

**Neighbourhood Planning in Haringey**  
**Crouch End Area Forum**  
**18<sup>th</sup> June 2012**

**What is Neighbourhood Planning?**

Neighbourhood Planning was introduced through the Localism Act and offers a new opportunity for communities to shape their local areas and build strong neighbourhoods.

This change in the planning system allows communities to influence the development and growth of a local area through the production of a neighbourhood development plan, a neighbourhood development order or a community right to build order.

In Haringey, Neighbourhood planning will be taken forward by 'neighbourhood forums', which are representative community groups.

**Neighbourhood Development Orders**

Neighbourhood Development Orders can be used by communities to permit the development they want, without the need for planning applications.

A community right to build order, which is a type of neighbourhood development order, allows certain community organisations to bring forward smaller-scale development on a specific site, without the need for planning permission. This gives communities the freedom to develop, for example, small-scale housing and other facilities that they want.

**Neighbourhood Plans**

A Neighbourhood development plan is a planning policy document which is developed by the local community to address their local planning issues and would be able to identify the specific site or broad location for development and specify the form, size, type and design.

The plans should be in line with national and local planning policies and should support and guide development rather than discourage it. Neighbourhood Plans will form part of the local planning framework and will be used to make planning decisions.

**Neighbourhood development plans or orders** must meet a number of conditions and will only take effect when there is a majority of support from the community.

Conditions are:

- they must have regard to national planning policy
- they must be in general conformity with strategic policies in the development plan for the local area
- they must be compatible with EU obligations and human rights requirements.

They will also be assessed by an independent examiner before it is voted in a local referendum to ensure that the proposals are practical and sound.

**What is the Council's role?**

Haringey Council has a number of statutory duties in relation to neighbourhood planning. These are:

- publicise applications for, and agree, neighbourhood forums;
- publicise, and agree, proposed boundaries;
- publicise draft neighbourhood plans;
- organise and pay for a referendum;
- organise and pay for an independent examination; and
- adopt and bring neighbourhood plans into force.

In addition, Haringey also has a statutory duty to provide technical advice and support. This could include requests for support on a range of things, which may include advice on compliance with LDF policy, mapping and drafting, evidence base information and even legal advice.

Haringey will continue to produce development plans which will set the strategic context within which neighbourhood plans will sit.

### **Further information**

Further information and guidance on Neighbourhood Planning can be found on the Haringey website [www.haringey.gov.uk/index/housing\\_and\\_planning/planning-mainpage/policy\\_and\\_projects.htm](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/index/housing_and_planning/planning-mainpage/policy_and_projects.htm) with links to national guidance and support for communities.

If you are thinking about setting up a Neighbourhood Forum, or would like further information relating to Neighbourhood Planning, please contact the Planning Policy team on 02084891479 or email [ldf@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:ldf@haringey.gov.uk)