

Working together

The Prince's Foundation for the Built Environment believes that any neighbourhood, village or town plan is better for having engaged as many different stakeholders as possible.

They agree with an old eastern proverb:

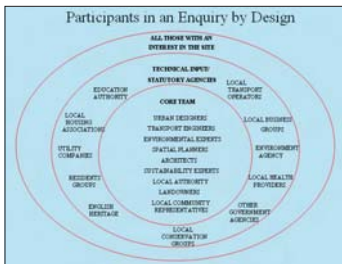
Tell me, I forget,
Show me, I remember,
Involve me, I understand.

They have developed a process called "Enquiry by Design" (EbD) where existing adjacent communities, developers and their consultants, all county and local authorities, health and education, wildlife groups and environmental agencies work together, not in isolation, so that everyone's concerns, legal responsibilities and design ideas can be shared and aired.

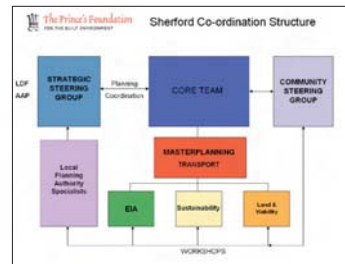
A team of designers constantly work alongside the participants interpreting and demonstrating the implications of these challenging debates.



Sherford Enquiry by Design workshops



Sherford stakeholder diagram



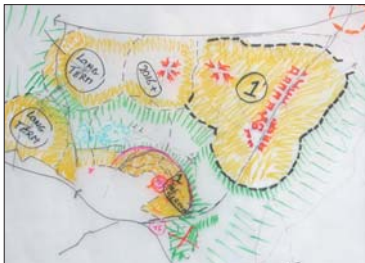
Co-ordination structure diagram



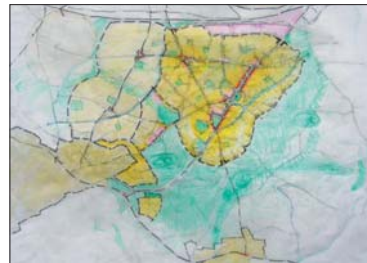
These processes are tough and very complex because they expose different concerns and values in a very direct way. Nonetheless, South Hams District Council invited other local authorities and interest groups to get involved and commissioned The Prince's Foundation to carry out an EbD.

Thus far it has been very beneficial. Red Tree, the partnership promoting Sherford, has carried on with the involvement of the Foundation. Not all issues have reached full agreement, but the dialogue continues. A Community Steering Group has been formed and groups come together for specialist workshops that report back to the wider community.

This exhibition and the meeting that follows is a small part of that continuing process of engagement.



Sherford Enquiry by Design studies



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