

PBE - Lecture 1

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1 What is planning

Planning is a public-led (mainly) activity that deals with:

- Control of development in urban and rural areas
- Forward planning (projection, planning for the future)
- Fixing past issue/problems, urban regeneration
- Design of development (building-building and building-open space relationships)
- Place making and place shaping
- Controlling land use in the public interest
- Guidances on quality of housing (normative point of view)

Planning has been defined as a balancing act between physical, social and economic factors as well as between public and private interest.

Useful definitions

LPA Local Planning Authority is a LA or council that is empowered by law to exercise statutory town planning functions for a particular area in the UK.

TCPA Town and Country Planning Association is an independent charity in the UK. It works to improve town and country planning.

Green paper is a consultation document produced by the Government. Its aim is to let people to discuss a particular issue both inside and outside the Parliament.

White paper is a document produced by the Government setting out details of future policy on a particular subject.

RSS Regional Spatial Strategies

RES Regional Economic Strategies

Local Development Framework is the spatial planning strategy introduced in England by the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act of 2004.

2 Political context

In order to understand the policies of modern urban planning we must cover the political context.

3 The English Planning System (pre 2011)

(see lecture notes diagram)

4 The New English Planning System (post 2011)

(see lecture notes diagram)