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# Planning strategy team

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The planning system provides a way of deciding how we use land, what we build, and where we build it. National and local government prepare planning policy documents consisting of maps and written policies that guide and inform future development.

These policies are then used to make decisions on planning applications.

## Local plan

The main role of the council planning policy team is to prepare planning policy documents, known as the 'Local Plan'. The team are currently in the process of preparing a new Local Plan for Blackpool which will replace saved policies in the Blackpool Local Plan 2001-2016.

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