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The UK Planning System
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You need to understand The Sporting Planning Context

1. The National Planning Teams
2. The Governing Planning Body
3. The Planning Players
4. The Planning Game has changed
5. The Political Planning Football

1. The National Teams!

National sporting teams in the United Kingdom and Ireland

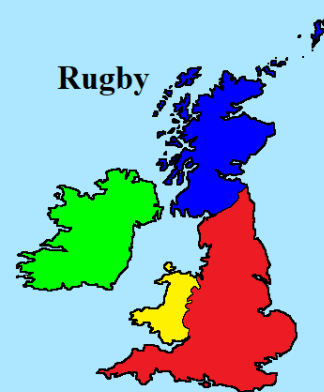


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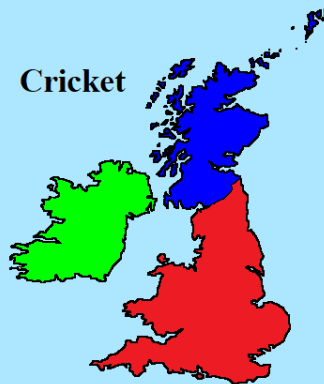
Football
(Soccer)



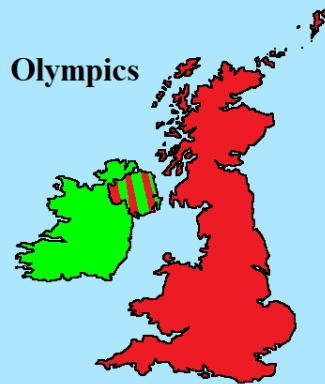
Rugby



Cricket



Olympics



A DIVIDED NATION

At Least Six Planning Kingdoms!

- Scottish Parliament Separate Powers
 - Welsh Assembly Devolved Powers
 - Northern Ireland Devolved Powers /
Administered by London
 - Greater London Elected Regional Assembly
 - Channel Islands/ IoM Not even part of the UK
- And
- England MHCLG (Ministry of Housing, Communities and
Local Government)

2. The Governing Body (England)



Nature of Government

Central Government v. Local Government

Local Councils (in the main) are the 'Planning Authority'

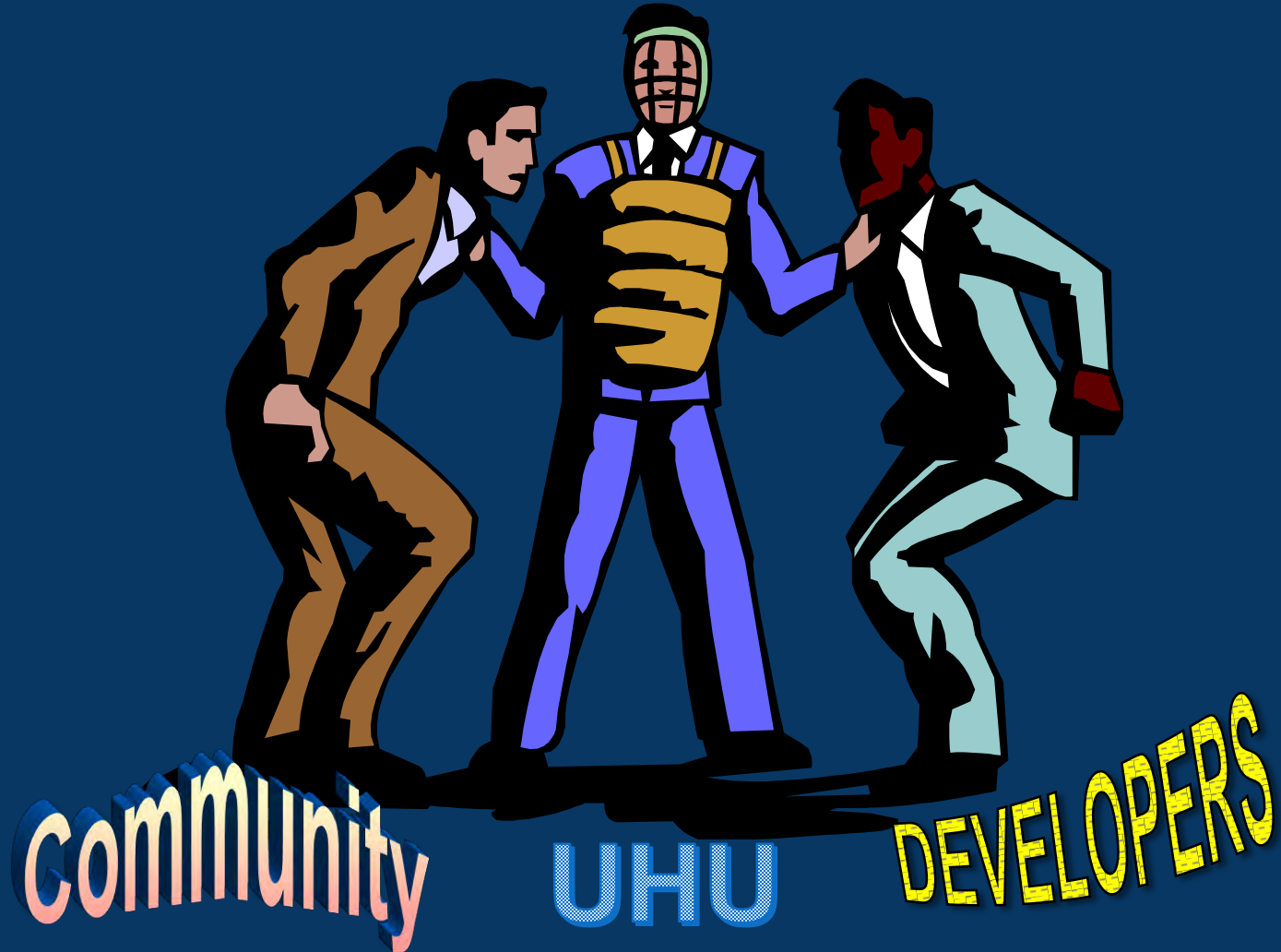
- Granting or refusing consent to develop land

BUT

All power comes from Central Government therefore

- Decisions of councils can be scrutinised and overturned by central government
- **Including Performance Targets and ...**
- Many Policies are set by Central Government

3. The Players!



Conflicting Pressures

Parochialism v Globalisation



Don't let this happen to your development proposal!



Conflicting Pressures

Vested Interest

NIMBY-ism
(Not in my backyard)

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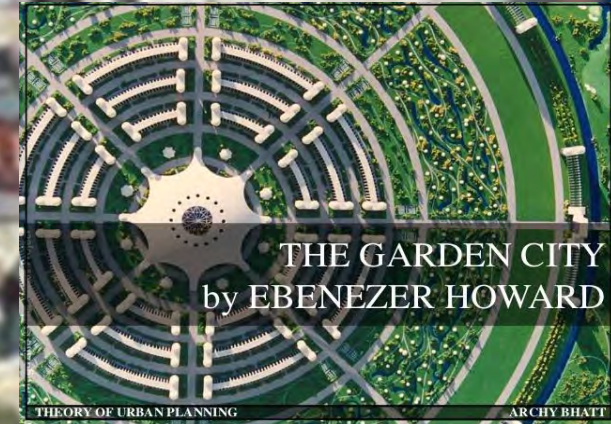
Personal Freedoms

CONU-ism

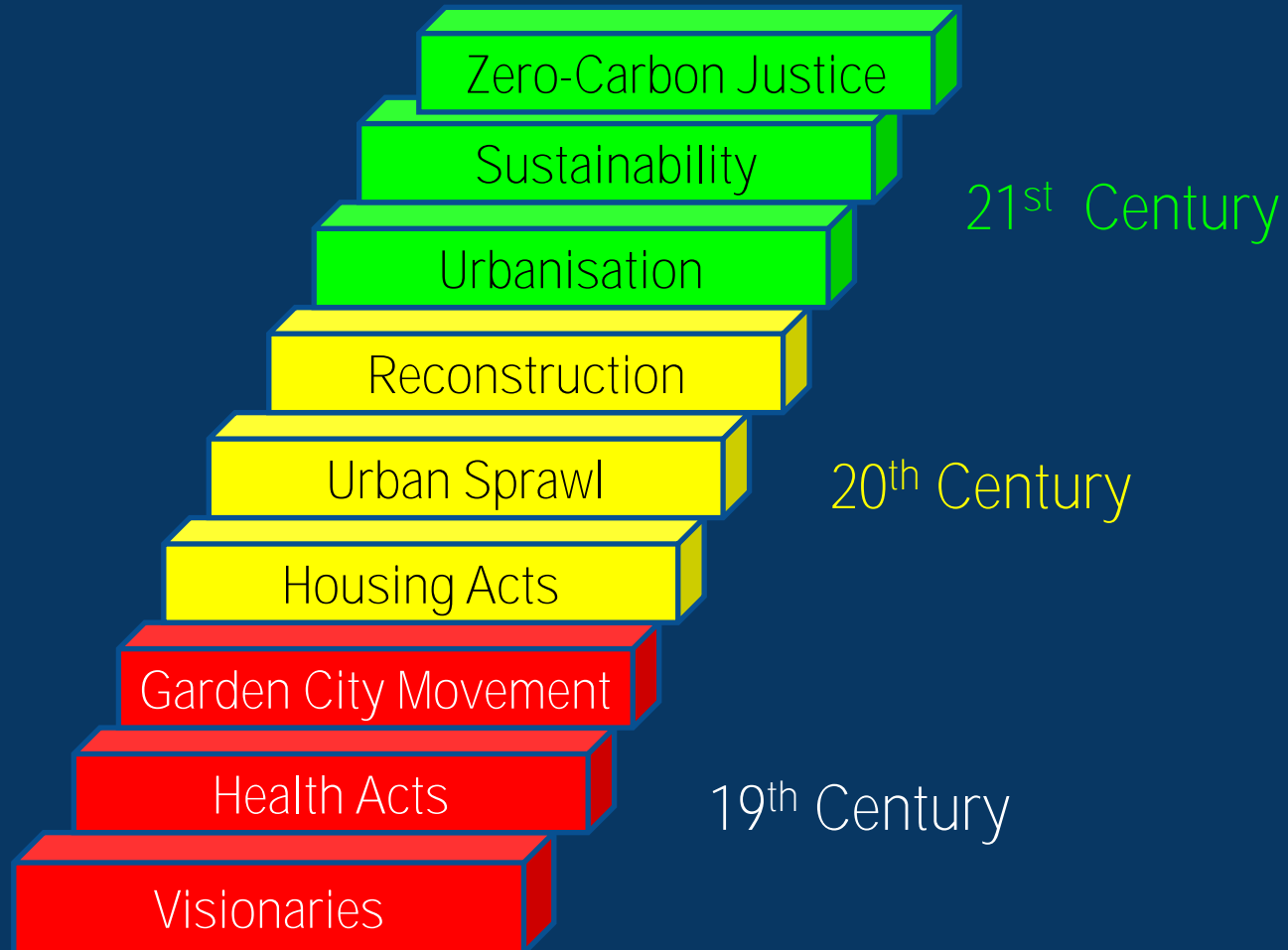
Control others not us



4. The Planning Game has changed



Evolution of the British planning system?



5. The Political Football



POLITICAL FOOTBALL

The Planning Roundabout!

- 1946 New Towns Act
- 1947 Town & Country Planning Act
- 1949 National Parks Act

1951-1964 DEREGULATION

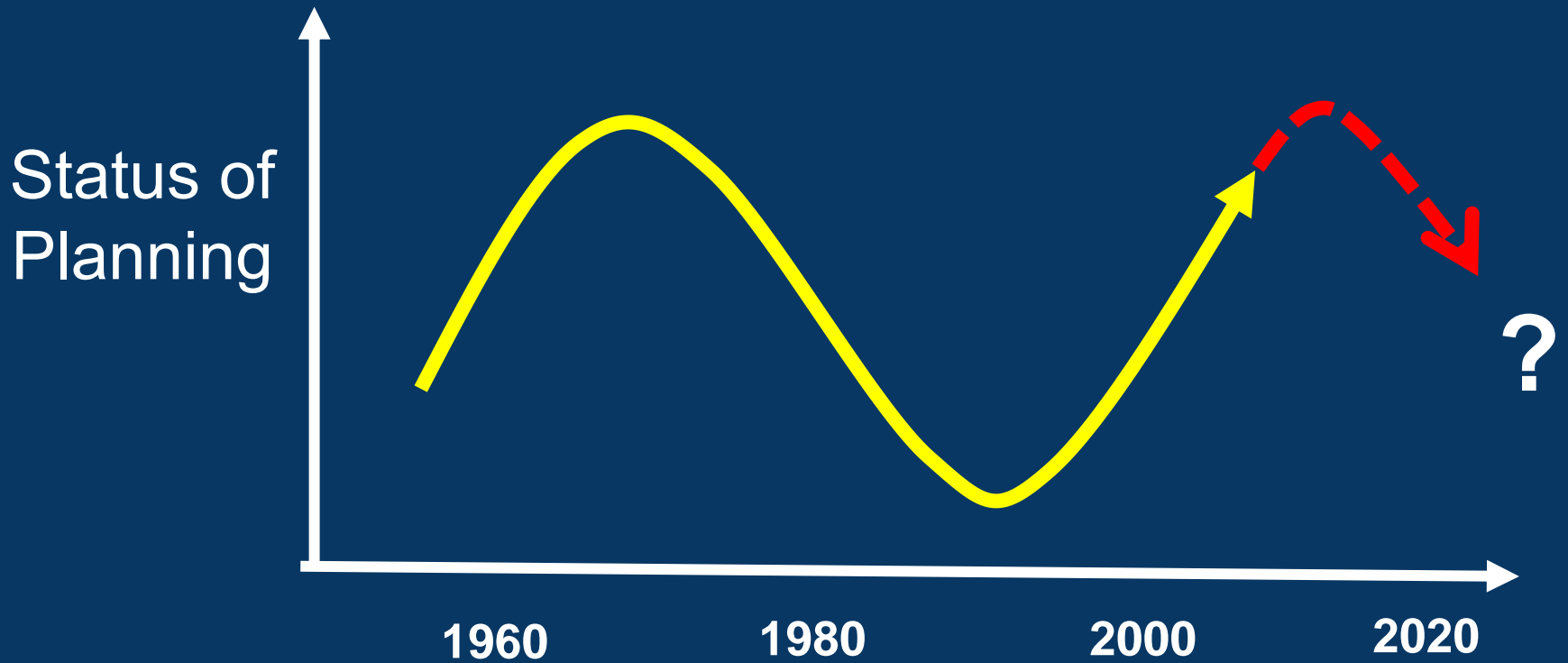
- 1967 Civic Amenities Act
- 1968 Town & Country Planning Act

1979-1997 DEREGULATION

- 2004 Planning & C. P. Act

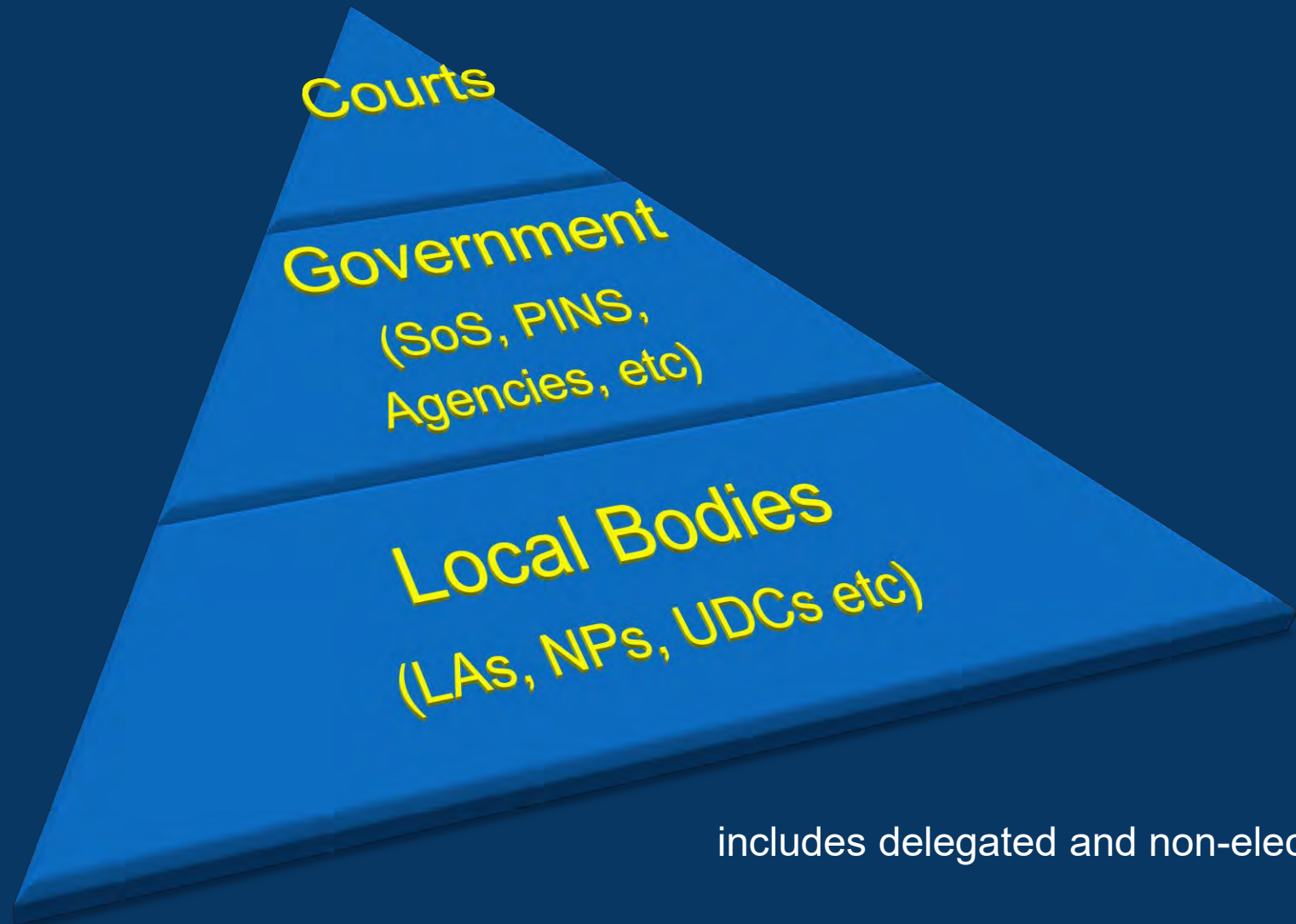
2012 - . DEREGULATION

...so what is the future?



So how does the
Planning System Operate?

1. The Hierarchy of Responsibilities

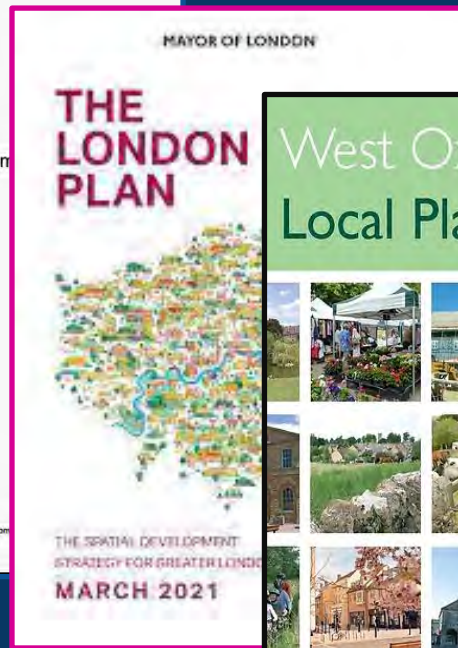


2. What takes priority in Decision making?

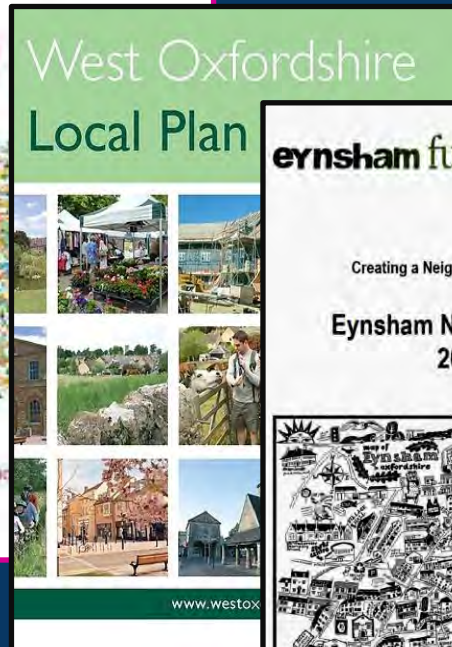
(Decisions have to be “Plan-led”)



National



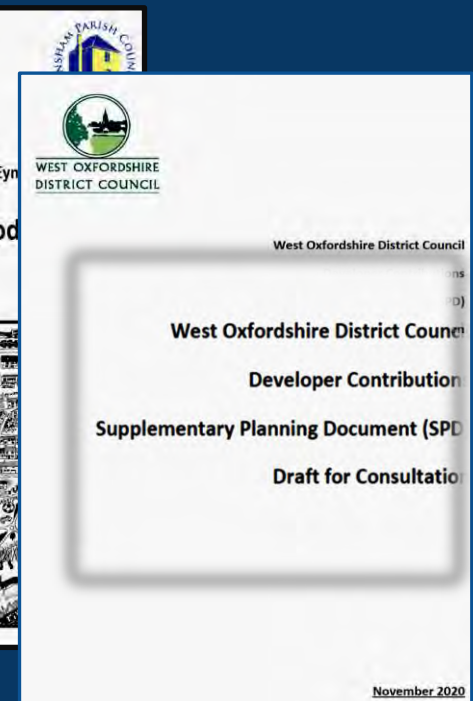
Strategic



Local



Neighbourhood



Detailed Policies

3. Decisions are Discretionary



- Plans are not binding
- Material Considerations can over-ride the plan
- **Decisions must be 'rational'**
- Unauthorised development not criminalised

4 Decisions must be Evidence-based

For example of evidence needed to accompany a planning application

- Housing land assessment
- Financial Viability Assessment
- Traffic Impact Assessment.
- Retail Impact Assessment.
- EIA / ESA
- Design & Access Statement
- Etc



5. Protection of Rights

The Landowner

- Consultation
- Compensation
- Right of Appeal



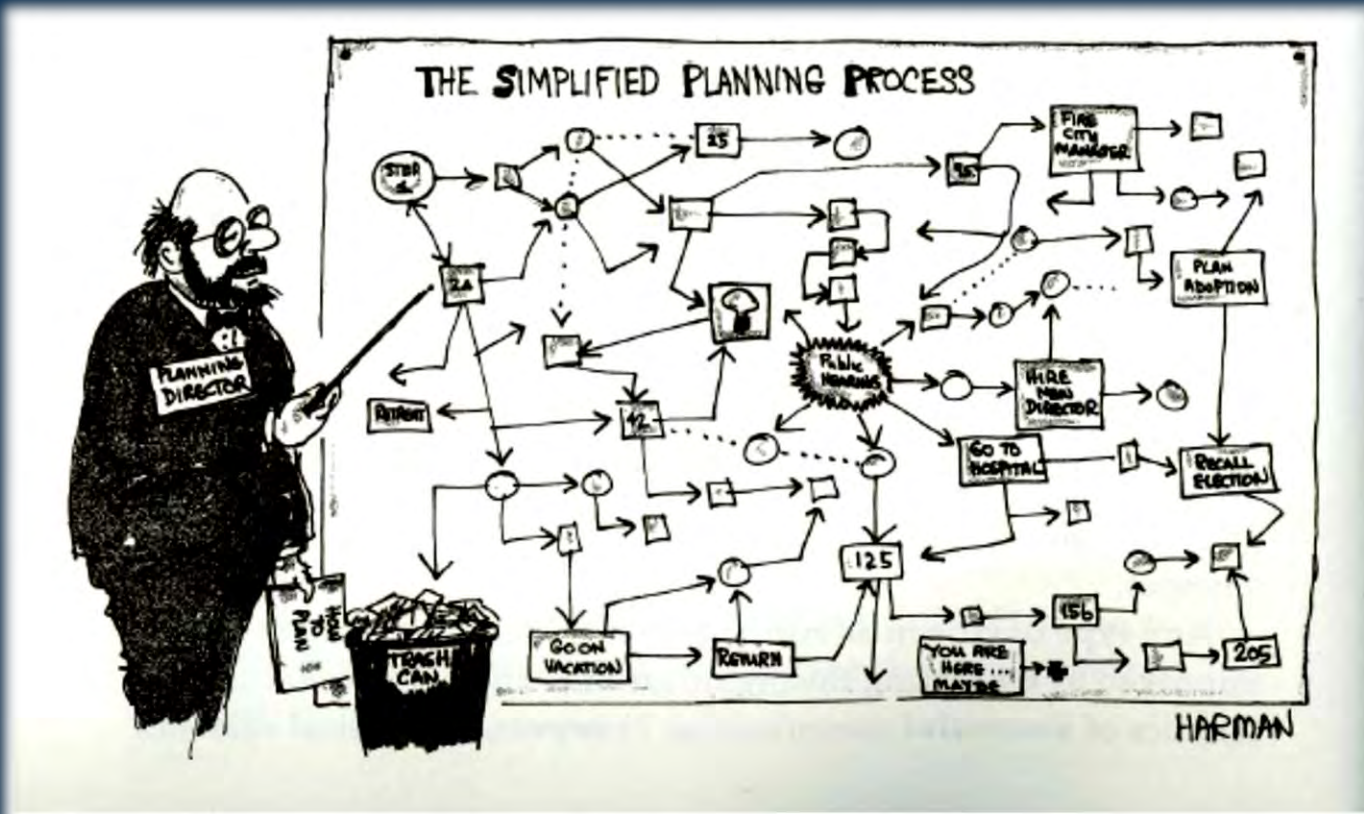
The Individual

- Consultation
- Betterment (Share in Gains)
- Limited 3rd Party Rights



Some Issues underlying the UK Planning System

The new Planning Systems with which we are having to work!



Some Issues underlying the Planning System

Principle

1. The Hierarchy of Plans
2. Evidence-based Decisions
3. Decisions should be Plan-led
4. Decisions are Discretionary
5. Protection of (Human) Rights
(consultation, compensation betterment)

Tensions

- central government still rules
- **information overload**
- **planning becoming litigious**
- **but how discretionary?**
- **endemic conflict** landowner v public
(independent inspectorate)

As planners we cannot wait for
the system or government to deliver!

Independent Planning Strategies

1800s New Lanark



1900s New Towns



2000s Spatial Planning





A Final Thought

Form of the planning system should follow function!

In the end, it should be about
those for whom we are planning,
not vested interest!



.. don't forget me!

Hvala vam!