The Life Cycle of Neighbourhood

Local area plans provide guidance and direction as communities reach their natural redevelopment life cycle stage.

1. **New Community Development**
   - greenfield land subdivided
   - houses constructed
   - single-family homes built first

2. **Residents move in**
   - 15-20 year build-out
   - mainly new or growing families

3. **Adult children move out**
   - 20-30 years later
   - maturing families, population decreases

4. **Area gets redeveloped**
   - additional 20 - 30 years
   - redevelopment to suit contemporary home buyers
   - population stabilizes to support existing infrastructure

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A big part of a community’s life cycle is redevelopment, which often begins when communities reach a certain age and homes, buildings and amenities need to be refreshed and revitalized or renewed and replaced.