



**Draft Motion for Councils: Future of Neighbourhood Planning Support Services**

**Resolution Calling on the Government to Provide Dedicated Funding for Neighbourhood Plans**

**[Insert name of Council] acknowledges that:**

* **Neighbourhood planning empowers local communities to shape the development and growth of their areas through the creation of Neighbourhood Plans.**
* **The preparation of Neighbourhood Plans requires significant time, expertise, and financial resources, often placing a burden on parish and town councils.**
* **Neighbourhood Plans contribute to more democratic, locally informed planning decisions and support the delivery of sustainable development aligned with community needs and aspirations.**

**Therefore, it is Resolved to -**

1. **Call upon His Majesty’s Government to provide increased and sustained funding to support the development, review, implementation and maintenance of Neighbourhood Plans.**
2. **Request that the Government ensures funding is accessible to all communities, to promote inclusivity and fairness in the planning process.**
3. **Write to [local MP] and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities, and Local Government to communicate this resolution and advocate for enhanced support for neighbourhood planning**