



**Funding for BIMBY (Beauty-in-my-Backyard) toolkit now available from Locality to help local people influence new housing in their area**

Create Streets and The Prince's Foundation are delighted to offer the BIMBY (Beauty-In-My-Backyard) Housing Toolkit to help local communities, authorities and developers decide where housing is best located and what it should look like.

Neighbourhood Planning has now given local communities a chance to positively influence the planning process by allowing them to have a say on what is built in their community. Whilst there are many more neighbourhood plans being prepared now than a few years ago, most are policy based, rather than urban or architectural and therefore don't necessarily 'shape' new development in the way government had originally hoped. BIMBY is designed to do just that!

In April 2018 renewed funding was set aside by Government in the form of small grants for Neighbourhood Planning Groups, to be allocated by Locality. Locality have now officially recognised BIMBY as a toolkit that can be used by Neighbourhood Planning Groups to influence the quality and beauty of local housing, and a link and explanation of services can be found on their website:

<https://neighbourhoodplanning.org/beauty-in-my-backyard/>

BIMBY is a successful online resource ([bimby.org.uk](http://bimby.org.uk)) developed by The Prince's Foundation, which guides people through three workshops and provides a template into which all of the material prepared is downloaded. The product of this work is a comprehensive and professional BIMBY Housing Manual, which can then accompany any planning application for new homes in the area or be adopted as part of a local or neighbourhood plan.

*"The Prince's Foundation is keen to see the BIMBY toolkit more widely used, and from the BIMBY workshops carried out to date it is clear that professional workshop facilitation can greatly enhance the productivity and quality of the work produced. We have therefore agreed to offer BIMBY Housing workshops as part of Locality's recognised toolkits by using experienced members of the Foundation's network for delivery"*

Ben Bolgar, Senior Director, The Prince's Foundation.

## BIMBY Workshop Structure

Three levels of service are available through Locality: **BIMBY-lite**, **BIMBY-medium** and **BIMBY-full**. As implied by the names these involve less to more time from a practitioner with neighbourhood planning experience and trained in the delivery of BIMBY to suit the particular level of budget requested and level of detail or complexity that may be required in each place.

### **BIMBY-lite:**

This would involve an initial conference call with the Neighbourhood Planning Group, an evening drop-in session to cover workshop 1 and then a full day covering workshops 2 and 3. A follow up conference call would also be offered to pick up any queries from the group and also feedback any comments about the emerging Housing Manual before it is completed.

*Costs: £2,250+VAT+expenses*

### **BIMBY-medium:**

This would involve an initial site visit to assess the site context and meet the Neighbourhood Planning group plus any key stakeholders. An evening drop-in session would cover workshop 1 and a full day workshop the following day to cover workshop 2. A conference call would then be arranged with the group to discuss the study areas for the collection of good local building types. A full day covering workshop 3 would then be run with a subsequent call and review organised for the BIMBY Housing Manual before it is completed.

*Costs: £4,500+VAT+expenses*

### **BIMBY-full:**

This would involve an initial site visit to assess the site context and meet the Neighbourhood Planning group plus any key stakeholders. An evening drop-in session would cover workshop 1 and a full day workshop the following day to cover workshop 2. Some development time would be allowed to work up a framework plan to shape future development in liaison with the local authority. A conference call would then be arranged with the group to discuss the study areas for the collection of good local building types. A full day covering workshop 3 would then be run with a subsequent call and allowance for helping collate building types and materials section for the BIMBY Housing Manual before it is completed.

*Costs: £6,750+VAT+expenses*

For further information please visit **Locality**  
[neighbourhoodplanning.org/beauty-in-my-backyard](http://neighbourhoodplanning.org/beauty-in-my-backyard) or see [bimby.org.uk](http://bimby.org.uk)