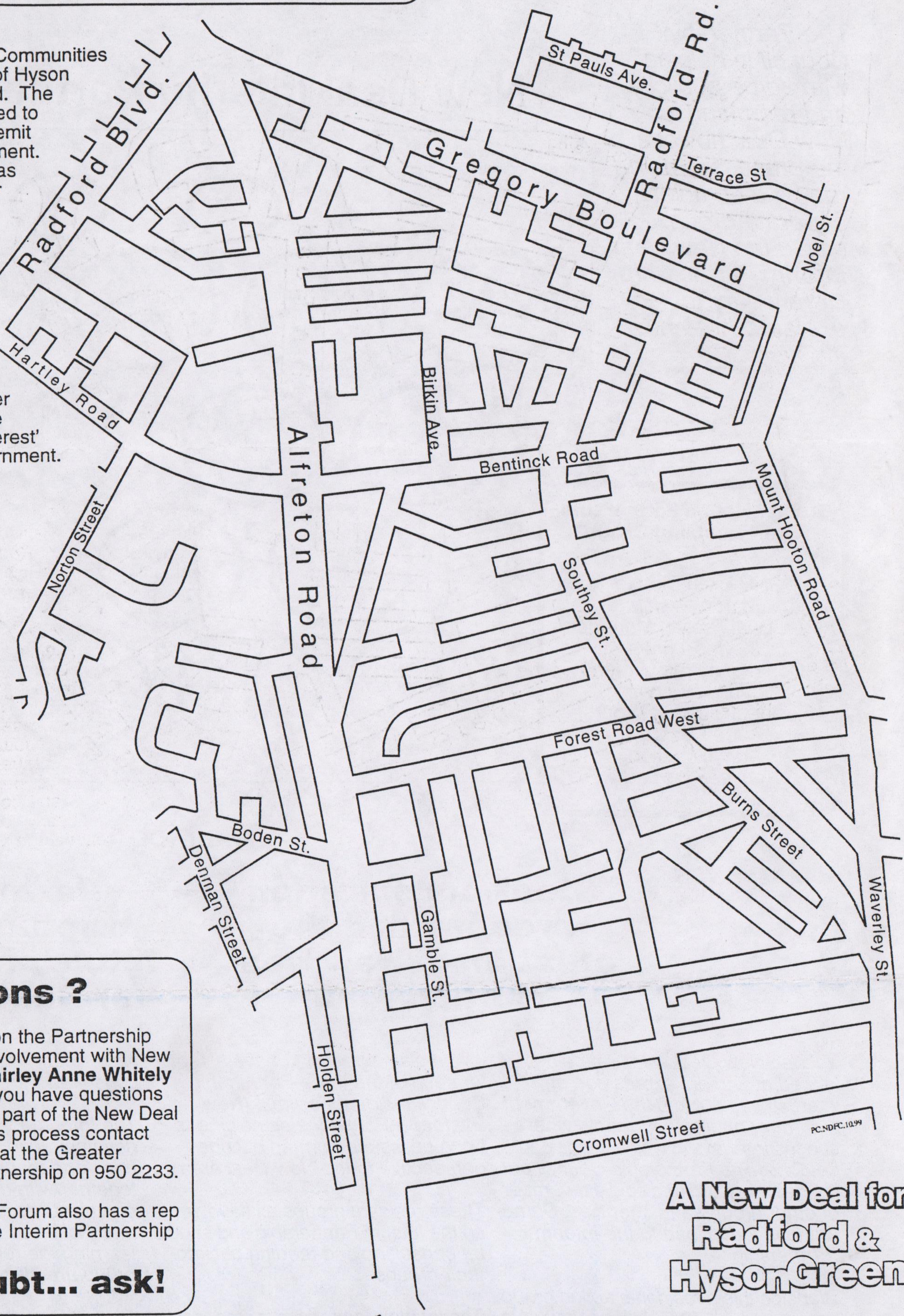




**Reference: New Deal area map**

The New Deal for Communities area covers parts of Hyson Green and Radford. The area was considered to best fit within the remit set by the Government. Part of the remit was that it should cover a maximum of 4000 households and also that it should cover areas of high deprivation. The area was also looked at by the Residents Group in November 1998 as part of the 'expression of interest' made to the Government.



**Questions ?**

Any questions on the Partnership Council & its' involvement with New Deal contact **Shirley Anne Whitely** on 970 8200. If you have questions about any other part of the New Deal for Communities process contact **David Hughes** at the Greater Nottingham Partnership on 950 2233.

Each Resident Forum also has a rep who attends the Interim Partnership meetings.

**If in doubt... ask!**

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## New Deal for Communities

**Information for Partnership Council Resident Forum members**

**Background**

This Newsletter is done by the Partnership Council. It is not part of our contract to New Deal but is part of our commitment to Partnership Council members. The information in it is based on our understanding of the New Deal process.

The partnership Council is committed to supporting New Deal in ways which fit in with our aims, objectives and principles but we are not in charge of New Deal for Communities or responsible for the consultation process or Action Plan.

This New Deal Special has been put together for Resident Forum members as part of our work to disseminate information. If you are a resident in or near the New Deal area then there are opportunities to get involved.

If local people are not involved in drawing together a New Deal plan then it will not work.

The consultation work to draw together a programme of how New Deal will work, called Phase 2, is being lead by a New Deal Interim Partnership.

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*New Deal for Communities is a major new regeneration programme which has been launched by the Government. It is offering upto £50 Million to be spent in parts of Radford and Hyson Green which are experiencing some of the worst problems within our community.*

# What's new

**Update**

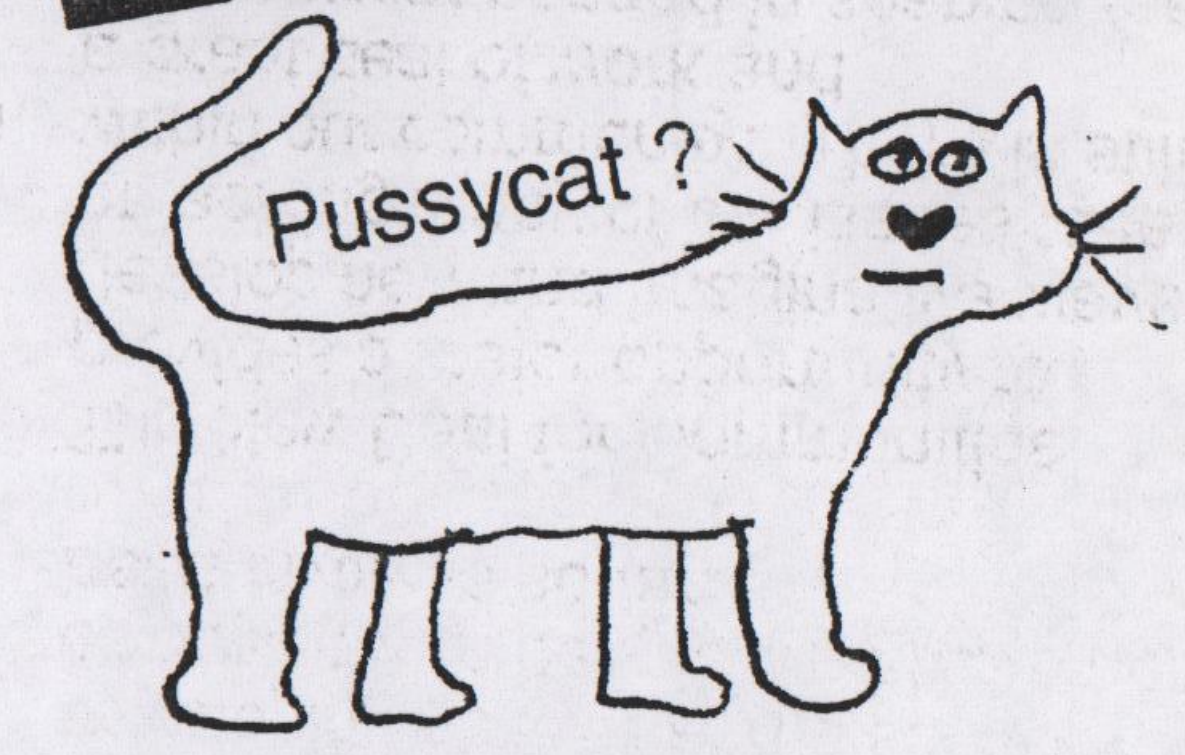
The First Congress for residents to put forward ideas took place on November 27th & 28th 1999. The New Deal for Communities is now in the last part of phase two which has been set aside to develop the delivery plan.

This phase was seen in the original consultation strategy as the "focusing down the debate", where the ideas which have come out of the wider consultation are focused down to produce the final delivery plan for the ten year project.

The ideas are being focused down in seven multi-sector theme groups. These groups will recommend the visions, outcomes and actions points to be included in the delivery plan.

A Second Congress is being held on February 26th. This will provide stake holders with an opportunity to comment on discuss and endorse the proposed programme and partnership structures.

The time scales in which this work is being done are extremely tight as the final delivery plan must be handed in to government on March 21st 2000. This deadline does not leave much of a genuine opportunity for people to be involved in shaping the final delivery plan. There are also concerns that many of the theme groups do not have people involved from different sectors, especially residents.



However, consultation and community participation should not stop once the plan has been submitted to government. Many of the theme groups have recognised that there are many areas which need further development as well as many people who have not been participated. Actions are therefore being put into the delivery plan which state that further work is needed both in involving partners in developing actions and also in engaging with people who have not been involved so far.

The New Deal for Communities provides a major opportunity to develop new and imaginative ways of tackling many of the issues faced within our community. There is still a great deal of work and commitment needed in shaping the actions which take place. It is important that as many people get involved in the process to ensure that the New Deal reflects the needs and values of all the community.

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## 26 Feb

Saturday

Tennyson Hall Youth & Community Centre  
Forest Road West  
Radford

**Look out for posters**



## ✓ **New Deal... new staff**

Joe Pearce has been taken on as the new New Deal for Communities Residents Development Worker will be working with residents groups in the New Deal for Communities area. He will assist in the development and support of groups linking them to local partnerships.

Juliet Harwood has also been taken on as the new New Deal for Communities Admin Assistant will assist the New Deal for Communities team in the delivery and co-ordination of the New Deal for Communities strategy. Amongst other things she will prepare reports and letters and assist in the development and maintenance of databases and spreadsheets.

Other names you may already have seen are;

Martin Gawith - Greater Nottingham Partnership Executive Director, who is in charge of all the work done by the GNP across the City.

David Hughes - New Deal Project Manager, on Secondment from the Development Department Dave is in charge of running phase 2 of New Deal.

Julia Wilson - Community recruitment, also on secondment from the Policy Department Julia is responsible for trying to ensure the local community and the voluntary sector are involved in New Deal.

**All staff can all be initially contacted at their office on 950 2233.**

## ✓ **Children's Forum**

The Partnership Council's Children's Forum are doing work on ideas for New Deal. Children who are ten years old today will be twenty when New Deal is finished so it is vital we recognise their ideas, listen to concerns they have and fully involve them in the process. Two pieces of work are now being developed from a planning meeting with the Children on Nov 12th. Firstly a survey, largely written by the

children and secondly a big consultation event in the early new year.

The Children's Society have expressed an interest in working in the area and a member of their local organisation has already begun working with us.

We believe that work with Children needs to become an increasingly large part of future regeneration work and hopefully New Deal will take this approach as well.

You can see a doodle of a cat from one of the Children on the front page. This was attached to the sentiment 'more cats and less dog pooh'.

## **Further consultation on themes**

A whole series of smaller focus groups are in the process of developing around the seven themes under New Deal.

These will offer an opportunity to talk about the Action Points put forward so far and how each theme should present its work for a final plan to go to the Government in March.

The themes are:

**Health  
Housing & environment  
Investing in local people Work  
in the community  
Leisure, Arts and Culture  
Crime and security  
Learning and achievement**

We do not have any information about how these groups will work but if you are interested in getting involved contact **950 2233** and ask about 'New Deal themed groups' and how you can take part.

The different themes are being organised by a variety of different people but the number above should be your starting point.

## ✓ **Action Plan !**

Details of process for agreeing the initial Action Plan are.

**24th Jan . Rough Draft Plan available  
30th Jan . Deadline for corrections  
2nd Feb . Final Amendment  
11th Feb . Interim Partnership agree**

**Printing first draft for consultation**

**21st Feb . First draft available**

**\*26th Feb . 2nd Congress\***

**5 days to amend after congress.  
8th Mar . Interim Partnership agree  
Then sent to Government**

With such a tight deadline it is essential that interested people try to attend relevant meetings. Alternatively get along to the second congress, see whats in the Action Plan and give your views.

If people do not take part then they will not be able to influence things.

## **Apology**

A document published by the Church Urban Fund gave some criticism over the implementation phase of Nottingham's New Deal. The report mentions a protocol which the Partnership Council put forward within a proposal document back in April 1999. The Church Urban Fund's report unfortunately gave the impression that the Partnership Council was therefore responsible for subsequent failures which the report criticises. We mentioned this to the Church Urban Fund who have apologised.

Doreen Finneron, National Development Officer with the Fund, has written back saying "the section of the report on Page 2 which refers to the Partnership Council and the Protocol it drew up is intended to illustrate the difficulty in implementing the consultation process.

In the case of Nottingham, as our conversation confirmed, a Protocol which set out a model of community consultation was drawn up by the Partnership Council. This model had guidelines, quoted in the Report, which if they had been followed would have increased the participation of the community in the consultation process.

The Protocol was then handed to the Greater Nottingham Partnership which had the responsibility for implementation. It is this implementation phase that the report criticises, not the Protocol itself.

I am sorry that this distinction is not expressed as clearly as it might be in the report and that the distinction between the Partnership Council and the Greater Nottingham Partnership was not drawn." The Fund are rewriting the report for its second edition.

For copies please enquiries to Church Urban Fund, 2 Great Peter Street, London, SW1P 3LX

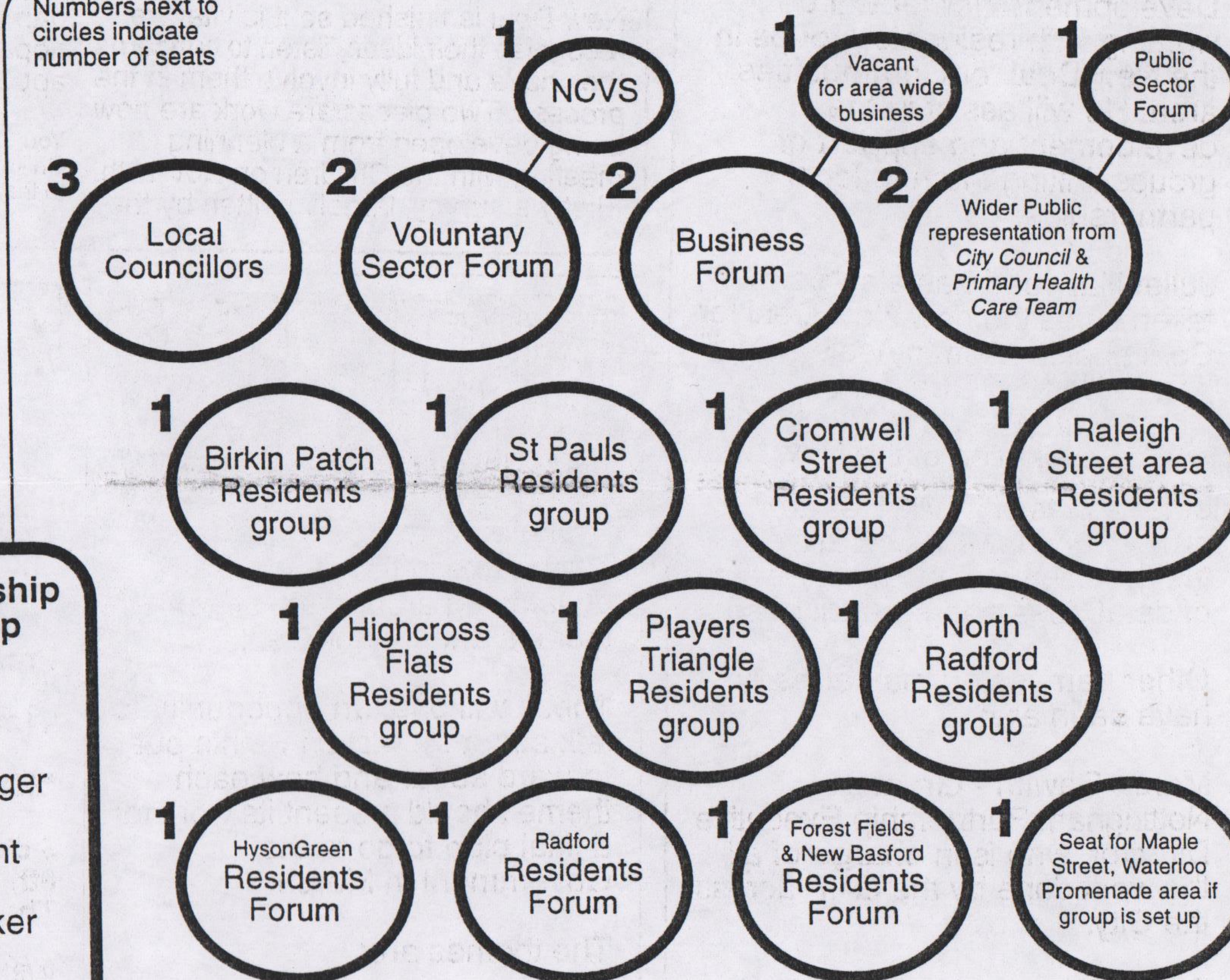


## **Who are the New Deal Interim Partnership**

*The Partnership Council is helping with some publicity and recruiting for New Deal however the process is being run by a completely separate group called the **New Deal Interim Partnership**. Here we try to explain who & how it works.*

## **New Deal Interim Partnership**

Numbers next to circles indicate number of seats



**Steer consultation  
process and the  
creation of New Deal  
Action Plan**

**Partnership  
Structures for the  
future of New Deal  
for Communities**

*When New Deal was first being looked at and an 'expression of interest' was put into the Government a number of different people where suggesting ways in which things could be done. The Partnership Council put it's ideas forward and so did a number of other groups and agencies. Some of these ideas lead to the Interim Partnership.*

*Alongside this a residents action group set up and discussed ways residents should be involved during the consultation phase (which we are in now). The group of residents argued for eight seats for resident groups which covered the New Deal area.*

*It was also agreed to have a seat for each of the three Partnership Council resident Forums. (New Basford & Forest Fields helping to bring up issues from an outside perspective to the New Deal area).*

*These resident groups all have seats on the Interim Partnership and should be consulting and feeding back to their groups.*

*The Interim Partnership is responsible (alongside GNP staff) for steering the consultation work and development of the Action Plan. They are also looking at ways in which a long term partnership might be set up to run*

*New Deal. These ideas will be consulted with other themed work.*

*The Interim Partnership is still developing an understanding of its roles and responsibilities. Working together with different groups and organisations is a new experience for many of them and while they are learning the relationships within the group are also developing.*

*If you are part of any of the groups listed above they should be talking to you about New Deal. ■*