



Haringey Council

Briefing Note for Muswell Hill, Alexandra, Fortis Green and Highgate Area Committee/Forum – Local Implementation Plan

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What is the Local Implementation Plan?

The LIP is a transport strategy document which sets out the Council's transport policies and programmes covering the 20 years from 2011 to 2031. Our LIP is required to support the implementation of the Mayor's Transport Strategy. Crucially the document is the means by which the Council obtains funding for transport projects from TfL and is the principal funding mechanism for investment on the Borough's roads. Within the LIP a three year Delivery Plan has been included covering the period 2011-2014. This sets out in detail our projects to be funded in each year.

LIP funding process

As part of the LIP process, we are required to submit an annual funding submission for the following financial year eg for 2012/13 funding we submitted our proposals on 7 October 2011 although our submission was revised following feedback from TfL. TfL has agreed our funding submission for 2012/13 in December 2011.

Our funding submission needs to reflect our approved LIP and the three year Delivery Plan.

We submit projects for funding under three broad categories:

1. Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting measures – this includes local safety schemes, traffic management measures such as 20mph zones, cycle routes, Greenways pedestrian/cycle routes, urban realm enhancements, cycle training, cycle parking, electric charging points, behavioural change programme [called smarter travel] including workplace travel planning and school travel planning and accessibility measures. The funding includes a sum for local transport projects the Borough wants to pursue.
2. Maintenance – resurfacing and strengthening of the Borough's non-TLRN principal road network and bridge maintenance and assessment.
3. Major schemes – schemes costing in excess of £1m which are subject to a three stage process for approval by TfL

Process and Timescale for Developing Projects

The Council develops the annual funding submission between April and September for submission to TfL in October. There is scope for input into the development of new schemes through the Area Forum.

TfL has agreed allocations for Corridors, Neighbourhoods and Supporting Measures for each year from 2011/12 – 2013/14. For 2012/13 this is set at £2,267,000 and for 2013/14 at £2,140,000. The funding is based on a formula with the funding allocated to each borough on this basis. For maintenance schemes the funding allocated to each borough is based on a needs assessment. For major schemes boroughs enter a bidding process in which boroughs are competing against one another for the funding TfL has set aside for major schemes.

Our initial focus for major scheme funding is on Wood Green and we have submitted our ideas to TfL. TfL has supported the development of the project in 2011/12. We are optimistic TfL will approve the proposals we are currently developing. We expect completion of the project in 2014 subject to TfL approval of the proposals which are currently estimated at about £4.2m.

Given the pressures on LIP funding and the reduced amount in real terms for boroughs as a whole, it is considered unlikely TfL would allocate a significant level of funding to the Borough for a further Major Scheme such as for Muswell Hill, prior to 2014. Nevertheless the Council can develop its ideas over the next 12 – 18 months with a view to seeking Major Scheme funding from 2014. We would welcome input from the Area Forum and Committee on any areas they feel should be considered for future Major Scheme submissions and the development of the next Delivery Plan [2014-2017].

There is scope for developing new projects for 2013/14 within the overall funding pot of about £2.14m. Schemes to be implemented through local safety scheme, local transport funding and accessibility allocations have yet to be finalised for 2013/14. Total funding of £240,000 is allocated for these three areas. Substantial funding is being targeted at behavioural change initiatives. Our behaviour change programme is being developed offering potential for amending the proposed measures.

How the Community can be involved in Future LIP submissions

Projects suggested by the community would need to fall within the categories above and be supportive of our overall LIP objectives and with the aim of assisting us to meet our targets in the LIP.

Our LIP objectives include:

- Ensure Haringey's transport network can accommodate increase in travel demand by tackling congestion, increasing sustainable transport capacity, encouraging modal shift and reducing the need to travel
- Facilitate an increase in walking and cycling to improve the health and wellbeing of Haringey's residents
- Reduce the number of people killed and seriously injured on Haringey's transport network and reduce the number of casualties among vulnerable road users
- Increase transport access and connectivity to and from Haringey's key employment and regeneration areas, including Wood Green town centre and growth areas of Haringey Heartlands and Tottenham Hale
- Improve air quality
- Reduce Haringey's CO2 emissions from transport through smarter travel measures to reduce car use and encourage the use of low carbon transport alternatives
- Improve the condition and legibility of principal roads, cycle paths and footways within the Borough, having regard to the public realm and increase satisfaction with the condition of the network

As the next LIP Delivery Plan for 2014-17 will probably need to be developed in 2013, this gives the community the opportunity to contribute ideas and proposals over the next 12-18 months.

It is suggested proposals for these types of projects are fed through local ward councillors by June 2012. These will then be considered in developing our funding submission for 2013/14 by October 2012. Our funding submission would be approved by Cabinet.

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