

Term	Explanation
Area Action Plan	A type of Development Plan Document focused upon a specific location or an area subject to conservation or significant change (for example major regeneration).
Annual Monitoring Report (AMR)	A report submitted to the government by local planning authorities or regional planning bodies assessing progress with and the effectiveness of a Local Development Framework.
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB)	An area with statutory national landscape designation, the primary purpose of which is to conserve and enhance natural beauty. Together with National Parks, AONBs represent the nation's finest landscapes. AONBs are designated by the Countryside Agency.
Brownfield	See Previously Developed Land (PDL) below
Conservation Area Character Appraisal	A published document defining the special architectural or historic interest that warranted the area being designated
Development Plan Documents (DPDs)	<p>Development Plan Documents are prepared by local planning authorities and outline the key development goals of the Local Development Framework. DPDs form an essential part of the Local Development Framework.</p> <p>Development Plan Documents include the core strategy, site-specific allocations of land and, where needed, area action plans. An adopted proposals map, which illustrates the spatial extent of policies, must also be prepared and maintained to accompany all DPDs.</p> <p>All DPDs must be subject to rigorous procedures of community involvement, consultation and independent examination, and adopted after receipt of the inspector's binding report. Once adopted, development control decisions must be made in accordance with them unless material considerations indicate otherwise.</p>
Employment Land Availability (ELA)	The total amount of land reserved for industrial and business use awaiting development.
Environmental Capacity Study	A study which assesses the "capacity" of a town or settlement to accommodate further development having regard to environmental and landscape quality and constraints.
Flood Risk Assessment	An assessment of the likelihood of flooding in a particular area so that development needs and mitigation measures can be carefully considered.
Green Wedges	The open areas around and between parts of

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	settlements, which maintain the distinction between the countryside and built up areas, prevent the coalescence (merging) of adjacent places and can also provide recreational opportunities.
Growth Point	<p>A planning concept which was set out in the Government's Housing Green Paper 2007 as part of proposals to achieve a target of delivering 2 million new homes by 2016 and 3 million homes by 2020.</p> <p>The Government has invited towns to bid to become a growth point. Growth points must offer at least 20% additional housing growth above the 2003 baseline, with overall housing growth at least 500 homes a year. Additional resources will be directed by government to assist with infrastructure provision.</p>
Housing and Employment Partnership (HEMP)	A group of interested organisations and people set up by the Craven District Council to comment on issues relating to housing and employment land development in the district
Local Development Framework (LDF)	<p>A term used to describe a folder of documents, which includes all the local planning authority's local development documents. An LDF comprises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Plan Documents (which form part of the statutory development plan) • Supplementary Planning Documents • the Statement of Community Involvement • the Local Development Scheme • the Annual Monitoring Report
Local Planning Authority	The local authority or council that is empowered by law to exercise planning functions. Often the local borough or district council. National parks and the Broads authority are also considered to be local planning authorities. County councils are the authority for waste and minerals matters.
Local Strategic Partnership (LSP)	An overall partnership of people that brings together organisations from the public, private, community and voluntary sector within a local authority area, with the objective of improving people's quality of life.
National Land Use Database (NLUD)	Government initiative to provide information on the amount of previously developed land (and buildings) that may be available for development.
ODPM	Office of the Deputy Prime Minister
Planning Delivery Grant (PDG)	PDG is providing about £605m over six years (2003-2008), to resource and incentivise regional planning bodies and local authorities to improve

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	the planning system and deliver sustainable communities. Allocations are based on assessment of performance across a range of planning functions.
Previously Developed Land (PDL) or 'Brownfield' land	Land which is or was occupied by a permanent structure (excluding agricultural or forestry buildings), and associated fixed-surface infrastructure. The definition covers the curtilage of the development. Planning Policy Guidance Note 3 (Housing) has a detailed definition.
Planning Policy Guidance (PPG)	Issued by central government setting out its national land use policies for England on different areas of planning. These are gradually being replaced by Planning Policy Statements.
Planning Policy Statement (PPS)	Issued by central government to replace the existing Planning Policy Guidance notes in order to provide greater clarity and to remove from national policy advice on practical implementation, which is better expressed as guidance rather than policy.
Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS)	A strategy for how a region should look in 15 to 20 years time and possibly longer. The Regional Spatial Strategy identifies the scale and distribution of new housing in the region, indicates areas for regeneration, expansion or sub-regional planning and specifies priorities for the environment, transport, infrastructure, economic development, agriculture, minerals and waste treatment and disposal. Most former Regional Planning Guidance is now considered RSS and forms part of the development plan. Regional Spatial Strategies are prepared by Regional Planning Bodies.
Ribbon Development	Development, usually residential, extending along one or both sides of a road but not extended in depth.
Site Allocations Development Plan Document (SITE ALLOCATIONS DPD)	One of a package of Development Plan Documents which form the Local Development Framework. This particular document will set out various land use allocations for future development sites.
Special Area Of Conservation (SAC)	A site designated under the European Community Habitats Directive, to protect internationally important natural habitats and species.
Special Protection Areas (SPA)	Sites classified under the European Community Directive on Wild Birds to protect internationally important bird species.
Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA)	A piece of research aimed at estimating housing need and demand. All types of housing are

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	considered, including social rented housing, intermediate housing (shared equity and other Homebuy options), private rented housing and home ownership.
Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	A Local Development Document that may cover a range of issues, thematic or site specific, and provides further detail of policies and proposals in a 'parent' Development Plan Document.
Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)	A site identified under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended by the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000) as an area of special interest by reason of any of its flora, fauna, geological or physiographical features (basically, plants, animals, and natural features relating to the Earth's structure).
Tree Preservation Order (TPO)	A mechanism for securing the preservation of single or groups of trees of acknowledged amenity value. A tree subject to a tree preservation order may not normally be topped, lopped or felled without the consent of the local planning authority.
Urban Capacity Study / Urban Potential Study	Studies undertaken to establish how much additional housing can be accommodated within urban areas.
Windfall Site	A site not specifically allocated for development in a development plan, but which unexpectedly becomes available for development during the lifetime of a plan. Most "windfalls" are referred to in a housing context.
YDNP	Yorkshire Dales National Park