

What can we learn from Europe? - the SPECIAL project

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Overview



- **Introduction to the TCPA and SPECIAL**
- **Sharing knowledge through European projects**
- **Aligning spatial and energy planning**



History



Founded as the **Garden Cities Association** in **1899** by **Sir Ebenezer Howard** in response to 19th century problems.



Secure a **decent, well designed home for everyone**, in a human-scale environment combining the best features of town and country

Empower people and communities to influence decisions that affect them

Improve the planning system in accordance with the principles of **sustainable development**

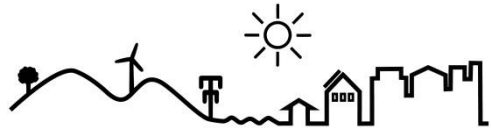
‘Town and country must be married’



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ABOUT THE TCPA

Leading the planning debate in the UK



SPECIAL

SPATIAL PLANNING and ENERGY for

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planning out poverty

the reinvention of social town planning



eco-development group newsletter

Issue 9 August 2011

Welcome to the ninth issue of the TCPA's Eco-Development Group (EDG) Newsletter. In each issue of the Newsletter we will update you on the latest training, events and opportunities. We will also use the Newsletters to highlight key issues that need to be taken into account as eco-developments are brought forward. This issue of the Newsletter includes an update on the draft National Planning Policy Framework and an article on how the AIMCA project is helping to make eco-homes the norm, as well as information on upcoming TCPA and EDG events in 2011.

Observe from top left: Chris Small & family of 10. By C. Small, illustrating the Stockbridge site and its partnership with a local housing association. The Stockbridge estate of 100, with an area of 100, is a partnership with the TCPA and EDG members on the...

collaborative working for climate change policies

By Alex House



town & country planning

The Journal of the Town and Country Planning Association

January 2011 Vol. 80 No. 1

brian briscoe, emma carlaga, hugh ellis, peter hall, robin hambleton, yvonne rydin,

policy analysis of housing and planning reform

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March 2011

Your place, your plan



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planning for a healthy environment – good practice guidance for green infrastructure and biodiversity

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the lie of the land!

England in the 21st century



TCPA PROJECTS

planning, health and social justice



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Garden Cities & New Towns



What makes a Garden City for today?



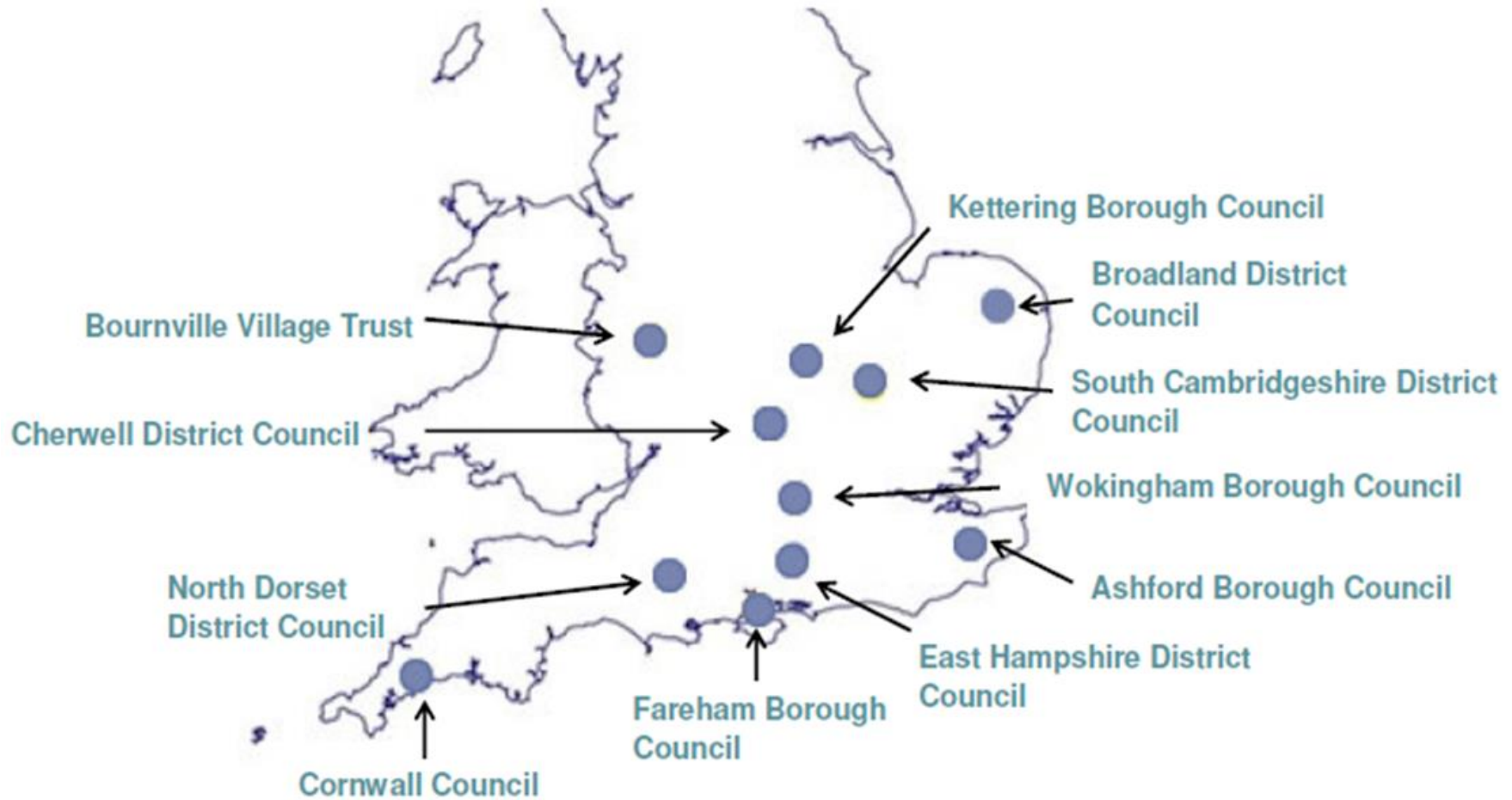
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Climate Change



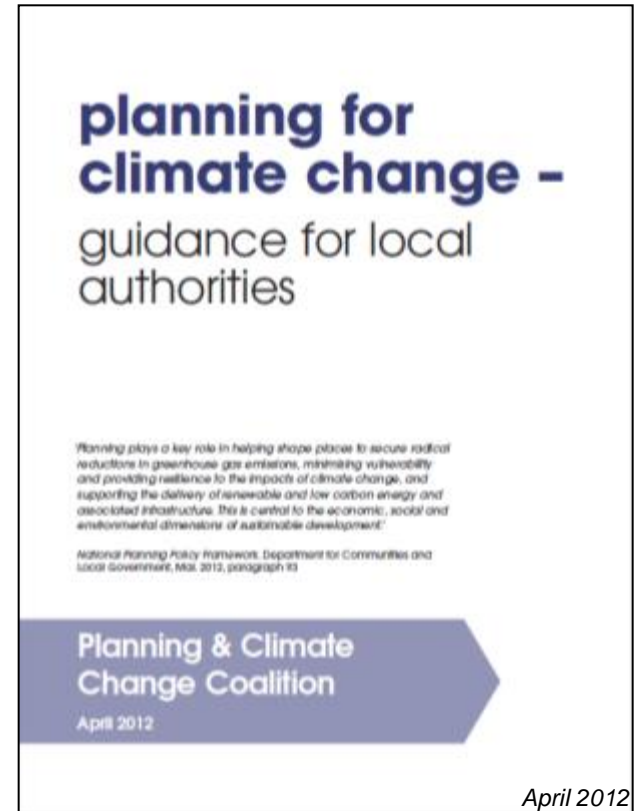
Planning and Climate Change Coalition (PCCC)



Coalition of over 60 cross-sector organisations and individuals

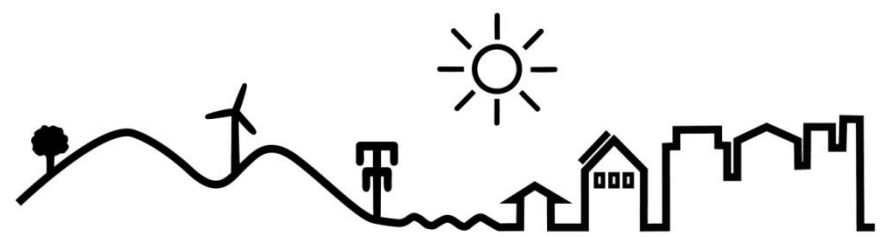
Planning guidance and model policies on climate change for local authorities

NEW MANIFESTO AVAILABLE TODAY!



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SPECIAL SPATIAL PLANNING and ENERGY for COMMUNITIES IN ALL LANDSCAPES



- Building the capacity of Town Planning Associations to plan and deliver sustainable energy solutions
- Integrating spatial planning and energy planning



SPECIAL Key objectives



- To build the capacity of **Town Planning Associations** to integrate sustainable energy solutions into spatial planning training, practice, and delivery.
- To exchange experience and competences to deliver the integration of sustainable energy into spatial planning strategies at **local and regional** levels.
- To improve the energy-related competence of planners working within **local authorities** through piloting integrated spatial planning strategies for low carbon towns and regions.



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SPECIAL Partners



Town Planning Associations across Europe:

- UK:** TCPA
- Sweden:** Swedish Society for Town & Country Planning
- Ireland:** Irish Planning Institute/South Dublin CC
- Hungary:** Hungarian Urban Knowledge Centre
- Italy:** National Centre for Town Planning Studies
- Greece:** The Org. for the Master Plan and Environmental Protection of Greater Macedonia (ORTH)
- Germany:** German Institute of Urban Affairs
- Austria:** Provincial Govt of Styria, Dept Spatial Planning

- EU-wide:** European Council of Town Planners (ECTP-CEU)
- France:** French Society of Town Planners (SFU)



Sharing knowledge: Partner hosted training weeks



England



Sweden



Germany

Pan-European portfolio of modular training materials



1. Challenges of climate change and sustainable energy supply
2. Framework of spatial planning and sustainable energy
3. Strategies, tools and instruments for integration of spatial planning and sustainable energy
4. Infrastructure and implementation at a local level
5. Stakeholder inclusion, participation processes and communications



LAUNCHING: Summer 2015 @ www.special-eu.org

Learning from each other

Working in peer groups



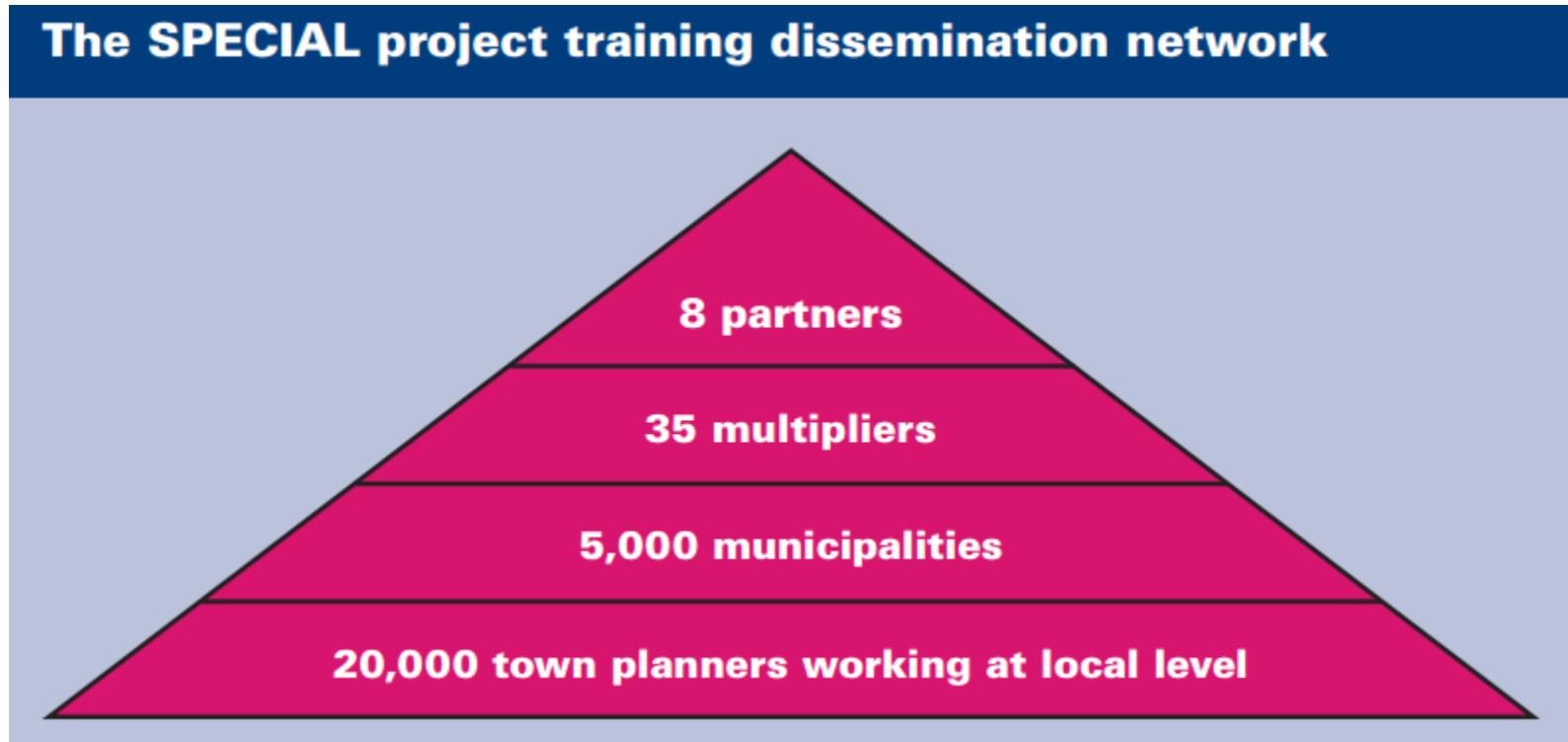
Sustainable Energy Action Planning: Learning from each other

A report on successful peer-to-peer
working

Experience from the Intelligent Energy Europe projects LEAP,
Conurbant, Covenant CapaCITY, CASCADE and eReNet



Multiplier effect



TCPA Multiplier Organisations



1. **RTPI Learn** (Royal Town Planning Institute)
2. **PUSH** (Partnership for Urban South Hampshire)
3. **Sustainability East** (Climate change partnership in the East of England)
4. **CLASP** (Climate change partnership in North West England)
5. **Association for Public Service Excellence (APSE) Energy** - Local Authority Energy Collaboration
6. **Hertfordshire County Council - Building Futures** (Sustainable Design Toolkit and Awards, & Herts Design Review Panel)
7. **Department for Energy and Climate Change**
8. **Forum for the Future/Community Energy Coalition**
9. **TCPA groups** (Policy Council, Trustees, New Communities Group and Planning & Climate Change Coalition)



Hungarian Multiplier Organisations



1. **Magyar Urbanisztikai Társaság, MUT** – Hungarian Association of Urban Planners
2. **Települési Önkormányzatok Szövetsége, TÖOSZ** - National Alliance of Local Governments
3. **VÁTI Nonprofit Kft** - Hungarian Centre of European Urban Knowledge Network (EUKN)
4. **Budapest University of Technology and Economy, Department of Environmental Economy**
5. **University of Debrecen, Department of Technology**



TCPA SPECIAL Training modules



1	Planning/ Masterplanning for Sustainable Energy	Linked Study Visit
2	Neighbourhood Planning for Sustainable Energy	
3	Planning for Decentralised Energy - District Heating	
4	Planning for Community Energy	
5	Planning for Retrofitting in Regeneration	



TCPA TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR AUTUMN 2015

M1

Planning/ Masterplanning for Sustainable Energy

How can spatial planning help shape a society which celebrates a future based on sustainable energy generation resources?

- Planning objectives & structures
- Evidence base for plan-making
- Local planning approaches
- Masterplanning and design

1. **Thursday 23 July** 9:30 am to 13:00pm, TCPA London
2. **TBC**

CPD Hours: 3 hours



M2

Neighbourhood Planning for Sustainable Energy

How can those communities who care about sustainability take the lead role in planning for sustainable energy in their neighbourhoods?

- Neighbourhood planning objectives and structures
- Neighbourhood Plans, Local Development Orders, NDOs
- Neighbourhood Plan (exercise)

1. **Thursday 17 September** 10:00 am to 15:00pm, TCPA London
2. **TBC September**

CPD Hours: 5 hours



M3

Planning for Decentralised Energy - District Heating

How can planners develop a positive strategy to promote decentralised energy?

- DH principles
- Planning structures and mechanisms
- Guidance for developers
- Evidence base and feasibility studies
- Masterplanning for DH (exercise)

1. **TBC September**
2. **Tuesday 6 October.** 10:00 am to 15:00pm, TCPA London

CPD Hours: 5 hours



M4 Planning for Community Energy

How can planning help secure community led/owned energy initiatives?

- Definition and scope
- Policy context and guidance
- Community engagement process
- Harnessing community benefits
- Community Energy Plan (exercise)

1. **Thursday 22 October**, 10:00 am to 15:00pm, TCPA London
2. **TBC October**

CPD Hours: 5 hours



M5 Planning for Energy in Regeneration and Retrofitting

How can planning and regeneration be integrated to secure retrofitting of existing buildings and neighbourhoods?

- Area-based challenges and issues
- Planning for Retrofitting: the basics
- Retrofitting: the options, the process and the Plan
- Retrofitting Regeneration (exercise)

1. **Thursday 19 November**, 10:00 am to 15:00pm, TCPA London
2. **TBC November**

CPD Hours: 5 hours



Working with HUKC



Report to Covenant of Mayors on how to identify and integrate key spatial planning considerations into the Guidance for the development and implementation of Sustainable Energy Action Plans



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Working with ECTP-CEU



Pan-European Guide x 10 country planning systems and solutions

ECTP Award: 2014 focused exclusively on spatial planning and energy

Two additional ECTP-CEU members to benefit from SPECIAL



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Aligning spatial planning and energy planning:



How to make it happen:

1. Strong **political leadership** and support
2. Effective and inclusive **cross-departmental working**
3. Effective and **integrated policy frameworks** at regional, city and masterplan scales
4. Effective and transparent **public-private partnerships** and **funding streams**



SPECIAL Online portfolio



- The online portfolio can be accessed from the members area of the website
- It will soon be made public
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