

Community Visions for the New London Plan

How Localism + Strategy Meet as Equals

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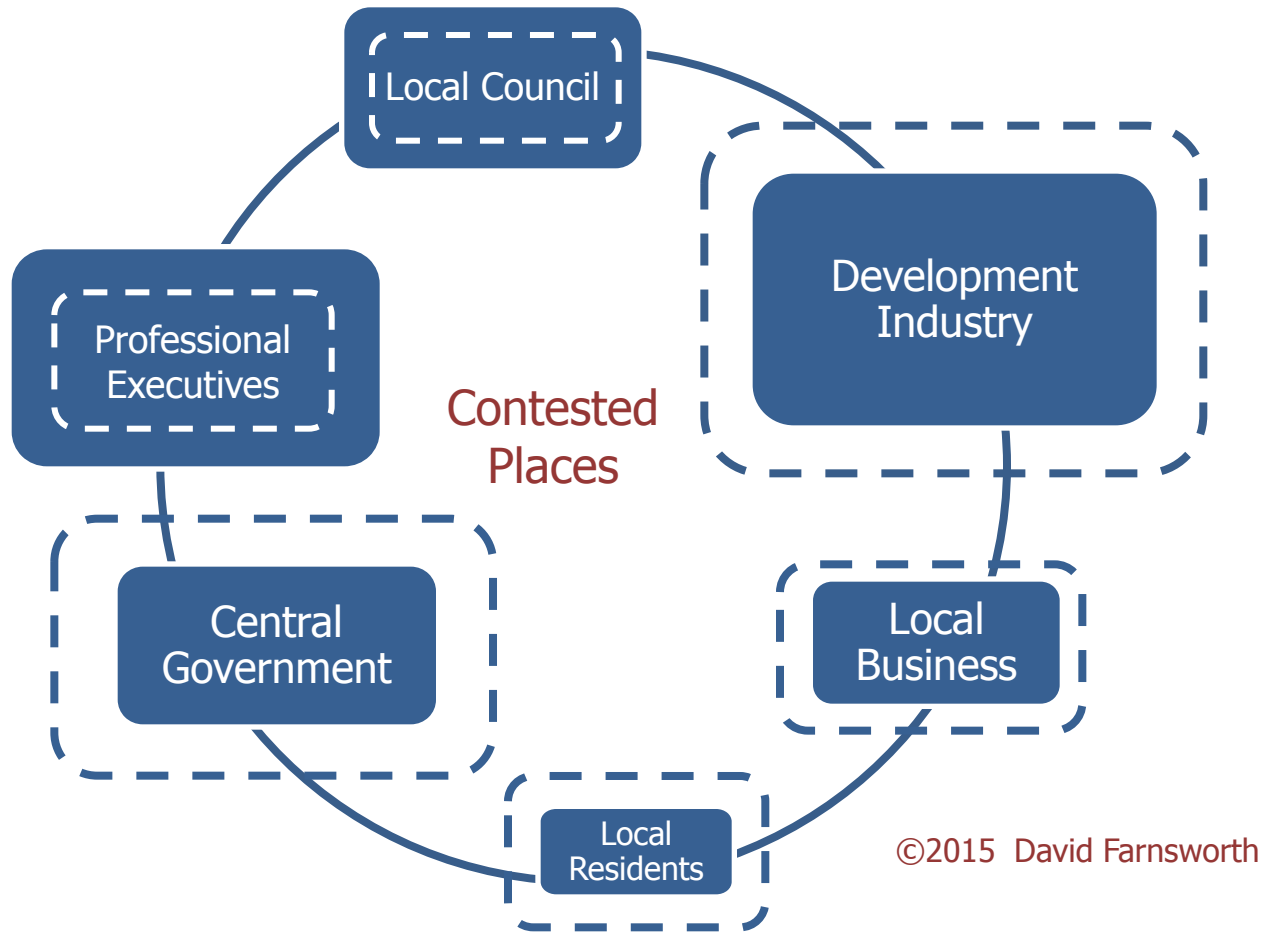
The Bristol Planning Network

- The power over place
- History & issues faced
- A network response
- Lessons in influence



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Struggle for participation power over place



Bristol network history

- 1960s-1990s widespread community action
- 2001- 2004 statutory planning reforms inc SCI
- 2006-2008 community challenge to SCI
- 2010-2015 Localism Act neighbourhood planning

Issues Faced

- Politician & professional closed shop
- The meaning of community involvement
- Local Plan mystique of language + method
- Gap bt community resources + system complexity
- Gap bt community experience + departmentalism

Response through network design

- Ground rules for informed choice
- Covers all plans + pre-applications + capital progs
- Decision by consensus not by experts
- Organised around neighbourhoods
- Group-based debate + learning
- Making constructive cases, not just protest
- A support network, not another corporate entity
- See <http://www.bristolnnpn.net/>

Bristol Rapid Transit Strategy Southern Route Options (2010)

Network Support:

- Convene impact groups
- Draw up involvement programme
- Ensure options still open
- Agree nature & purpose of proposal
- Agree choices available
- Agree criteria for choice
- Agree best value choice
- Show clear result

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Lessons in influence

- Have clear terms for involvement: quality + quantity
- The power of organisation + consensus
- Establish early where strategic/local meet
- Use the power of well tested alternatives
- Focus on those issues that show likely result
- Use the planning system but do not rely 100%

Who decides how we live?

“The only hope of keeping markets [*the state, and the professions*] in their place is to deliberate, openly and publicly about the meaning and purpose of goods..... and the values that should govern them.....

.....For this is how we learn to negotiate and abide our differences, and how we come to care for the common good”