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Two of the councils shortlisted for beacon council status in promoting sustainable communities through the planning process are in growth areas. Ashford Borough Council and Wellingborough Borough Council are among those selected as "excellent and innovative" by the Independent Advisory Panel for the beacon scheme. "We've had a long experience in planning for growth in the Milton Keynes South Midlands area so we felt it was a good time to apply for the award. We have a lot of experience to share," said James Wilson, corporate manager for sustainable communities at Wellingborough Borough Council.