

CHAPTER 1:

INTRODUCTION

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Introduction

What is the Local Plan?

- 1.1 The Local Plan sets out how land in the borough should be used and developed to create fairer, healthier, more sustainable places for current and future generations. This includes providing more genuinely affordable homes, green spaces and trees, employment opportunities, social infrastructure, and addressing the climate emergency.
- 1.2 It is our primary planning document and forms part of our Development Plan, which in accordance with English law, is the starting point for deciding planning applications in Haringey.
- 1.3 The Local Plan seeks to address Haringey's specific opportunities and challenges and enhance the attributes that make the borough a unique and special place.
- 1.4 The plan:
 - i. Reflects the Council's latest strategic aspirations
 - ii. Reflects the Council's declaration of a Climate Emergency and the urgent climate action need to address the causes and effect of climate changes
 - iii. Responds to changes to National Planning Policy and Guidance
 - iv. Responds to the London Plan 2021 and its emerging successor document
Responds to housing delivery challenges
 - v. Meets the legal requirement to review Local Plans every five years

How does it fit in with other plans, policies, and strategies?

- 1.5 This plan is the key component of our Development Plan, alongside and supported by the London Plan (2021), Neighbourhood Plans, and the North London Waste Plan (2022), which sets out the planning framework for waste management in North London.
- 1.6 The Local Plan has been prepared so that it is in 'general conformity' with the London Plan 2021. The London Plan sets out a vision and planning policies for Greater London and is part of our Development Plan. The Local Plan does not need to repeat existing London Plan policies that work effectively for deciding planning applications in Haringey. This plan contains targeted policies to address our local context, needs and aspirations in a way that still meets the overall ambition of the London Plan but responds more appropriately to Haringey's unique characteristics.

- 1.7 Local communities can use their powers under the Localism Act 2011 to produce neighbourhood plans for their areas. These must be in general conformity with the Local Plan and London Plan and have the same weight as the London Plan and Local Plan in deciding planning applications. Currently Haringey has one adopted neighbourhood plan, the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan (2017).
- 1.8 The Local Plan builds directly upon the Council’s vision for Haringey which was adopted in October 2024.

Our Vision – Haringey 2035

The Council’s vision, developed in partnership between the Council and our residents, communities, partners, council staff and visitors, is that Haringey will be a place where we can all belong and thrive:

“A place where all our residents have the opportunity to thrive and enjoy the best possible version of their life; where the quality of life in every part of the borough is comparable to our cleanest, greenest and safest neighbourhoods; and that at a time of insecurity and change, Haringey is a place where people can put down roots and feel they really belong.”

- 1.9 The Council recognises that the vision is just a start and to achieve it the Council has identified six ‘Calls to Action’. These are the priorities that our residents, communities and partners have indicated are the foundations of the future that we want to build. It is through securing progress in these fundamental areas that we will create opportunity, a great quality of life and sense of belonging for all.
- 1.10 This Local Plan sets out a comprehensive placemaking framework for Haringey that contributes to the delivery of all six ‘Calls to Action’. The Local Plan includes a spatial vision for the borough which is complementary to the Council’s overall vision for Haringey and which focuses on how development and land use change will secure positive placemaking outcomes.
- 1.11 In addition, the Local Plan will also help deliver the ambitions of a range of other Council plans and strategies, including:
- i. Climate Change Action Plan 2021
 - ii. Walking and Cycling Action Plan 2022
 - iii. Parks and Greenspaces Strategy 2023
 - iv. Opportunity Haringey Inclusive Economy Framework 2023
 - v. Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2024-2029

- vi. Housing Strategy 2024
- vii. Arts & Culture Strategy 2024
- viii. Shaping Wood Green 2023
- ix. Shaping Tottenham 2024
- x. Air Quality Action Plan 2025-2030
- xi. Local Flood Risk Management Strategy 2025
- xii. Climate Change Adaptation & Resilience Action Plan 2025

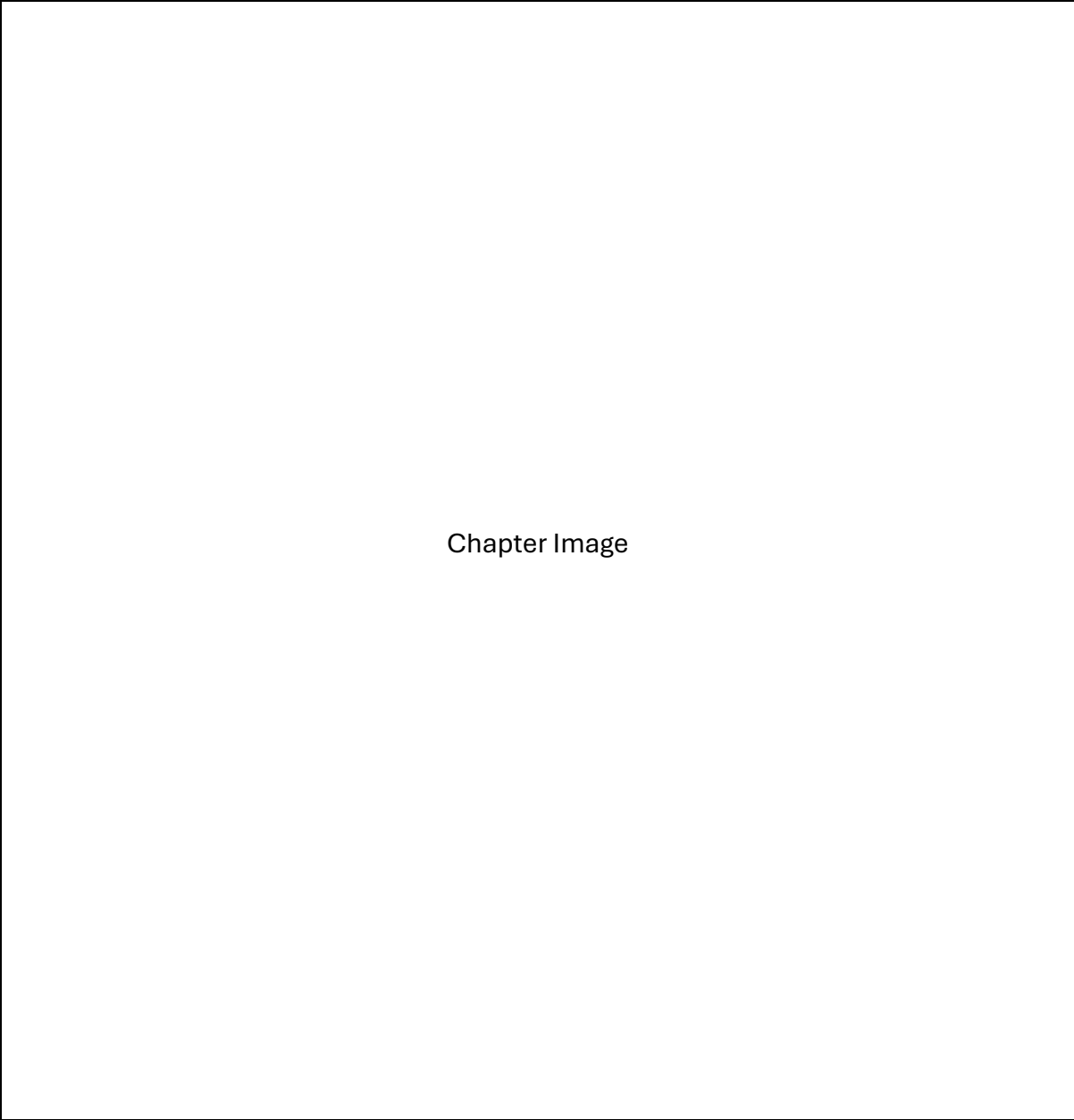
How has the plan been prepared?

- 1.12 This plan has been prepared in line with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) and the Town and Country (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012 (as amended).
- 1.13 A collaborative approach was taken to the plan's preparation with the policies and proposals being genuinely shaped by the priorities and aspirations of residents, communities and other stakeholders, in line with the Haringey Deal.
- 1.14 Local plans are required to be based on robust, up-to-date and proportionate evidence. The preparation of this Local Plan was evidence-led and was informed by a comprehensive understanding of local needs, constraints and opportunities. The evidence base is available to view on the Council's website.

Assessing impacts of the Local Plan

- 1.15 To ensure this Local Plan contributes positively to sustainability, health, and equality objectives it was informed by an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA). The IIA brought together the following assessments, some of which are requirements and others which are good practice: Sustainability Appraisal (SA), Equalities Impact Assessment (EqIA), Health Impact Assessment (HIA) and Habitats Regulation Assessment (HRA). The IIA is available to view on the Council's website.

CHAPTER 2: THE PLAN OVERVIEW

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The Plan Overview

- 2.1 The Local Plan is organised and structured in the following way:

Part 1: Placemaking for Haringey

Chapter 3: Strategic Context and Opportunity

- 2.2 Sets out our strengths, challenges and opportunities.

Chapter 4: Spatial Vision & Placemaking

- 2.3 Sets out the big spatial vision for Haringey and a new, more collaborative, way of achieving that vision, Placemaking.

Chapter 5. Placemaking Framework

- 2.4 Sets out the Haringey Placemaking Framework to achieve the Council's spatial vision and an overarching placemaking policy to guide development and change in the borough in the future

Chapter 6: Spatial Strategy

- 2.5 Contains a strategy for land use and development in different parts of the borough to best achieve our vision through placemaking. This includes identifying focus areas, where there are greatest opportunities for us to work together to enhance and transform places for the better.

Part 2: Neighbourhoods Policies

Chapters 7 to 17

- 2.6 Contains visions, objectives, policies, and guidance for eleven identified neighbourhoods, as well as key sites with opportunities for enhancement or transformation (referred to as Site Allocations)

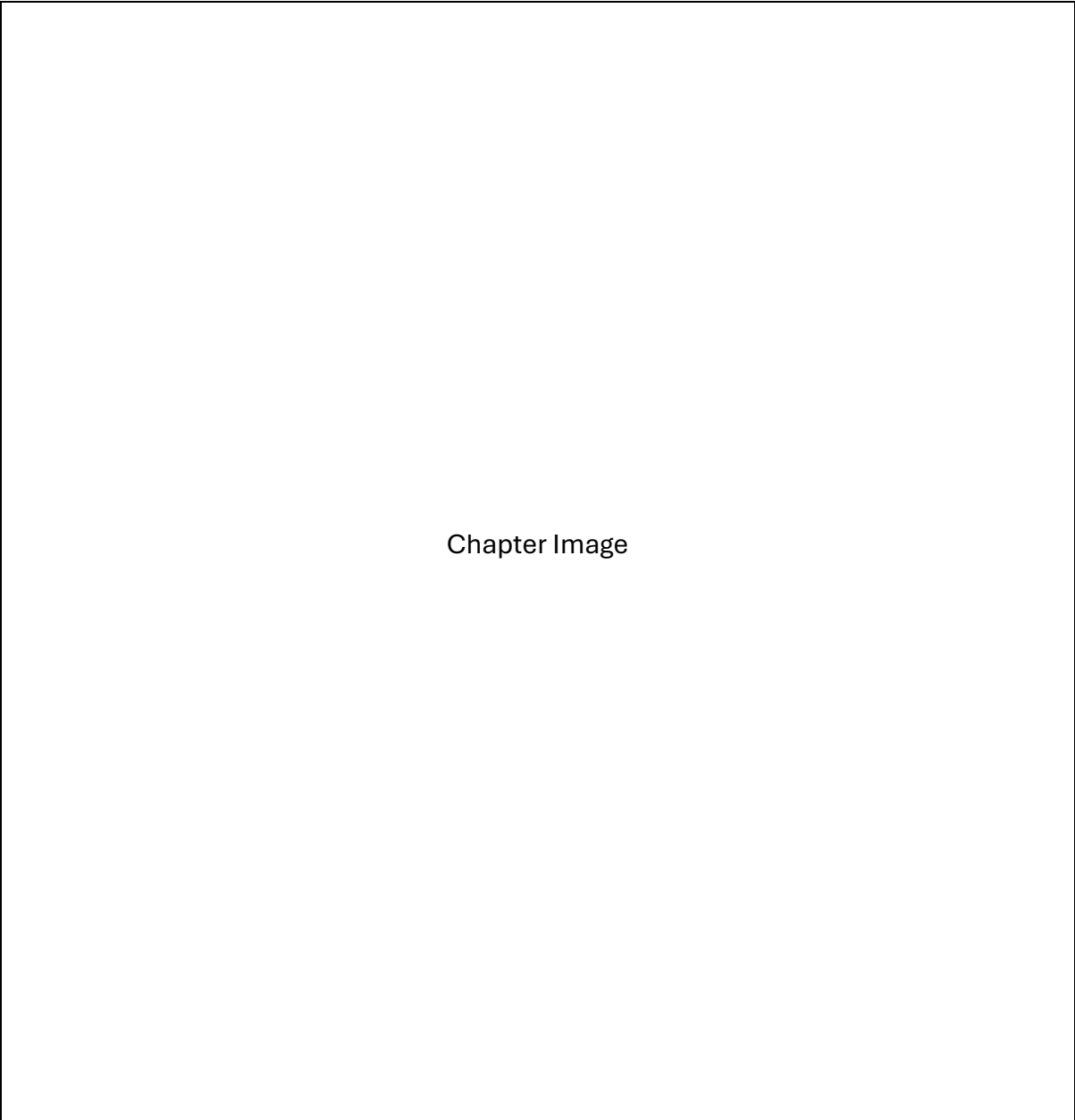
Part 3: Borough-wide Policies

Borough-wide Policies (Chapters 18 to 28)

- 2.7 Contains detailed policies on a range of topics that apply to the whole borough, such as design housing, transport, and heritage.
- 2.8 The NPPF sets out that that Local Plans should identify and distinguish strategic policies from other non-strategic policies.

2.9 The key diagram in chapter 6 illustrates the spatial strategy of this Local Plan. A Policies Map is published alongside the Local Plan that identifies areas for protection, strategic sites and strategic infrastructure, and sets out the areas where specific policies apply.

CHAPTER 3: STRATEGIC CONTEXT AND OPPORTUNITY



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Strategic Context and Opportunity

Our Strengths

Our Location

- 3.1 We are a strategically located and well-connected borough within one of the world's great cities, containing one of London's larger town centres, Wood Green. We border Inner London and are serviced by three London Underground lines, the Overground, National Rail services, and a Cycle Superhighway, as well as several A roads. This provides enormous connectivity of people, organisations and places.

Our Diversity

- 3.2 We are one of the most diverse boroughs in the country and have a strong history of battling discrimination and celebrating our many communities. Haringey is a young borough by national standards with over 50,000 children aged 0-17 years. Around 68% of Haringey residents are from ethnic groups other than White British with over 180 languages are spoken in the borough. Our communities connect or identify with a huge range of religions and beliefs.
- 3.3 This mix of cultures and identities helps make Haringey a vibrant and exciting place to live. It also attracts visitors to our borough. People come from across London to sample the great Turkish restaurants on Harringay Green Lanes and in Wood Green, the Latin food offer in Seven Sisters, and attend events at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre, a flagship performing arts venue supporting and promoting Black-led work.

Our Green Spaces

- 3.4 There are over 150 amazing parks and green spaces in Haringey, including dozens of sites of importance for nature conservation, 5 Local Nature Reserves, approximately 12,500 street trees and thousands more within parks, housing estates and gardens. More people than ever are exploring and enjoying these spaces, recognising their importance for our mental and physical health and wellbeing.
- 3.5 These spaces are hubs of community activity, where we meet our friends and family, play, exercise, and hold outdoor events. They also contribute to the health of our environment and its biodiversity.

Our Town Centres and Industrial Land

- 3.6 We have a great network of town centres and high streets, each with their own unique character and history and supported by many independent local shops. We are also fortunate to have a large amount of employment-supporting industrial land, particularly in the east of the borough, in strategic locations, close to Inner London.

Our Heritage and Histories

- 3.7 We have a wealth of heritage in the borough that contributes to our sense of place and identity. Our recorded history spans thousands of years and stretches across the borough, from the iron and bronze age activity around Town Hall Approach in Tottenham, to the Roman pottery works at Highgate Wood, medieval Bruce Castle, artisan style Noel Park Conservation Area, modernistic Hornsey Town Hall, and the stories of our more recent migrant communities.
- 3.8 This plan seeks for new development to value and enhance our rich built heritage and recognise its potential to deliver wider social and economic benefits, for example as a generator of tourism, a learning resource, or a means to stimulate economic investment. You also want new development to find creative ways of valuing our diverse intangible histories and incorporating them into design to create places of meaning and belonging.

Our Culture and Creative Industries

- 3.9 We are a culturally rich borough, with over 120 venues where cultural activity takes place, from community exhibitions to large scale and renowned venues like Alexandra Palace. London is the global capital for arts and culture and Haringey is recognised for its key role in this. It has been awarded the London Borough of Culture 2027 by the Mayor of London who has also chosen Tottenham as one of the city's Creative Enterprise Zones. There is growing demand for employment space for creative industries in the borough, attracted by industry clusters in locations like Wood Green, the Harringay Warehouse District and South Tottenham.
- 3.10 Sport also contributes to our culture, helping to bring people from different backgrounds together. In addition to our strong community sports offer, the Tottenham Hotspur stadium provides a world-class sport, leisure and entertainment facility, supporting many jobs and being a key driver of economic activity. Tottenham is identified in the London Growth Plan as an international significant visitor destination and has potential to significantly increase jobs, tourism and visitor spending, including with the benefit of further international exposure such as at the 2028 UEFA European Football Championship.

Our Voluntary and Community Sector

- 3.11 We have a vibrant and dynamic Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Haringey, comprising hundreds of organisations of different sizes, types and remits. The VCS plays many roles which are integral to the wellbeing of residents in Haringey, including working directly with residents in our communities, campaigning on issues of both local and national significance, advocating at individual and community level and strengthening community capacity and resilience. Through their work, the VCS often

manages to bring together people from different backgrounds around common causes and interests.

Our Challenges

Deprivation and the cost of living

- 3.12 We have comparatively high levels of deprivation in Haringey, including growing food and fuel poverty, and large spatial inequities between the east and west of the borough. Some parts of Northumberland Park are among the most deprived in the country.

Housing crisis

- 3.13 There is an acute shortage of housing, particularly good quality, genuinely affordable housing. This has contributed to issues of homelessness and overcrowding, as well as many people living in accommodation that does not meet their needs. Pressure on our housing stock is mounting with rising rents and house prices. Having access to a safe, secure, and affordable home is vital for achieving a good quality of life and enabling people to reach their potential.

Climate emergency

- 3.14 Recent flooding, heat waves and droughts have highlighted the impact of our already changing climate, and the fact that much of our built environment is not adequately designed to cope with these changes. As well as adapting to this changing climate, we also need to do our part in reducing emissions.

Health inequities

- 3.15 The Covid-19 pandemic highlighted the importance of mental and physical health and made stark the inequities that exist between different parts of our community, both spatially and demographically. Our urban environment has a huge impact on our health and wellbeing, from exposure to air pollution, lack of access to green space and opportunities for physical exercise, to poor quality homes with mould, poor insulation or overheating, unemployment, loneliness, and isolation.

Safety and feeling safe

- 3.16 Feeling safe is a key issue for residents and communities with crime and anti-social behaviour commonly noted as the thing people most disliked about their area. Feelings of safety vary between different parts of the borough and different demographic groups, with those living in the east of the borough generally feeling less safe than those in the west. Women and those who were not proficient in English are more likely to feel unsafe, particularly after dark.

Creating a resilient economy

- 3.17 The Covid-19 pandemic had immense economic, social, and health impacts on our Borough, sharply widening pre-existing inequities in our economy. It has highlighted and dramatically accelerated trends in the economy, such as changes to patterns and locations of work, online shopping and consumer behaviour, and changed the role and function of our town centres and high streets. Alongside skill shortages, there is increasing demand placed on our limited employment land, particularly for logistics, resulting in rising rents, placing businesses under pressure.

Supporting growth with the infrastructure we need

- 3.18 There are numerous pressures on our physical and social infrastructure including a need to adapt to climate change, the challenges faced by the NHS, and a need to provide for our growing population. With limited resources, we need to be smart and more collaborative to ensure that we are providing current and future generations with the physical and social infrastructure they need to enable them to live healthy and fulfilled lives.

CHAPTER 4: THE SPATIAL VISION

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The Spatial Vision

- 4.1 Haringey in 2043 is made up of places where everyone can belong and thrive.
- 4.2 Development over the period 2028/29 to 2042/43 has contributed to a fair, healthy, safe, resilient and sustainable borough for current and future generations and this has been achieved by working collaboratively with our diverse local communities and partners through our Placemaking Framework.
- 4.3 Together, we will have delivered:
- i. Homes for the Future
 - ii. A Greener, Cleaner, Safer Borough
 - iii. A Culturally Rich Borough
 - iv. A Borough that supports us to Live Well
 - v. An Inclusive Economy
 - vi. A Borough that Connects us to Opportunities

Homes for the Future

- 4.4 Haringey is a place where everyone has a high quality, energy-efficient and safe home they can afford in a welcoming and distinctive neighbourhood of their choice. The supply of genuinely affordable homes has been spearheaded by the Council's ambitious home-building programme, delivering thousands of new council homes.

A Greener, Cleaner, Safer Borough

- 4.5 We have met the target in our Climate Change Action Plan of becoming a net zero-carbon borough and continue to be a leader in addressing the Climate Emergency. A focus on retrofit first and driving up energy efficiency of new buildings has been crucial to achieving this. New development has protected trees and enabled nature to make its way back into the urban fabric. New open spaces have been created, thousands of street trees planted, and investment has been secured to deliver improvements to our treasured parks, with Down Lane Park an exemplar of an accessible and inclusive open space.

A Culturally Rich Borough

- 4.6 Our borough fizzles with arts, culture and creativity and a powerful legacy has been secured from being London Borough of Culture 2027. There's always something to do, contribute to or explore, particularly in our four cultural quarters, including small scale venues, markets and events as well as international destinations like Alexandra Palace and Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Development has enhanced our historic

environment, enhanced cultural infrastructure, and supported our creative industries to thrive, including within our unique Warehouse Living communities.

A Borough that supports us to Live Well

- 4.7 Development has helped strengthen our communities by delivering new social infrastructure and protecting and enhancing existing infrastructure, ensuring everyone is able to access a wide range of services within a short journey of their home. Each neighbourhood is well served by high-quality social infrastructure, supporting our thriving voluntary and community sector.

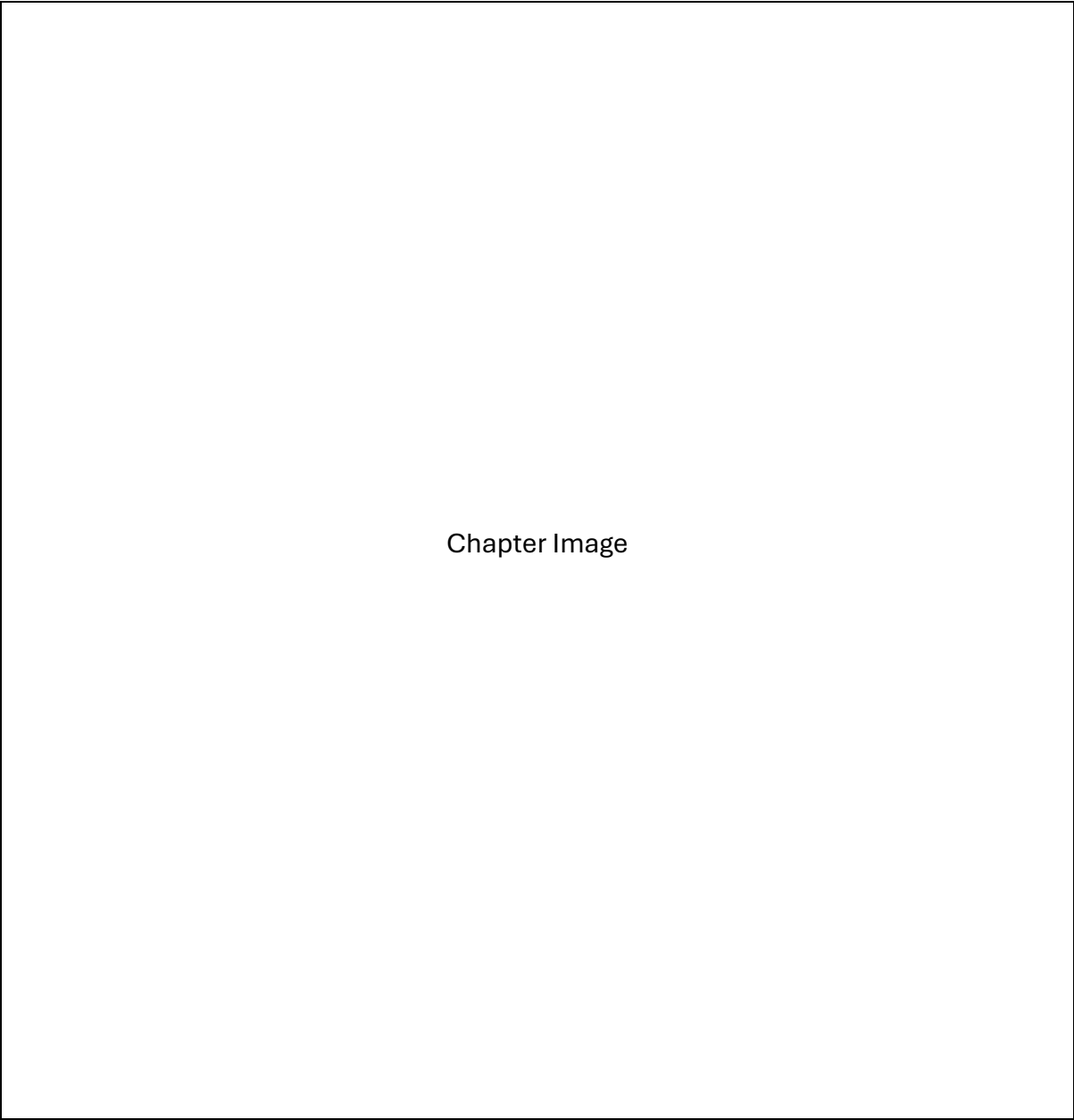
An Inclusive Economy

- 4.8 Wood Green has positioned itself as the economic and cultural heart of North London. High Road West has brought wide reaching improvements to North Tottenham and the North Tottenham district centre has emerged as an international cultural destination and a hub of services and activities for the local community. The Tottenham Hale District Centre is the heart of the green and productive Lee Valley. Our policies have helped ensure Haringey is a borough of opportunity, supporting our independent local businesses, attracting investment and delivering new and better employment opportunities, particularly green jobs. Employment areas have been intensified and enhanced to provide modern, flexible, net zero carbon buildings and a better local environment.

A Borough that Connects us to Opportunities

- 4.9 We've made it easier for everyone to access all our borough offers, making walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport a first choice for all who can. New development has contributed to a healthy, low-traffic and low-emission borough by prioritising walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport, reducing dependence on private motor vehicles, improving road safety and avoiding increased exposure to air pollution. Streets are greener and healthier, allowing all children to feel safe walking or cycling to school. Public transport options are accessible to everyone, connecting us to the wider opportunities and experiences offered by one of the world's great cities.
- 4.10 Development and change will have enabled placemaking opportunities to be realised across the borough. Each neighbourhood will have seen enhancement and transformation that is shaped by and responds to the priorities of local communities including those reflected in the Council's Shaping Wood Green and Shaping Tottenham strategies. A particular focus will have been given to placemaking in parts of the borough where opportunity and need are greatest and have helped reduce inequities and ensure Haringey is a much fairer place.

CHAPTER 5: THE HARINGEY PLACEMAKING FRAMEWORK



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The Haringey Placemaking Framework

- 5.1 At the heart of the Local Plan, underpinning its vision, policies, and proposals, and guiding its delivery and implementation, is Placemaking. The starting point for this is an understanding that places are created by people, communities, and businesses, and how they interact with and within our natural and built environments.
- 5.2 For Haringey, Placemaking is an ongoing process that seeks to:
- i. empower our residents and stakeholders to shape places that enable everyone to reach their potential;
 - ii. meet our diverse needs and ambitions to deliver a fairer, healthier, greener Haringey; and
 - iii. enhance and celebrate our unique environments, histories, cultures, communities, and identities.
- 5.3 The Placemaking Framework sets clear objectives and priorities for the kind of places we and our communities want to create, and how placemaking should be approached, together with our residents, businesses and other stakeholders.
- 5.4 All development proposals must have positive regard to the Haringey Placemaking Framework.

Placemaking Objectives

- 5.5 Haringey's three placemaking objectives are the fundamentals of what the Council's wants to achieve. Those proposing or undertaking development should always be evaluating their proposals against the extent to which they achieve each of these objectives.

PO1: A Fair Place, where inequities are significantly reduced, and our unique urban environment provides everyone with the same opportunities to reach their potential

- 5.6 As a minimum, all residents of Haringey should be able to expect a decent standard of living, including comfortable, safe, affordable, and secure housing, and the ability to participate in day-to-day activities and access the services and care they need. To reach their potential, people should be able to access opportunities for education, health, employment, socialising, play and recreation, and to contribute to and engage with the natural world and wider society. We want everyone in Haringey to feel valued and have a sense of identity and belonging.
- 5.7 Currently, not everyone in Haringey has a decent standard of living, or access to these opportunities. There are clear spatial inequities, particularly between the east and west

of the borough. The area in which you are born or live in Haringey has a huge impact on your life chances and the Council is committed to eliminating a situation where differences of a couple of miles translate into such diverse life outcomes.

- 5.8 There are also inequities experienced between different groups depending on their age or life stage, ethnicity, disability status, socio-economic status, and a range of other protected characteristics. These apply to many issues including health, access to housing, employment, open space, and feelings of safety.
- 5.9 Without careful management, development and change can further reinforce these inequities. New development must be proactive in identifying and taking advantage of opportunities to invest in our communities and enhance our environment to make it more prosperous and equitable.

PO2: A Healthy and Safe Place for people to start, live and age well in

- 5.10 The Covid-19 pandemic underscored the importance of health, safety, and wellbeing for our communities and the role our environment plays in it. It also highlighted clear inequities in our experiences, with some having to contend with overcrowded housing, limited access to green space or outdoor spaces to socialise, and higher air pollution levels. These impacted not only physical health but mental health too. Health inequities are found between different localities as well as different population groups within Haringey.
- 5.11 This is, in part, why residents have stressed the importance of ‘place’ in promoting good health, wellbeing, and safety. The Council’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy aims to ensure we improve health, wellbeing, and safety throughout all phases of life and the Local Plan has a key role in supporting this. New development offers opportunities to help our children and young people get the best start in life by creating safer spaces and addressing declining perceptions of safety when outside. It can also help support the ability of adults to reach their potential by providing opportunities for them to move from poor housing conditions to new quality, safe, secure, and affordable housing, including specialist housing for those who require it.
- 5.12 Older people have identified isolation and loneliness as being a key concern. New development can support the creation of more public spaces with opportunities to sit and interact with others or improve accessibility to existing spaces for those with mobility issues.
- 5.13 New development must serve to create healthier and safer places for people to flourish in.

PO3: A Sustainable and Resilient Place, with strong communities, a regenerating natural environment and on target to be net zero carbon by 2041

- 5.14 Our long-term strategy is to not only sustain but enhance the natural environment we rely on for our health and wellbeing, in a way that reduces inequities.
- 5.15 In March 2019, the Council declared a Climate Emergency and followed this up with a Climate Change Action Plan (2021) outlining its approach to becoming a net zero-carbon borough by 2041. The Local Plan has a key role in the borough's climate action efforts including by setting ambitious carbon reducing planning policies.
- 5.16 New development must comprise more energy efficient homes, combatting fuel poverty and the rising cost of living, while being warm in the winter and cool in the summer. It must also support walking, wheeling and cycling as the natural choices for those that are able to, reducing obesity, carbon emissions, and helping to lower travel costs. As flooding risks increase, new development must implement sustainable drainage systems and be resilient to a changing climate.
- 5.17 Our green and blue spaces (areas of land and water that form part of our natural environment) have been highlighted by residents as one of the things they love most about living in Haringey. New development provides a key opportunity to enhance the provision, accessibility and quality of these spaces. This must be done in a way that supports natural regeneration and biodiversity while providing spaces for activity and relaxation for physical and mental wellbeing.
- 5.18 Creating resilient places is about being able to absorb, recover from and prepare for future shocks/changes like extreme climate events, a pandemic, or a recession. This doesn't just refer to our physical infrastructure but the strength of our communities and our economy. New development needs to foster inclusive communities and economies that support one another and local businesses.
- 5.19 New development must safeguard the essential systems, services, and assets that we need to survive and thrive now and in the future. Where appropriate, we should be creating spaces that are flexible and adaptable to a changing world. We also need to build to last, not just in terms of materials and maintenance but the use and management of spaces.

Placemaking Priorities

- 5.20 The Council's placemaking priorities set out what we intend to focus on, responding to the borough's unique strengths and opportunities, while addressing the challenges it faces.
- 5.21 Those proposing development or land use change should always be evaluating their proposals against the extent to which they respond to these local priorities, in a way that also achieves the placemaking objectives.

PP1: A Culturally Rich Borough; Embracing and supporting the heritage, creativity, and character of our diverse communities and environments to deliver places that are distinctively Haringey, and where everyone feels a sense of pride and belonging.

- 5.22 Culture is an important contributor to health and wellbeing. Activities like sport, dance, and heritage walks support our physical wellbeing, while watching and undertaking cultural and creative activities enhance our mental health, allowing us to experience new things, express ourselves, pursue passions, and feel a sense of belonging. Culture can contribute to stronger communities, strengthening understanding of our diversity and bringing people together. Activities like community food growing also contribute to environmental sustainability.
- 5.23 Our cultural heritage is directly linked to economic development. Cultural facilities and events attract visitors into the area. Architectural and built heritage, urban character and histories provide a marketable uniqueness. Our creative industries provide employment opportunities and can be a destination in themselves.
- 5.24 Unfortunately, not everyone has the same ability to access and experience culture in our borough. Equally, some communities don't have the same opportunities to express their culture. The Covid-19 pandemic and cost of living crisis has put our cultural facilities and creative industries under intense strain and made it more difficult to ensure the preservation of our heritage.
- 5.25 The Mayor of London has chosen Haringey as the London Borough of Culture 2027 which will provide an opportunity for the borough to celebrate its culture and creativity while at the same time addressing issues with access to that culture. New development can help in this task by supporting greater understanding and appreciation of our heritage and culture, working with the residents and communities that create and care for it. It should value our built heritage and support and grow the cultural sector in a way that improves resilience and contributes to social, environmental, and economic outcomes that primarily benefit local communities.
- 5.26 The Local Plan contains neighbourhood chapters which identify key opportunities for culture and heritage in each area. Design policies are fundamental to the Local Plan, ensuring that heritage, character and context are considered throughout the development and design process, particularly in the creation of and improvements to the public realm. Heritage policies set out a positive framework for the enhancement and preservation of our heritage assets, their setting and wider historic environment.
- 5.27 Our culture and social infrastructure and employment policies identify and protect Haringey's cultural quarters and creative industry hubs. Finally, our policies seek to protect and enhance our sports facilities and open spaces, providing greater opportunities for cultural and sporting activities and events.

PP2: A Greener, Cleaner, Safer Borough; A leader in addressing the climate emergency and ecological crises, while being good stewards of place, and ensuring everyone feels safe

- 5.28 Addressing the climate emergency is the biggest challenge humanity faces. As a borough we want to do this in a way that reduces inequities, improves health and wellbeing, and supports stronger and more resilient communities.
- 5.29 New developments should take all opportunities to improve their design to minimise emissions. Our energy reduction policies demonstrate leadership in this field, setting out ambitious targets for on-site carbon reduction and reductions in operational energy use and carbon in building materials.
- 5.30 Our green and blue spaces are hugely valued by our residents. They are vital to our health and wellbeing and that of the planet, which is facing a biodiversity crisis. New development should enhance our green and blue infrastructure and make use of nature-based solutions to secure multiple co-benefits. Our green and blue infrastructure policies support this by protecting existing open space and trees and encouraging enhancement, expansion and provision of green infrastructure, particularly in the more deprived parts of our borough which tend to have less access to these spaces. They also require new developments to make sites greener, more biodiverse, and maximise opportunities for tree planting.
- 5.31 Our design policies ensure that new public spaces are designed to be inclusive, accessible, and respond to the needs of local communities. Simple things like places to sit, drinking fountains, non-slip pavements, or access to a public toilet can make a huge difference in the ability of residents to access and use a public space that they should feel entitled to use.
- 5.32 Sadly, many residents have expressed that they don't feel safe walking through many parts of the borough. This is particularly the case in more deprived parts of Haringey. Our policies require new development to address this not only through their design (i.e. good lighting, cameras, and provision of secure cycle parking), but by introducing positive activities into a space.
- 5.33 When a place is clean and tidy, people take it as a sign it is well loved and cared for. Our policies require new development to optimise provision of waste and waste reduction infrastructure to avoid fly-tipping and, where possible, address existing issues.
- 5.34 Residents and stakeholders are passionate about making their neighbourhoods greener, cleaner, and safer. Planning applicants should recognise the benefit and opportunity in working closely with them under a placemaking approach, to ensure that places are well-designed and able to be managed and maintained over the longer-term.

PP3: Homes for the Future; Delivering the high-quality and resilient homes we need for the future to ensure that everyone has access to a safe, stable, and affordable home, regardless of their circumstances

- 5.35 The right to a good home is a fundamental human right. Addressing the housing crisis is one of the biggest and most urgent challenges facing the borough. The link between housing and inequity is clear. For example, we know that Black and minority ethnic communities have disproportionately poorer housing conditions, LGBTQIA+ people are more likely to be rough sleeping, disabled people are disproportionately living in homes that do not meet their basic needs, and those in poorer areas are experiencing significantly higher levels of overcrowding.
- 5.36 The Council is investing in an ambitious home-building programme that is delivering the first new council homes in a generation, with as many as possible built on existing council-owned land. This is an important priority for our borough, as for many of those in the greatest need a council home offers their only real chance to put down roots in Haringey. Building on the ambition of the Council's Housing Strategy that "we want everyone in Haringey, whatever their circumstances, to have a safe, stable, and genuinely affordable home", the Local Plan seeks to optimise delivery of new homes through both a comprehensive spatial strategy that identifies opportunities across all neighbourhoods, on small sites as well as larger ones, and a design-led approach that seeks to ensure the most efficient use of land within its context. Site allocations provide further guidance to help optimise housing development on key sites, and we support working with the wider public sector, housing associations, infrastructure providers and others involved in land development to unlock housing and placemaking opportunities.
- 5.37 Our housing policies seek to ensure that the homes we are building are the type of homes we need. The evidence to the Local Plan and our adopted Housing Strategy justifies the Council's seeking as many genuinely affordable homes as possible within private developments, particularly homes for social rent. Our policies therefore seek to maximise affordable housing delivery in private developments whilst not setting targets so high they put the viability of these developments at risk. We also need to provide for specialist housing to meet the needs of more vulnerable and/or marginalised residents such as older people, those disabilities, and the Gypsy, Roma, and Traveller community. Our policies provide a flexible framework to support this and ensure specialist housing delivered is high quality and fit-for-purpose.
- 5.38 The climate emergency, biodiversity crisis, and the experience of living through the Covid-19 pandemic have led us to rethink the impact of our living environments on our mental and physical health, and the health of the environment. The Local Plan contains an ambitious suite of policies to ensure new homes are energy efficient, net zero carbon, and built to last, while contributing to safer, healthier, greener, and more

accessible environments, responsive to the ‘new ways of living’ that emerged during the Covid-19 pandemic.

- 5.39 Housing delivery should be undertaken through our placemaking approach, by working with the residents and communities who know their area best, in a way helps to build the prosperity of local people and businesses, supports infrastructure provision, and achieves the placemaking vision for each neighbourhood.

PP4: Supporting us to Live Well; Delivering the infrastructure our people need to live healthy and happy lives and make a difference in their communities.

- 5.40 Our social infrastructure provides spaces where we can meet some of our basic needs as well as come together to build relationships and networks, care for one another, innovate, problem solve, and have fun. They are physical spaces that allow for us to build stronger and more resilient communities.
- 5.41 They are important for supporting our physical health, such as GP surgeries, and our mental health, providing activities for those dealing with social isolation. Services like Connected Communities and Haringey Works provide support and assistance to those who may be struggling, while our schools help to ensure our young people reach their potential.
- 5.42 We also have spaces where our voluntary and community sector come together to make a difference in our borough, from supporting those who are more vulnerable to fighting climate change.
- 5.43 However, some parts of our borough are not as well served by social infrastructure as others. Social infrastructure is under increasing pressure as our population continues to grow and public sector funding remains tight. New development provides an opportunity to enhance and expand our social infrastructure provision, working together with the public sector and voluntary and community sector to address existing inequities.
- 5.44 We want everyone to be able to have easy access to the facilities and services they need, whether it be for housing, employment, health and care advice, sports and leisure, or to ensure a strong local voluntary and community sector. Our social infrastructure should be prominent within our neighbourhoods, where possible helping to reinvigorate our town centres and high streets, providing spaces for activity, learning, and opportunities for employment.
- 5.45 Our social infrastructure policies protect existing social infrastructure and support their modernisation. New social infrastructure is supported and, where appropriate, consolidation of facilities in accessible locations is encouraged to enable the creation of local hubs which provide an enhanced community offer.

- 5.46 Developers of large schemes, and those looking to provide social infrastructure, will need to work closely with the Council, wider public sector, and voluntary and community sector to ensure that resources are used efficiently to address local needs.
- 5.47 Our physical infrastructure is equally important. Our stormwater and waste management will need to respond to a changing climate and a need to reduce waste. Our energy infrastructure must reduce emissions, while ensuring that we are able to provide low-cost green energy to our homes and business.
- 5.48 Again, collaboration is required, and planning applicants will be expected to undertake early engagement with the council and infrastructure providers.

PP5: An Inclusive Economy; Supporting our local economies and high streets, and maximising employment and training opportunities

- 5.49 In a fair place, residents should all have access to good work opportunities – jobs that pay a living wage and offer good terms and opportunities for progression – as well as the education and training opportunities they need to achieve this and contribute to the success of their local area.
- 5.50 Currently, Haringey experiences significant spatial and demographic inequities. In particular, the east of the borough has much higher rates of unemployment and lower household income levels than the west.
- 5.51 An inclusive economy is one which helps to reduce inequities, improve health outcomes, and strengthen local communities. It is more resilient to economic shocks, being comprised of a diverse mix of local businesses within a range of sectors.
- 5.52 An inclusive economy addresses the climate emergency and biodiversity crisis in a way that improves productivity. It also supports the growth of ‘green jobs’ that produce goods and services for environmental protection purposes, and/or engage in conserving and maintaining natural resources. Haringey, for example, has a growing food preparation production industry, building on a historical legacy in the Lee Valley.
- 5.53 Much of our industrial building stock is aging. Retrofit and redevelopment provide an opportunity to renew and intensify it. Our employment policies support intensifying uses, while our energy reduction and natural environment policies set high standards for achieving net zero carbon emissions and biodiversity net gain. In addition, our transport policies encourage improvements to access, parking, and logistics to reduce traffic and emissions, and improve safety.
- 5.54 Our town centres policies support a diverse range of uses, while avoiding overconcentration of uses such as gambling premises and hot food take aways that can negatively impact on health and wellbeing.

- 5.55 The neighbourhood, culture, heritage, and design policies set out how an inclusive economy can enhance and leverage off our unique competitive advantages, for example through heritage-led placemaking.
- 5.56 Our London location provides us with a strategic advantage in growing the digital economy, which offers huge potential to deliver economic and social benefits for the borough. Growth in this industry and others should be used to expand the local skills base and offer opportunities to young people. Our employment policies set out requirements for affordable workspace and apprenticeships.
- 5.57 An inclusive economy should be developed through our placemaking approach. It requires co-operation of a range of stakeholders: local communities, the public sector, landowners, businesses, infrastructure providers, and academic institutions.

PP6: Connecting to Opportunities; Improving active travel, public transport, and digital infrastructure so that people can easily and safely access the services and opportunities they need to reach their potential

- 5.58 Haringey, and its location within one of the world's great cities, offers huge opportunities for our residents to find employment, access support and care, learn, pursue their interest and hobbies, build social connections, and explore.
- 5.59 Unfortunately, not everyone has equal access to these opportunities. They may live in an area that is poorly connected, or where our infrastructure is not inclusive or accessible, for example stations with no step-free access. They may not feel safe walking, wheeling or cycling around, for example if there is no dedicated cycle path, or if an alleyway seems dark and isolated.
- 5.60 The way we travel impacts our health and wellbeing. Pollution from unsustainable transport modes, whether it be related to air, noise, or vibration, affects our both our mental and physical health. Transport emissions are also a large contributor to climate change.
- 5.61 Our sustainable travel policies support walking, wheeling, cycling and public transport as the first choice, for those who can. They seek to reduce reliance on the private vehicle while ensuring equity of accessibility. A shift towards more sustainable transport modes will not only reduce emissions but help address cost of living challenges by providing cheap/ free alternatives to the car.
- 5.62 Our spatial and neighbourhood strategies support the 15-minute city concept, where everyone can access their daily needs within a 15-minute walk or wheel. Together with travel policies they aim to prioritise routes to key destinations like schools, town centres, and open spaces.

- 5.63 Today, many of our connections to people, services and opportunities are online. However, not everyone has the same ability to use digital devices, connect to the internet, or access digital services.
- 5.64 Our digital and social infrastructure policies help to address those inequities by requiring the provision of digital infrastructure and ensuring there are local community facilities that support people in accessing digital services.

Placemaking Approach

- 5.65 Great places are achieved and sustained by people working together. Our diverse residents, businesses and stakeholders are an important resource. They know their local areas and how they function, what works, what doesn't, what the impacts of proposed changes may be on different groups of people, and what the opportunities are. They also offer a range of skills and resources to help deliver and manage improvements to their neighbourhoods.
- 5.66 Too often, people feel excluded from the planning and development process. Through the Haringey Deal, the Council has committed to working and communicating with our communities as partners. The Placemaking Approach extends this concept to everyone engaged in the process of placemaking. It seeks to ensure that everyone feels like they can help shape the environments they live in, particularly those groups that are seldom heard.
- 5.67 A Placemaking Approach is embedded throughout the Local Plan. Planning applicants must clearly demonstrate how they have applied it throughout the planning and development process.
- 5.68 Applying this approach not only leads to better outcomes for local communities, but also developers, investors, and future occupiers. It enables a smooth development process, allows for new development to better integrate into the existing neighbourhood, secures positive publicity for those involved, and helps create a sense of ownership, community, and belonging, crucial to the long-term success of a development.

PA1: Listen and Understand

- 5.69 Anyone engaging in delivering placemaking should seek to understand the varied needs and aspirations of residents and stakeholders to identify how development could best address them. This includes the socio-economic make-up of local communities and groups that may be most affected by a proposal.
- 5.70 As a starting point this can be achieved by looking at our evidence base, available data, previous consultation exercises in the area, and seeking pre-application advice from the Council. Early and ongoing engagement is crucial. . Larger developments and those

with more significant impacts are expected to have a clear strategy to for reaching seldom heard groups.

PA2: Collaborate and Empower

- 5.71 Those proposing development are strongly encouraged to work with residents and stakeholders throughout the development process, where possible seeking to give residents opportunities to guide and deliver change in their own neighbourhoods through mechanisms like co-design. The Council is committed to early engagement and a collaborative approach to planning for our own assets.
- 5.72 Applicants should actively pursue opportunities to secure greater benefits through collaboration, whether it is by undertaking a master planned approach with neighbours, partnering with the public sector, Voluntary and Community Sector, and/or infrastructure providers to address infrastructure needs, or providing local benefits like apprenticeships and affordable workspace.

PA3: Communicate and Care

- 5.73 Developers should continue to communicate clearly and consistently with residents and stakeholders through the construction phase, working with them to minimise adverse impacts and maximise benefits. Where appropriate, they should take opportunities to involve the local community in the ongoing management and maintenance of new development, particularly where it involves public spaces and facilities.
- 5.74 To ensure placemaking responds to a changing environment, developers should seek feedback on how the operation and management of completed developments could be improved to maximise their positive contribution to the local area and address any adverse impacts.

Delivering Placemaking

- 5.75 The Haringey Local Plan seeks to deliver placemaking in the borough by applying the Haringey Placemaking Framework. The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Haringey's Placemaking Framework shapes proposals throughout their lifecycle, from inception to implementation and then post-delivery.

Policy PM 1: Delivering Placemaking

- A. The Council will take a positive approach when considering development proposals that are located, designed, constructed, and operated in a manner consistent with the Haringey Placemaking Framework and will apply a presumption in favour of sustainable development in accordance with the NPPF.**

Haringey Placemaking Framework

(1) Objectives for placemaking

- i. PO1: A Fair Place, where inequities are significantly reduced and our unique urban environment provides everyone with the same opportunities to reach their potential.
- ii. PO2: A Healthy and Safe Place, for people to start, live and age well in.
- iii. PO3: A Sustainable and Resilient Place, with strong communities, a regenerating natural environment and on target to be net zero carbon by 2041.

(2) Priorities for placemaking

- i. PP1: A Culturally Rich Borough; Embracing and supporting the heritage, creativity, and character of our diverse communities to deliver places that are distinctively Haringey, and where everyone feels a sense of pride and belonging.
- ii. PP2: A Greener, Cleaner, Safer Borough; A leader in addressing the climate emergency and ecological crises, while being good stewards of place, and ensuring everyone feels safe
- iii. PP3: Homes for the Future; Delivering the high-quality and resilient homes we need for the future to ensure that everyone has access to a safe, stable, and affordable home, regardless of their circumstances.
- iv. PP4: Supporting us to Live Well; Delivering the infrastructure our people need to live healthy and happy lives and make a difference in their communities.
- v. PP5: An Inclusive Economy; Supporting our local economies and high streets, and maximising employment and training opportunities.
- vi. PP6: Connecting to Opportunities; Improving active travel, public transport, and digital infrastructure so that people can easily and safely access the services and opportunities they need to reach their potential

(3) Approach to placemaking

- i. PA1: Listen and Understand: identifying the varied needs and aspirations of residents and stakeholders and how development can best address them
- ii. PA2: Collaborate and Empower; working with residents and stakeholders throughout the development process, where possible seeking to give residents opportunities to guide and deliver change in their own neighbourhoods through mechanisms like co-design
- iii. PA3: Communicate and Care; communicating clearly and consistently with residents and stakeholders through the construction phase, working with them to minimise adverse impacts and maximise benefits.

B. Major development proposals must submit a Placemaking Statement in accordance with the Council's template and guidance. The Placemaking Statement must:

- (1) Set out a clear placemaking vision for the proposal and demonstrate how it supports the Haringey Placemaking Framework.
- (2) Explain how the proposal responds to strategic policies and placemaking aspirations set out in relevant Neighbourhood Chapters.
- (3) Include an assessment of the proposal against the three objectives for placemaking.

C. The Council will use section 106 legal agreements and planning conditions, as appropriate, to ensure the contents and elements of Placemaking Statements are fully and meaningfully delivered.

D. Proposals of 100 or more dwellings and/or new floorspace exceeding 10,000sqm non-residential floorspace must provide a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment.

Supporting text

- 5.76 The Local Plan seeks to maximise the benefits of development and land use change through the Haringey Placemaking Framework. New development and land use change offers huge opportunities to improve the borough's neighbourhoods but requires building trust with residents and stakeholders. It is important that all our communities can clearly understand and monitor how placemaking is being delivered.
- 5.77 The Placemaking Statement is intended to ensure that applicants take a strategic and integrated approach to placemaking from the outset of the design and development process. It should demonstrate how the proposal has been informed by the Haringey

Placemaking Framework and how it contributes towards the delivery of its objectives, priorities and place-based outcomes.

- 5.78 The statement should clearly explain how the proposal responds to relevant strategic policies, Placemaking Focus Area Strategies and objectives, site allocations and other place-specific requirements. In doing so, it should provide an overarching assessment of the extent to which the proposal supports the delivery of the Local Plan's strategic objectives, particularly the three Placemaking Objectives of creating:
- i. a Fair Place;
 - ii. a Healthy and Safe Place; and
 - iii. a Sustainable and Resilient Place.

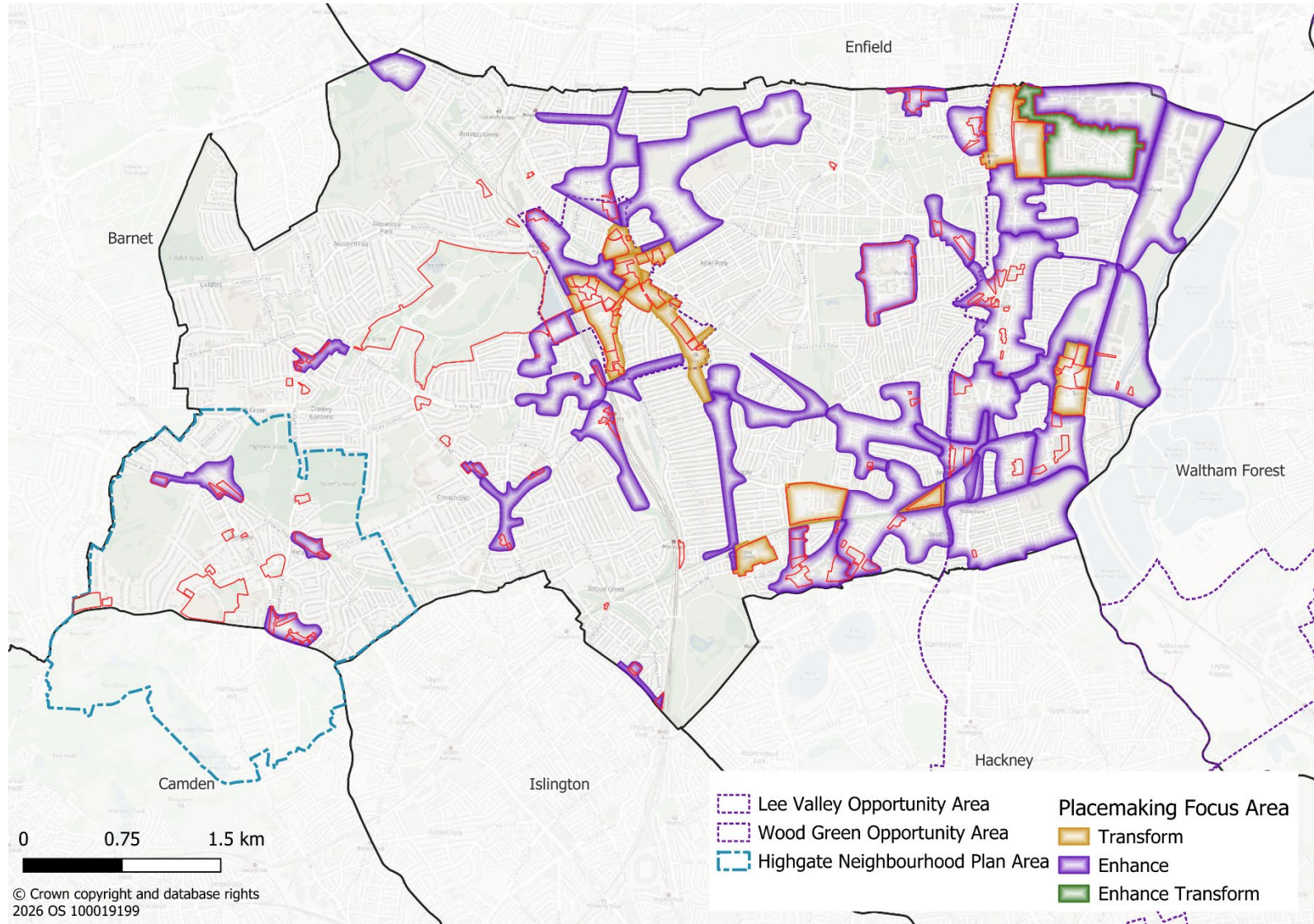
Placemaking Statements should enable decisionmakers, local communities and other stakeholders to understand the proposal's overall placemaking performance, including its principal benefits, adverse impacts and any significant trade-offs. Therefore, they should be written clearly, succinctly and in plain language to make it easy for the public to read and understand. In cases where specific Haringey Local Plan policies are not being met, the Placemaking Statement should explicitly set out the trade-offs involved in an application and justify them having regard to the Placemaking Framework, place-specific considerations, and feedback received through the engagement process.

- 5.79 The Council will produce a template and guidance to support applicants in producing the Placemaking Statement. The Statement should be proportionate to the scale and impact of the proposed development and should not duplicate information contained within other documents submitted as part of a planning application, such as Design and Access Statements, Transport Assessments, Social Infrastructure Statements, Town Centre Statements, and other technical reports. Instead, it should summarise the key findings of those documents and signpost readers to more detailed information where required.
- 5.80 The Council will positively engage with applicants in the production and implementation of their Placemaking Statements. Applicants are expected to provide a draft Placemaking Statement at pre-application stage to demonstrate how early design thinking has been informed by the Placemaking Framework.
- 5.81 The assessment of the proposal's contribution towards the objective of creating a Healthy and Safe Place will serve as a proportionate rapid health impact assessment. Large scale development will be required to provide a comprehensive Health Impact Assessment (HIA), prepared by an experienced practitioner with an understanding of health determinants, planning and public health principles. The submitted HIA must be accompanied by a quality assurance summary that appraises the HIA itself.

- 5.82 Health and well-being are fundamental, cross-cutting priorities embedded throughout the e Local Plan. The environment in which people are born, grow, live work and age are critical determinants of health outcomes and inequalities. Planning decisions have a significant and long-lasting influence in both physical and mental wellbeing.
- 5.83 Health inequality, driven by deprivation, is a major concern in Haringey. The borough is the third most deprived in London, with highest concentrations in eastern and central areas. Residents are at increased risk of worse health outcomes, lower healthy life expectancy, higher rates of long-term conditions, and reduced access to high-quality green space and healthy environments. Addressing such disparities is a key priority of the Local Plan.
- 5.84 The planning system plays a pivotal role in shaping the built and natural environment, which indirectly reinforce or reduce health inequalities. Well-designed developments can support healthier lifestyles, improve mental wellbeing, enhance social cohesion, and reduce pressure on health and care services. Poorly designed developments can exacerbate health risks, increase exposure to air and noise pollution, produce inadequate housing, and offer limited access to essential services and green infrastructure.
- 5.85 The London Plan identifies a HIA as a vital tool for embedding health and wellbeing within planning, helping create a healthier and more equitable city. HIA. Evidence indicates that HIAs improve the quality of decision-making, enhance stakeholder engagement, identify risks early, and support long-term value through healthier, more resilient communities.
- 5.86 To ensure development contributes to a healthy and safe place, applicants are encouraged to have regard to the twelve considerations of the Building for a Healthy Life design toolkit (2026).

CHAPTER 6: SPATIAL STRATEGY

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Policy SS1: Spatial Strategy – A Place Where We Can All Belong and Thrive

A. Strategic Direction

- (1) This Local Plan seeks to optimise opportunities for development across the borough in accordance with the Haringey Placemaking Framework, to achieve the Council’s vision for a fairer, healthier, safer, more resilient and sustainable borough where everyone can belong and thrive. Development should be brought forward consistent with the Haringey Deal so that residents and communities have meaningful opportunities to inform and shape it.

B. Placemaking Focus Areas

- (1) Growth and investment will be focused in the borough’s Placemaking Focus Areas, which are designated as either:
 - i. Transform Areas: areas with the greatest placemaking potential, where significant change is planned to deliver new homes, workspaces, public spaces, and infrastructure while respecting valued local features.
 - ii. Enhance Areas: Broadly drawn areas containing locations with moderate to high placemaking opportunities. The scale of change anticipated in Enhance Areas is more incremental and varied depending on local context and opportunities.
- (2) All development must contribute to both borough-wide and neighbourhood-specific placemaking aspirations as set out in this plan.

C. Opportunity Areas

- (1) The growth and placemaking potential of the borough’s Opportunity Areas designated by the London Plan will be fully realised, with a strong focus on addressing inequities experienced by communities in these areas.
- (2) Development within the Wood Green/Haringey Heartlands Opportunity Area will:
 - i. Deliver at least 5,500 new homes and a significant uplift in jobs.
 - ii. Reinforce Wood Green as a vibrant Metropolitan Centre.
 - iii. Support strategic connections to the surrounding area, including a Cultural Corridor connecting the Metropolitan Centre, Wood Green Cultural Quarter and Alexandra Palace and Park Cultural Quarter.
 - iv. Safeguard the future opportunity presented by Crossrail 2.

(3) Development within the Tottenham portion of the Lee Valley Opportunity Area will:

- i. Deliver at least 7,000 new homes and a significant uplift in jobs
- ii. Support the further development of Tottenham as a destination, underpinned by the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium as an internationally significant visitor destination identified in the London Growth Plan and supported by Tottenham High Road as a Cultural Corridor.
- iii. Support the co-ordinated and masterplanned development of emerging town centres and the intensification of industrial and employment land.
- iv. Support strategic connections from Tottenham High Road to Lee Valley Regional Park.

(4) Development must be coordinated with infrastructure delivery and help realise the ambitions of the Shaping Wood Green and Shaping Tottenham strategies.

D. Culturally Rich Borough

- (1) Development will contribute to a long-lasting legacy from Haringey being London Borough of Culture for 2027. It will achieve this by protecting and enhancing the borough's cultural infrastructure, supporting the creative industries, capitalising on the presence of the borough's two international scale venues - Alexandra Palace and Tottenham Hotspur Stadium - and embedding culture in the everyday fabric of our neighbourhoods.
- (2) There will be a focus on the promotion of culture and creativity, particularly within Haringey's Town Centre Network, four Cultural Quarters, the Wood Green and Tottenham Cultural Corridors and the Tottenham Creative Enterprise Zone.
- (3) The Haringey Design Principles will ensure the delivery of good design which contributes to the distinctive character and amenity of the borough and the Haringey Built Heritage Conservation Charter will ensure protection of our unique historic environment for current and future generations.

E. Greener, Cleaner, Safer

- (1) Development and infrastructure will be designed and located to ensure our communities are able to adapt to a changing climate and have sufficient resilience to withstand.
- (2) Development will be required to achieve a Zero Carbon Balance, helping to achieve Haringey's target of becoming a net zero-carbon borough by 2041.

- (3) Haringey's green and blue infrastructure will be safeguarded, enhanced and better connected, optimising its inclusive use and enjoyment for all our communities, and delivering safe and easy access to these spaces, particularly large natural open spaces such as the Lee Valley Regional Park and Alexandra Palace Park.
- (4) Opportunities will be taken to create safe environments where everyone, especially women and girls, feels safe, welcome, and free to use and enjoy so they can fully access the opportunities, services, and experiences the borough offers.

F. Homes for the Future

- (1) Provision will be made for at least 21,535 homes (net) over the period 2026/7 to 2037/8. The focus will be on providing the right mix of homes to meet the needs of Haringey's diverse communities with a strategic aim of delivering at least 50% as genuinely affordable and supported by the Council's ambitious 3,000-home council housebuilding programme.

G. Living Well

- (1) New homes and commercial development will be supported by the co-ordinated and timely provision of physical, social green and digital infrastructure.
- (2) Existing and new infrastructure will be optimised by taking opportunities to cluster services locally, providing flexible space, and improving inclusive access and use to better meet the needs of Haringey's diverse communities.

H. Inclusive Economy

- (1) Development will support the vitality, viability and resiliency of the Haringey Town Centre Network. This includes:
 - i. Strengthening Wood Green Metropolitan Centre as the economic and cultural heart of North London.
 - ii. Establishing Tottenham Hale and North Tottenham as vibrant District Centres supporting local communities, attracting businesses and visitors, and providing a strong sense of place.
- (2) Meeting strategic demand for employment uses through the safeguarding, intensification and renewal of designated industrial and employment land as well as better connecting them to each other and their surrounding context.
- (3) Leveraging Haringey's diversity, creativity and connectivity to grow a more inclusive, resilient economy. This includes:

- i. Taking advantage of Haringey's positioning within the Upper Lee Valley and UK Innovation Corridor.
- ii. Protecting and growing our strong creative industries sector, particularly within the Haringey Creative Enterprise Zone.
- iii. Protecting and providing space to attract and grow small, independent businesses and emerging entrepreneurs within our town centres, high streets, employment and industrial land, building on sectoral strengths and creating environments that foster connectivity, collaboration, and economic vibrancy.

I. Connecting to Opportunity

- (1) Ensuring development contributes to a borough where safe, inclusive and sustainable transport choices are the heart of everyday life. This includes:
- i. Rebalancing our streets towards sustainable modes of travel, including walking, wheeling, and cycling and public transport.
 - ii. Improving strategic east-west connections within the borough and overcoming barriers to safe and easy movement.
 - iii. Safeguarding and capitalising on the future opportunity presented by Crossrail 2.

J. Monitoring and Review

- (1) The Council will monitor the implementation of the Spatial Strategy through its Authority Monitoring Report and will review the strategy if delivery falls significantly below expectations or if new evidence indicates a need for change.

Supporting text

Placemaking Focus Areas

- 6.1 The Spatial Strategy directs development and investment across all of Haringey's neighbourhoods, focusing on areas with the greatest opportunities to accommodate new homes, jobs, infrastructure, facilities and services in accordance with the Haringey Placemaking Framework. These 'Placemaking Focus Areas' (PFAs) are labelled as 'Transform' or 'Enhance' and in some case may include both 'Transform' and 'Enhance' areas.
- 6.2 Each Placemaking Focus Area contains a strategy and series of objectives and initiatives, within the relevant Neighbourhood Chapter to guide how development and

investment can come forward in a coordinated way to best achieve placemaking aspirations of the Council and its communities.

- 6.3 Transform areas are places in the borough with the greatest opportunities for placemaking and are where the biggest changes are planned. These areas have the potential to accommodate a large proportion of the new homes we need, new high-quality workspaces, better public spaces, and improved infrastructure like parks, healthcare facilities, and sustainable transport. In the future you may see taller buildings in these areas, new shops, services and facilities, and re-designed streets that are more attractive, connected and inclusive for everyone. Transform areas usually contain one large site allocation, or a cluster of site allocations which require detailed planning guidance. Even though Transform areas are places where big changes are planned, it doesn't mean everything will be replaced or redeveloped. The aim is to protect and celebrate the parts of the area that people value, like historic buildings. New development should fit in with what's already special about the place and help make it even better.
- 6.4 Enhance areas are places which have moderate to high opportunities for placemaking. Change in these locations are likely to be incremental as well as in keeping with the existing character. Enhance area boundaries are intentionally drawn broadly and less defined, encompassing not only sites where new development may occur but also areas—such as parks—where investment from nearby development can be directed to support wider placemaking improvements.
- 6.5 The scale and nature of change within Enhance Areas can vary significantly, both between different areas and within a single area. Not all parts of an Enhance Area are expected to experience change, and the extent of intervention will depend on the specific opportunities present now and in the future.
- 6.6 For example, parts of the Tottenham High Road Historic Corridor may be designated as Enhance due to opportunities to restore historic shopfronts and improve the heritage environment. Another example could be a park such as Down Lane Park which is designated as Enhance due to the opportunity for nearby development to fund major improvements to the park and improve the ability of local communities to access it by walking, wheeling and cycling.
- 6.7 Development will be supported in these areas where they accord with relevant planning policies and help to realise the Placemaking Focus Area strategy, objectives and initiatives.

Opportunity Areas

- 6.8 A large proportion of the borough's Placemaking Focus Areas are within the borough's two Opportunity Areas: Wood Green/ Haringey Heartlands and Tottenham/ Lea Valley,

both designated by the London Plan. Informed by extensive community engagement, the Council has developed area-based strategies for these areas - Shaping Wood Green and Shaping Tottenham - to guide placemaking efforts through co-ordinated and collaborative approach.

Culturally Rich Borough

- 6.9 Development and land uses will be directed and designed to strengthen and enhance Haringey's cultural offer. The London Growth Plan identifies Tottenham as a key growth opportunity and recognises the specific potential of the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in driving growth as an 'internationally significant visitor destination'. Wood Green, North London's Metropolitan Centre, is located near Alexandra Palace, one of the borough's most prominent landmarks and a globally recognised cultural and heritage venue. In addition, Finsbury Park regularly hosts large scale outdoor events.
- 6.10 This strategy seeks to leverage Haringey's internationally significant cultural assets, together with its regional and local assets, to maximise their social, cultural, and economic value. It aims to ensure that all who live, work, and visit the borough can benefit from its rich cultural offer. The strategy focuses on the development of the cultural and creative ecosystem within and between Haringey's town centres, Cultural Quarters, and creative industry clusters within the Tottenham Creative Enterprise Zone.

Greener, Cleaner, Safer

- 6.11 All development will achieve a Zero Carbon Balance, applying a retrofit-first approach. The Council will use development contributions to make strategic investments that avoid and mitigate emissions, enable climate adaptation and built resilience.
- 6.12 Development contributions and investment will also be used to enhance existing blue and green infrastructure, and provide new infrastructure to address the climate crisis, enhance biodiversity, sustainability and support the wellbeing of residents. Investment will be focused on opportunities to reduce inequities in access to green and blue infrastructure and to help those individuals and communities most at risk from climate change.
- 6.13 Key strategic opportunities include developing safe and easy connections to the Lee Valley Regional Park and Alexandra Palace Park for communities within the Tottenham and Wood Green / Haringey Heartlands Opportunity Areas.
- 6.14 Safety and feeling safe has been identified as a key barrier to many residents, particularly our most vulnerable, accessing all Haringey offers and reaching their potential. Development provides an opportunity to address some of these barriers through design, the positive activation of spaces, particularly for young people, and engagement with local communities and organisations. The Council will help to

maximise these opportunities, particularly in Placemaking Focus Areas, delivering placemaking interventions, and working through a multi-agency approach.

Homes for the Future

- 6.15 The Spatial Strategy supports the delivery of at least 21,535 new homes (net) by 2036/7, with a strategic aim of delivering at least 50% as genuinely affordable, including a significant proportion of social rent homes. This will be achieved in large part through our ambitious Council house building programme, comprehensive development within Transform Areas, and a mix of small site development and some major development within Enhance Areas.

Living Well

- 6.16 The Spatial Strategy aims to ensure that development is supported by the infrastructure and services needed to sustain and enhance local communities. New development is expected to contribute to the delivery of new and improved infrastructure in a coordinated and strategic way, working in partnership with the Council, communities, infrastructure providers, and other stakeholders.
- 6.17 This should align with the placemaking aspirations outlined in the neighbourhood chapters and the Council's Infrastructure Delivery Plan. Where appropriate, development should also support a locality-based model, clustering facilities and services to improve service delivery, accessibility, and the overall value and impact of social infrastructure.

Inclusive Economy

- 6.18 Development will facilitate the creation of a fairer, greener local economy, building on local creativity and harnessing Haringey's strengths. The Spatial Strategy recognises the importance of the borough's town centre and high streets to not just the local economy but to its social fabric and sense of place.
- 6.19 The greatest placemaking opportunities sit within the borough's Opportunity Areas. This includes transformation of Wood Green to reach its potential as the economic and cultural heart of North London, and the establishment and development of North Tottenham and Tottenham Hale as emerging District Centres.
- 6.20 The strategy seeks to optimise the intensification of Haringey's valued industrial and employment land through placemaking. Much of this land falls within Placemaking Focus Areas, where coordinated and masterplanned development is encouraged to optimise land use, enhance local amenity, showcase local innovation and creativity, and strengthen collaborative networks.

- 6.21 Haringey's strategic location within the Upper Lee Valley and UK Innovation Corridor positions it to attract and grow key sectors, including green industries, tech, life sciences, and the creative industries.

Connecting to Opportunities

- 6.22 Development will support the borough-wide shift towards a more safe, inclusive and sustainable transport system, enabling residents, workers, and visitors of all ages and abilities to access all the borough has to offer.
- 6.23 This includes addressing key barriers, such as poor east-west connectivity, as well as capitalising on future opportunities like Crossrail 2.