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These jobs are currently being advertised by the New Deal for Communities Interim Partnership.

New Deal for Communities Residents Development Worker (£20,355 - £21,549 depending on experience. Post is for 6 months (with possibilities of extension subject to funding being available).

The worker will be working with residents groups in the New Deal for Communities area. The worker must have good communication skills and be able to assist in the development and support of Residents Groups in the New Deal for Communities area linking them to local partnerships.

Additional

The worker will have a good knowledge of the New Deal for Communities area. Applications from the black and Asian community are particularly welcome.

New Deal for Communities Administrative Assistant

Salary £11,300 per annum. Post is for 6 months (with possibilities of extension subject to funding being available).

The worker will assist the New Deal for Communities team in the delivery and co-ordination of the New Deal for Communities strategy. The worker will prepare reports and letters and assist in the development and maintenance of databases and spreadsheets.

Additional

Must have IT skills to NVQ level 2 or equivalent and a minimum of 2 years in an office environment. Applications from the black and Asian community are particularly welcome.

For details contact Hyson Green Jobshop on 909 5910 and speak to either Donna or Judy.

Questions ?

Any questions on the Partnership Council & its' involvement with New Deal contact Shirley Anne Whitley 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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A residents perspective

By David Roberts

Resident

I first became aware of New Deal for Communities (NDC) about 18 months ago when the Government announced that the newly formed Social Exclusion Unit was in the process of identifying small neighbourhoods with 'joined up'

problems for a new sort of regeneration project focusing on people rather than just 'bricks and mortar'. By November 1998 the Government announced that Nottingham was to have a NDC area and officers from the Greater Nottingham Partnership and the City Council had decided that parts of Radford and Hyson Green would benefit from up to £50 million of New Deal funding over a 10 year period.

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Our area has seen so many 'top down' government schemes with imposed agendas to little affect - this time it seems different - the local community are being encouraged to work in partnership and, in theory, no one sector can impose its agenda.

At least the government are being flexible and are willing to support new ideas and we have got 10 years but the only way NDC can truly work if all our community have a chance to participate in and take ownership of this exciting project.

Since November, myself, other Forum members and members of other residents groups in the area have been to endless meetings, a visioning weekend, conferences, and more. It's been a long process so far and I feel that the hard work has only just begun with the acceptance of the 'expression of interest' by the Government, the first meeting of the Interim Partnership (good luck!) and the start of the consultation process to write an Action Plan.

I think that if you asked anyone involved in a community led 'bottom up' regeneration project they would tell you that it is quite difficult - to say the least -

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especially in an inner city, multi-cultural area like ours. The Partnership Council has been trying for the last 2 years to allocate URBAN funding against an Action Plan which was community determined - so we do have some experience of the effort involved to produce a delivery plan which local people will take ownership of. The real work of informing the whole community of what NDC is and what it can do has started with 'The Big Mix' on the Forest... but it's going to be a real challenge to begin to break down the barriers of mistrust and cynicism which have built up over the years between local people and service providers. We need to start empowering and encouraging the public sector to work with residents and business people to come up with radical solutions to the problems of our neighborhood.

Closer to home we also need to sensibly build on what the Partnership Council working groups have started. It's no secret that one of the reasons that our area was chosen for NDC treatment was to build on what the Partnership Council has started in terms of partnership working.

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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 real opportunities to get involved.

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

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The Consultation Plan.

Without good consultation within the community the quality of the process for drawing up a *New Deal for Communities* programme will be compromised.

Wider Consultation

The process we are following is a widening out of consultation toward an open congress at the end of November.

Wider consultation is being split into seven key themes which cover a cross section of issues which affect our community. Consultation work will be done on each of these themes and the information and ideas brought to the first congress.

Focusing ideas.

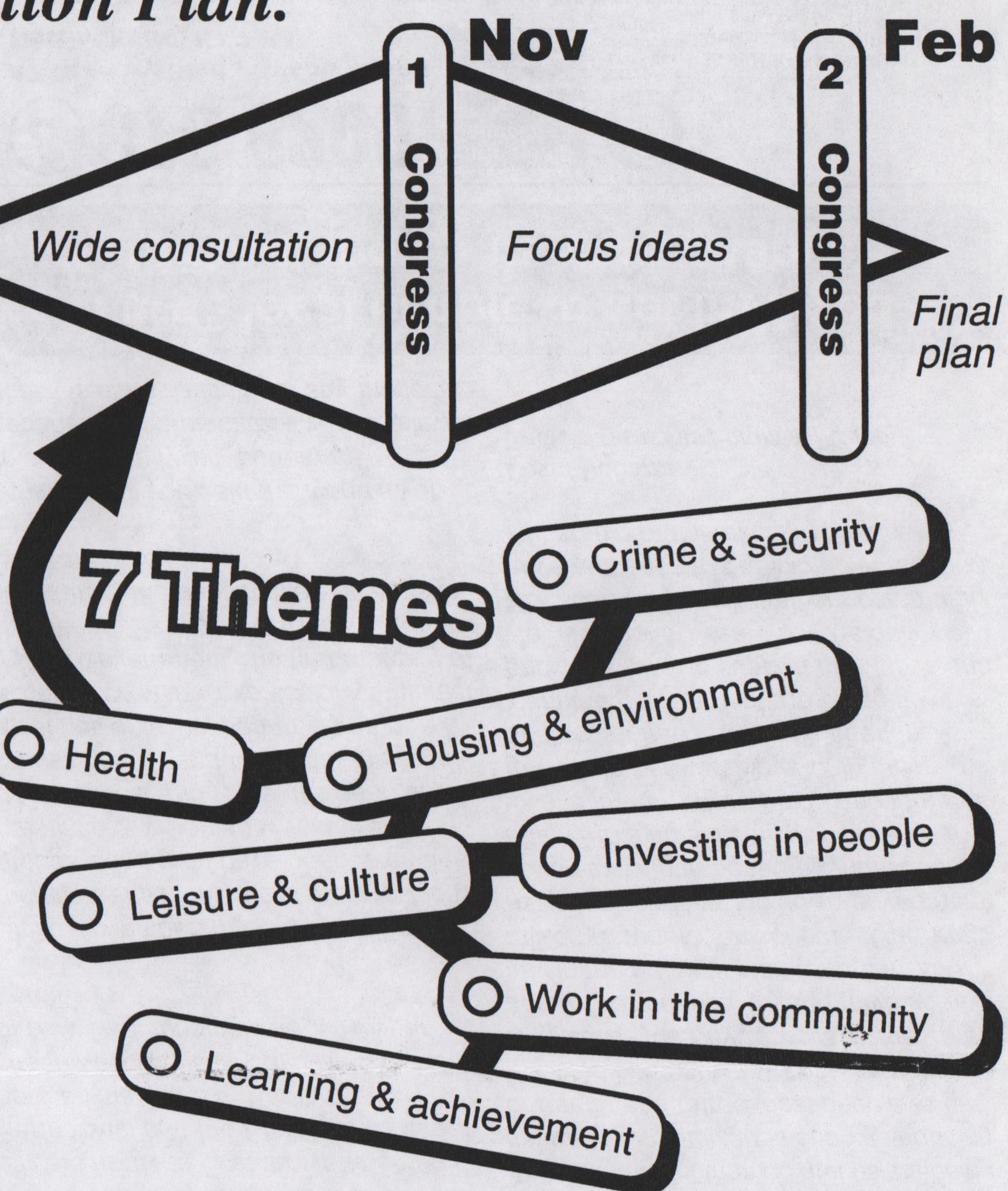
After this action ideas would be focused toward a second congress in February 2000. The result of this process will be a programme which will be presented to the Government. If Actions are not in the programme they will not get funding.



The overall process.

New Deal for Communities is a new programme that will provide funding for the intensive regeneration of part of our local Neighbourhood.

The programme will support regeneration that tackles issues like high unemployment, crime, educational underachievement and poor health. It will support partnerships



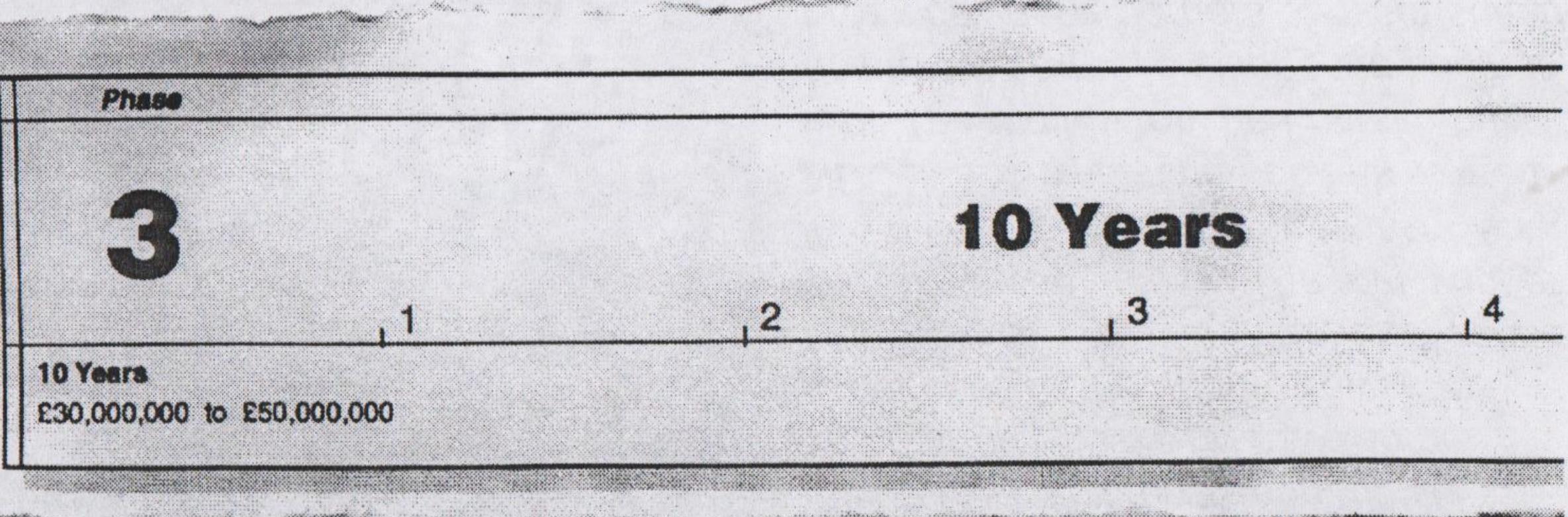
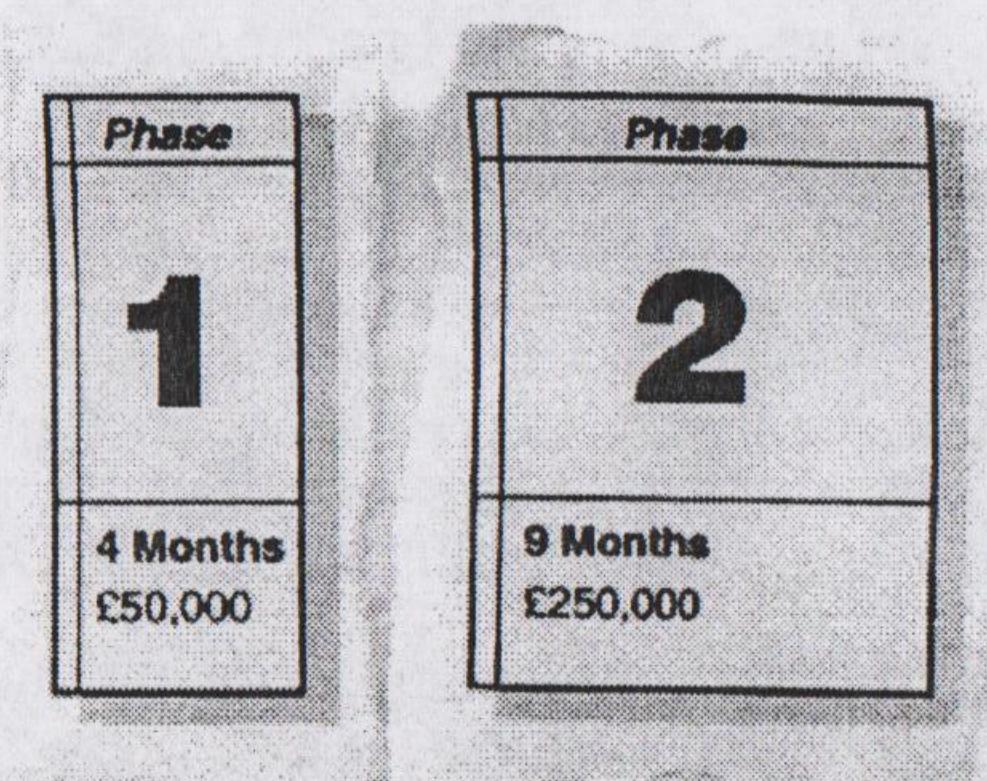
sums of public money from the Government.

The Government intends *New Deal for Communities* to progress in three distinct stages. These are shown in the diagram below.

that bring together local people, community and voluntary organisations, public agencies, local authorities and businesses.

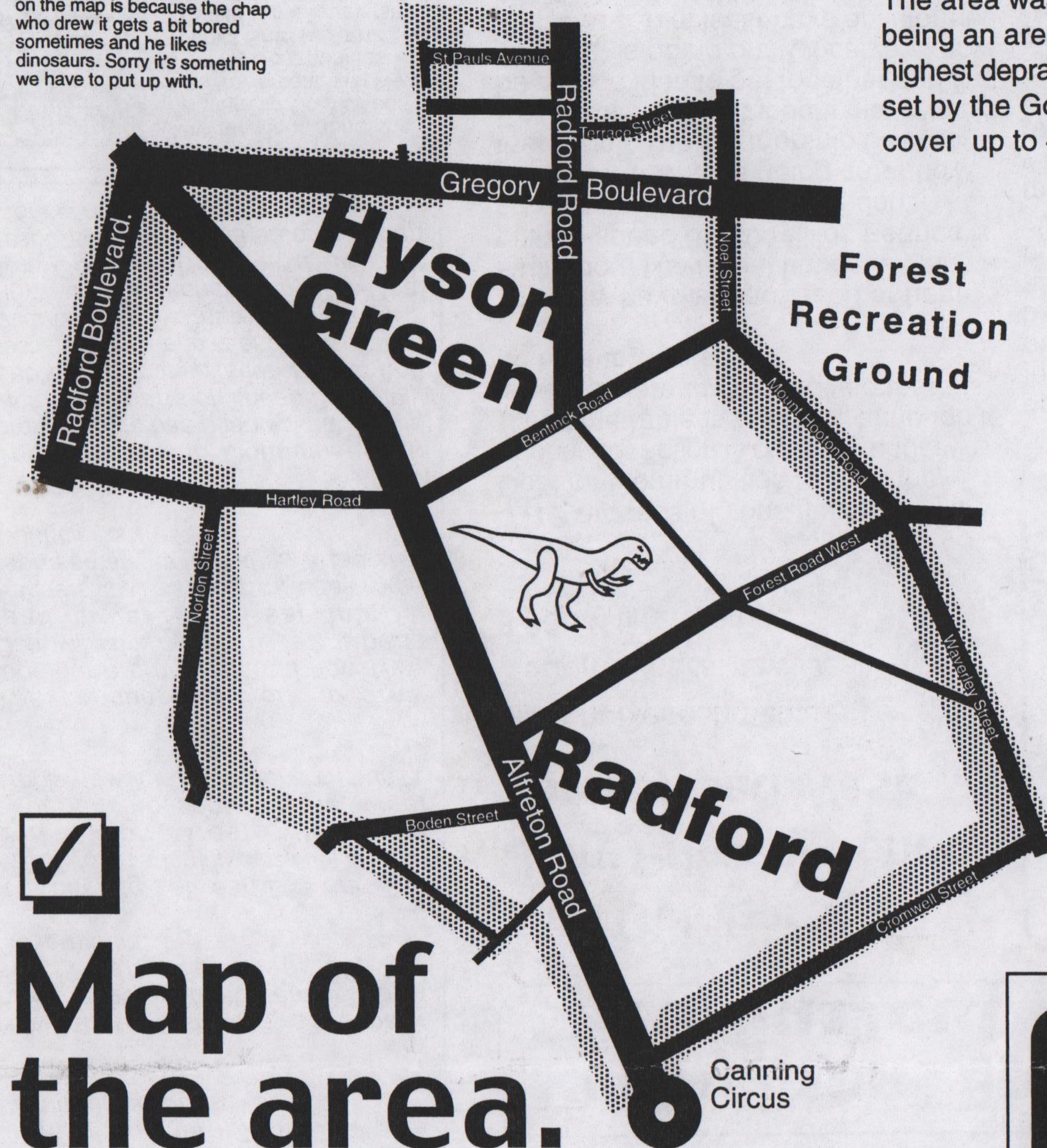
New Deal for Communities is offering to be more flexible and local than any other previous regeneration scheme, and if a successful plan is put together it will be supported with significant

Phase One is where local people, groups and bodies were invited to form a partnership which selected an area for *New Deal* and prepare a proposal demonstrating their



This is an opportunity to help shape a plan for the future of our community

The reason there's a dinosaur on the map is because the chap who drew it gets a bit bored sometimes and he likes dinosaurs. Sorry it's something we have to put up with.



Map of the area.

The area was chosen within Nottingham as being an area which experienced some of the highest deprivation. There was also a restriction set by the Government in that the area had to cover up to 4000 households at the most.

On the positive side the area also had to be able to prove that local people had the capacity to be involved in such a new and innovative regeneration scheme. All the different residents and voluntary groups and the work and experience of the Partnership Council proved to score points in our favour.

Although the area is quite tightly defined it has been recognised that improvement must fit in context of the wider community. Hopefully it will not just be this area that benefits from the improvements.

Mark it on your calendar

27/28th November

New Deal for Communities 1st CONGRESS - a local open event to see what ideas local consultation has come up with for the £35-£50 Million pound scheme. Keep an eye open for more details.

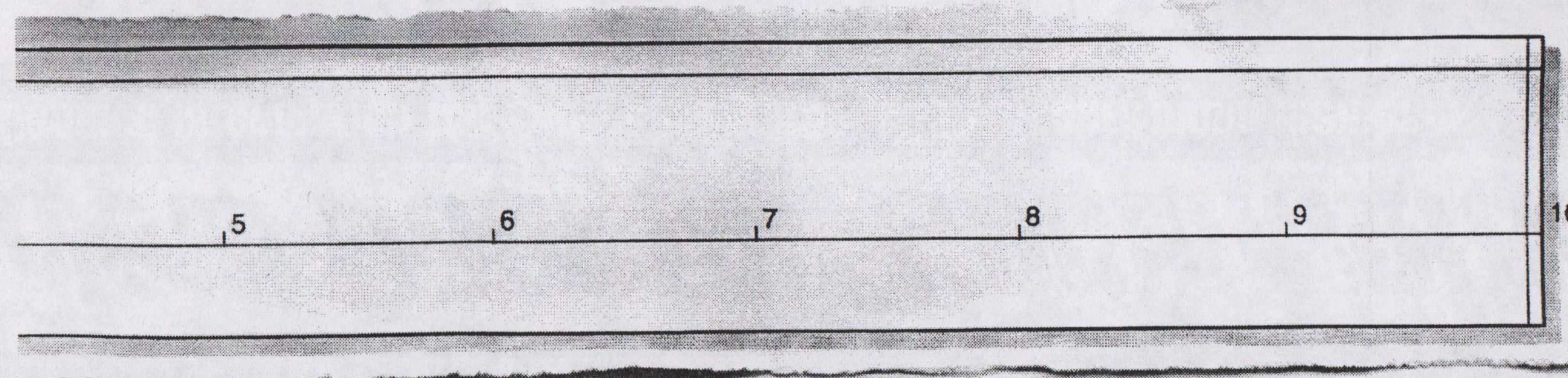
capacity to take *New Deal* on.

Phase Two, is where selected partnerships would receive funding to support them as they produce a detailed plan. The plan would set out the strategy and delivery plan for *New Deal for Communities*. This is the Phase which is currently underway. To put together an Action Plan local people need to be involved.

Phase Three is where successful

plans would receive funding to begin delivering their *New Deal for Communities* plan.

While the Action Plan at the end of Phase Two will show how *New Deal* will be done there will still be ongoing consultation and development of ideas throughout the ten years of the programme.



If you do not take part the plan will be shaped by those who do.