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP), which can deal with a variety of social, economic and environmental issues within a neighbourhood, such as housing, community facilities, conservation and transport.

A NP should contain thorough research obtained by consultation, local needs and issues for policy development, backed by extensive evidence-based material.

Why Have a Plan?

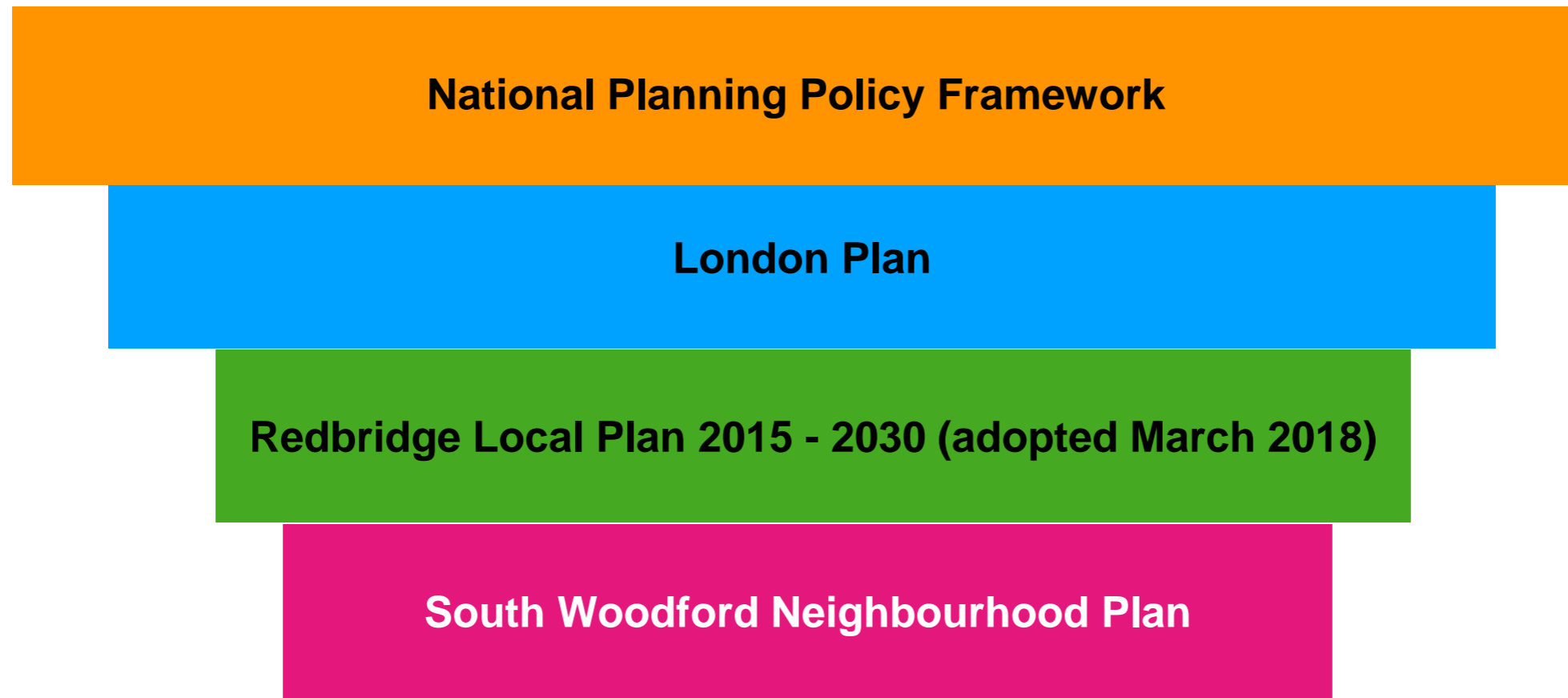
A plan will enable us to:

- Identify a vision for the area
- Set objectives for 5 – 20 years (we decide timeframe)
- Provide detailed planning policies e.g. where new development should be located and how it should be designed
- Allocate sites for different types of development
- Identify key areas for improvement and draft proposals for proposals for them

How does it work?

- Developed by the local community (Us!), the people who know and love the area, rather than the Local Planning Authority
- Assistance will be provided by LBR and Government funding will allow us to engage external consultants
- It will be subject to consultation, examination and a referendum
- Once adopted, the Plan will form part of the statutory development plan for LBR and will help guide planning policy for up to 20 years
- It will have the same legal status as the local plan

Where does a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) fit in?



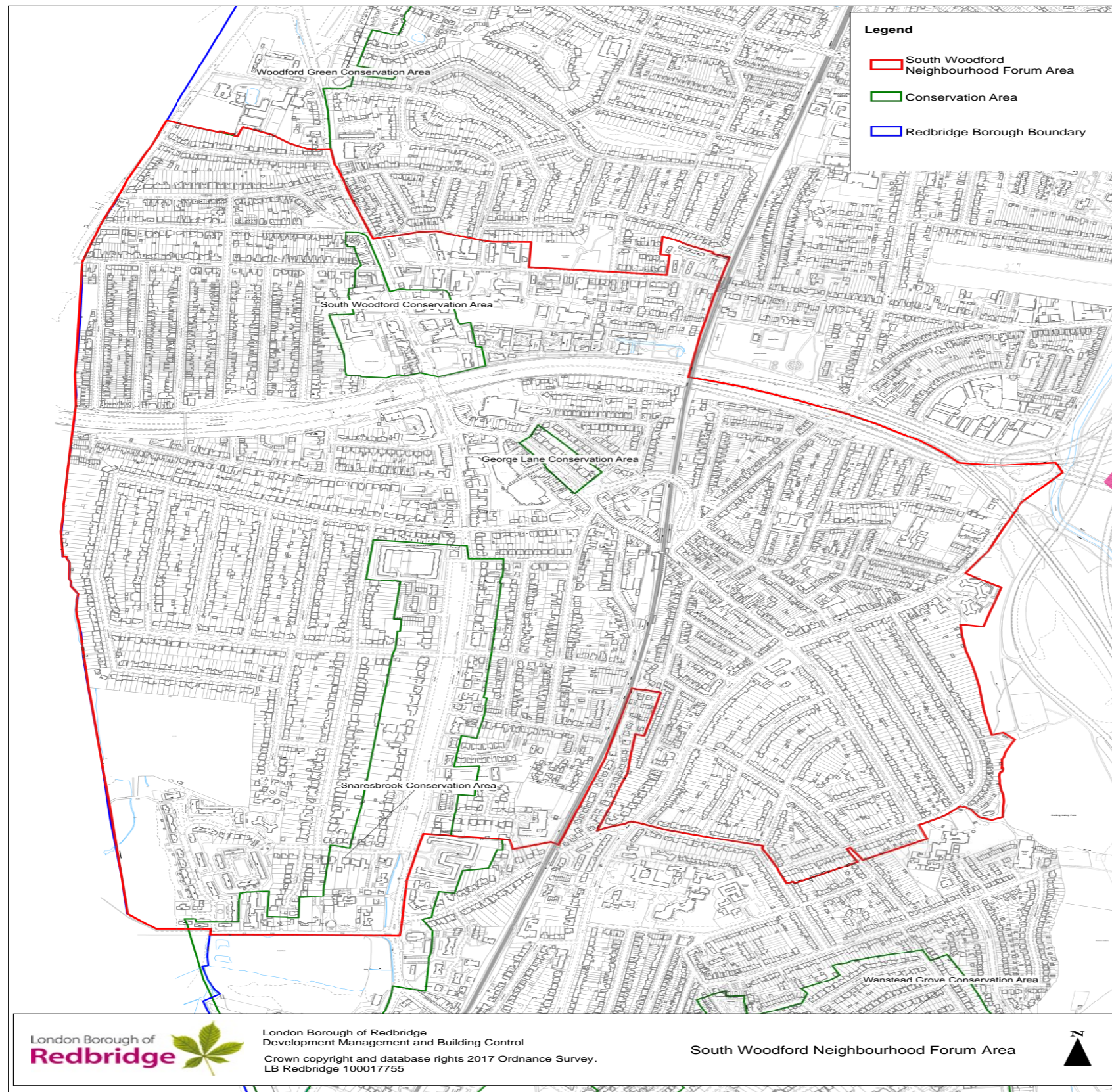
Government introduced the Localism Act in 2011 which granted decision making powers to local communities.

Phase 1: The Neighbourhood Forum & Boundary Area

1. Developing a Neighbourhood Area application and applying for designation
2. Developing a Forum application and applying for designation. The Neighbourhood Forum is:
 - South Woodford Society & Business Forum
 - Anyone living and working within the Boundary area
 - Other local groups within the Boundary area such as Neighbourhood Watch and Local Councillors

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Boundary Area, Feb 2020

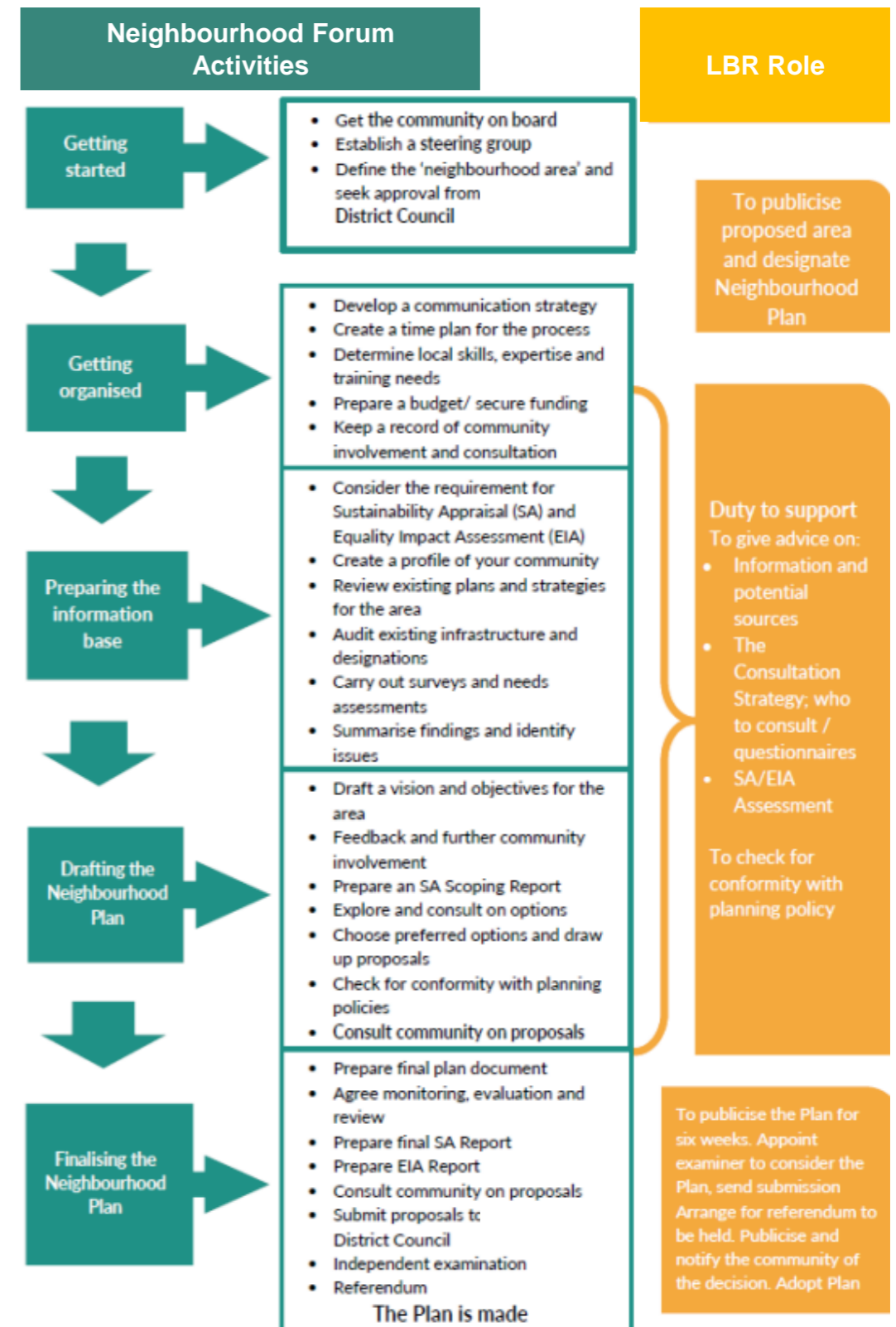


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E18 postcode area
(includes most of
South Woodford
and Churchfields
Wards)

Phase 2: Creating the Draft Plan

- Application for Government funding
- Project Planning
- Engage & consult within boundary (including service providers and land owners)
- Identify & assess options
- Determine any significant environmental impact
- Develop the plan



Phase 3: Consultation and Submission

- Publicity and consultation
- Plan submission to LBR
- Independent Examination
- Public Referendum
- Formal Adoption

Draft Vision for South Woodford

“To manage change for the benefit of existing and new residents and to create a clean and safe environment that is well maintained and managed. A place that people of all ages and from all walks of life can be proud of and will want to work together to protect.

To enhance the busy atmosphere of the town centre and make it more vibrant with better shopping and entertainment.

To protect and enhance our greenspaces, being environmentally sensitive to improve amenities so people can enjoy the community areas to the full.”

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Topic areas

Arts & Culture

Sport & Leisure

Heritage

Facilities for Young People

Transport

Street Scene

Employment & Businesses

Crime Prevention

Retail & Hospitality

Admin & Org of NP / Funding / Website & Social Media

Housing & Planning

Health & Medical

Education & Childcare

Facilities for the Elderly

Sustainability & Environment

Greenspace

Community Facilities

Climate Emergency

Current initiatives

- Regular litter picks with help from CleanupUK & LBR
- Creation of the South Woodford Business Forum
- Creation and promotion of South Woodford Community Market
- Presence on the Safer Neighbourhood Ward Panels, who meet with the Met Police and Neighbourhood Watch
- Refill Scheme South Woodford
- Consultation on Mobility Hub and siting of EVCPs



Mobility Hub



SW Environmental Charter

A Charter will ensure environmental issues are at the heart of planning for the South Woodford NP, and will address the climate emergency. Initiatives include:

- Campaign/crowd funding to set up the Community Orchard at the bottom of the viaduct
- Planning for the introduction of a Low Plastic Neighbourhood
- Involvement in Low Emission Neighbourhood consultations

Community Orchard



Next steps?

- Call out for volunteers (email to e18society@gmail.com)
- Discuss skill sets and set up planning groups in the four main topic areas of the plan
- These groups will start the initial stage of the plans and gather ideas and consult with local residents

Kick-off meeting date TBC