

COMMUNITY VOICE IN PLANNING:**A series of online workshops for Manchester community groups****1: Proposals on Permitted Development Rights****10-11.30am Fri 8th Jan**

This session will include an introduction to the overall programme; a briefing on how local developments are currently decided on; and details of a consultation that is underway [deadline 25th January] which could drastically reduce the power of local communities and local authorities to control private developments in your area.

2: The Greater Manchester Spatial Framework**10-11.30am Fri 15th Jan**

This session will explore what is being proposed for Manchester communities within the wider GMSF in relation to inner city regeneration including the Northern Gateway and how you can submit a consultation response from your local community association, or as a concerned local resident.

3: Manchester's new Local Plan**10-11.30am Fri 5th Feb**

A new five-year development plan is being written for the City of Manchester. The next stage of consultation will open sometime during summer 2021. This session will look at: what is a Local Plan? How does it shape planning decisions in my local community? How can I have a say on what it contains? The next sessions after this one will focus on particular issues of concern that groups may want to engage with in consultation responses.

4. Affordable housing policy in Manchester**10-11.30am Fri 12th Feb**

This session will explore recent developments in affordable housing policy in the city. This may help inform anyone involved in local advocacy efforts. It may also help people think through what they may want to advocate for if they submit a consultation response on the Local Plan.

5. Ageing Well in Place & the '20 Minute Neighbourhood'**10-11.30am Fri 5th March**

We will explore what is meant by policy speak about "ageing well in place" and the different ways that urban development planning can enable people to age well in place without having to relocate in later life. We will also consider the idea of the '20 minute neighbourhood' and how these ideas support environmental sustainability while creating vibrant and self-contained places to live.

6. Having a say in the planning of your local area**10-11.30am Fri 12th March**

What options are available to local communities who want a stronger voice over the physical development of their local area? This session will explore (and invite) examples of how different communities have sought to be more involved at an earlier stage in planning for their local area including neighbourhood plans, nominating assets of community value, and visioning work with local councillors.

7. Local planning applications and decision-making**10am-12pm Fri 19th March**

We will explore: • What is a planning application? How does an application for development get permission – what are the steps in the process? • How is a decision made on a planning application? • What happens if it is approved? • What happens if it is refused? Information will also be shared about organising with others to object to applications that you consider will negatively impact on your community or the city more widely. This is a two-hour session to make time for experience sharing.

****Email contactusatclass@gmail.com to register. Zoom links will be sent in advance****