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**Re: Information from Planning Aid England**

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To: Holly McLaren <Holly.McLaren@rtpi.org.uk>

28 March 2019 at 15:05

Dear Parish and Town Clerks,

In December 2018 [Planning Aid England](#) invited you to complete a questionnaire about planning activity in your local area in order to help us understand how we may be able to support local communities in the South West.

Through the results of the survey, it became clear that many Town and Parish Clerks/Councillors were unfamiliar with Planning Aid England (PAE) and the support we offer. With that in mind, this email outlines the main services provided by PAE and how to access them.

However, if you completed the survey, and have already identified specific projects that you feel could benefit from PAE support, please feel free to contact us directly with further details and we will advise you whether or not we are able to assist.

## What is Planning Aid England?

PAE is part of the [Royal Town Planning Institute](#), a registered charity. PAE provides free, independent, professional planning advice to help individuals and communities engage with the planning system and get involved in planning their local area.

## Planning Aid England services:

### 1 Online guidance

Our website – [www.planningaid.co.uk](http://www.planningaid.co.uk) – provides information and guidance on all aspects of the planning system. It includes answers to questions people most often ask about planning on topics such as the planning application process, enforcement and appeals.

### 2 Email advice service

We operate a volunteer-led email advice service providing a limited amount of free, professional, general planning advice to the public. Members of the public can request advice via our [online enquiry form](#) or submit a request via [www.planningaid.co.uk](http://www.planningaid.co.uk).

In some circumstances we offer enhanced support to those who meet our [eligibility criteria](#).

### 3 Community engagement in planning: workshops and training

PAE offers bespoke training and advice on both general and specific aspects of the planning system. We work with community organisations, residents' groups and local charities as well as local authorities, parishes and other community forums.

Our bespoke training is available free of charge to those groups and organisations who meet our [eligibility criteria](#), which focuses upon communities in areas of multiple deprivation and

groups not traditionally engaged with the planning system.

To find out more about the types of training and workshops we offer visit: <http://www.rtpi.org.uk/planning-aid/ bespoke-support/workshops-and-training/> or call 020 7929 8338.

#### 4 Community consultation

PAE has extensive experience in providing a neutral facilitator role in support of local communities to help them engage effectively with public consultations associated with Local Plans and major development projects. To discuss your consultation needs please call 020 7929 8338.

#### 5 Neighbourhood planning

PAE may be able to assist neighbourhood planning to groups in areas of multiple deprivation, however, to access wider support, apply for grants, and for all the latest information about neighbourhood planning, visit the [Locality Neighbourhood Planning website](#).

Best wishes,

**Holly McLaren**

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