

## EXTRACTS

### From the Haringey Local Development Framework Local Plan Strategic Policies (formerly Core Strategy)

#### Statement of Consultation (March 2011)

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### **Introduction**

- 1.1 The Consultation Statement sets out the Council's approach for greater community and stakeholder participation at all stages in the preparation of Haringey's Local Plan Strategic Policies/ Formerly Core Strategy. The engagement of the wider community in the preparation of the strategic spatial planning policies is crucial to ensure that the Core Strategy reflects the aspirations of the Haringey community and stakeholders. The process of consultation complies with Government Regulations and the Council's Statement of Community Involvement.
- 1.2 The Council is required to prepare a consultation statement under Regulation 30 (1) (d) and (e) of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2008 to set out:
  - 1 which bodies and persons were invited to make representations under Regulations 25;
  - 2 how these bodies and persons were invited to make such representations;
  - 3 a summary of main issues raised by representations;
  - 4 how representations have been taken into account; and
  - 5 representations made in accordance with regulation 28, the number of representations made and a summary of the main issues raised in those representations

## **2 Consultation on the Issues and Options**

- 2.1 The consultation on the Issues and Options (Regulation 25) document took place from beginning of February to end of March 2008. The aim of this consultation was to engage with as many individuals, communities and organisations as possible to discuss the Local Development Framework process and the specific concerns which should be addressed in the Issues and Options document. The Issues and Options set out 78 questions for

consideration and these addressed the key challenges identified for Haringey. These included:

- Climate change;
- Demographic change;
- Use of resources;
- Health and well-being;
- High quality design;
- Equality and inclusion;
- Economic change;
- Technological change;
- Transport;
- Crime and safety; and
- Sub-regional issues.

2.2 A number of methods of engagement were employed during this stage of consultation to ensure every opportunity was provided for all communities, groups and individuals to participate in the consultation and to meet the Government Regulations and comply with Haringey's Statement of Community Involvement (SCI). The methods of consultation included:

- Direct mailing letters;
- Leaflets;
- Questionnaires;
- Information and documents available at Council buildings;
- Information on the Council website;
- Notification in local press;
- Online consultation tool;
- Focus groups;
- Public meetings;
- Public exhibitions;
- Steering and advisory groups; and
- Workshops and presentations.

### **Mail out**

2.2.1 The consultation database which was set up for the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), was used and expanded to ensure that as wide an audience as possible for involvement in the LDF process and the preparation of the Core Strategy. This database is made up of government departments, public agencies, including statutory bodies, voluntary and community groups, local businesses and individuals.

2.2.2 A letter of notification was sent to all stakeholders. This contained the relevant information including dates of consultation, contact information, and the various possible methods of responding. Included with the letter was a leaflet summarising the consultation document, the purpose of the consultation and setting out the details about how to get involved in the consultation.

## **Media**

2.2.3 A public notice was placed in the Haringey Journals, local newspapers, and the Haringey People magazine, which is delivered to every household in the borough.

## **Community events and engagement**

2.2.4 The Issues and Options consultation took advantage of ongoing community events and meetings to raise awareness of the Core Strategy and to encourage participation in the consultation.

2.2.5 These events included the Haringey Green Fair and the International Women's Day. At these events Planning Policy officers staffed stands with information and promotion material with the aim of engaging with the community, raising awareness and understanding of the Core Strategy, and allowing opportunity for people to get involved in the consultation.

## **Focus groups**

2.2.6 In order to consult with harder to reach groups in the community and to ensure more meaningful involvement, focus groups were held. These were facilitated by consultation specialists and the Planning Policy team.

2.2.7 Planning Aid for London were commissioned in November 2008 to facilitate a workshop to explore certain key issues and options central to the preparation of the borough's Core Strategy with members of the community.

2.2.8 The issues and options were discussed within the structure of three workshops dealing with:

- Housing and Community Facilities;
- Transport, Employment and Training; and
- Environment, Open Space and Leisure.

2.2.9 Although attendance was less than expected, the quality of the local knowledge and understanding of the issues addressed not only at local but borough level was impressive and this is reflected in the reported findings.

2.2.10 Haringey Consult was commissioned by the Council to run a focus group to identify particular priorities of the Black and ethnic minority (BME) communities with respect to the development of the planning policies. These priorities were then considered in the development of the Core Strategy. The topic areas discussed included the following focus areas:

- An environmentally sustainable future;
- Managing development and areas of change;
- Creating a safer, attractive and valued urban environment;
- Creating a vibrant and prosperous economy; and
- Improving health and community wellbeing.

2.2.11 The consultants ran a recruitment drive and 16 members of the public were selected from various BME communities via means of the Haringey Association of Voluntary and Community Organisations (HAVCO) Members Services Directory, Haringey Consult's memberships and from a public meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

## **2.3 Response to the Issues and Options**

2.3.1 In addition to the responses from the focus groups and community events, a total of 1,250 individual written representations were received from 53 respondents. The majority of representations were in response to the questionnaires sent to consultees. Most responses were received via post and email, while a small number of respondents used the online consultation tool. Collective feedback from workshops and focus groups were analysed alongside the individual representations.

2.3.2 A total of 78 questions were posed during this stage which covered a broad range of topics and themes. The responses to these questions indicated which issues were of highest priority for the respondents. Where appropriate, these responses shaped the options and alternatives for the next stage of developing the strategy.

## **3 Consultation on the Preferred Options**

3.1 The Council published the Preferred Options Core Strategy titled 'A New Plan for Haringey 2011-2026' (equivalent to the Preferred Options report under the previous legislation (Regulation 26)) in May 2009 and asked for comments to be received by 30<sup>th</sup> June.

3.2 The document set out 12 proposed policies developed from the responses to the Issues and Options consultation. The strategic policies detailed how the Council would manage change over the next 15 years. These were as follows:

- Managing Growth;
- Housing;
- Environment;
- Movement;
- Employment;
- Town Centres;
- Design;
- Conservation;
- Green Infrastructure;
- Health and Well being;
- Culture and Leisure; and
- Community Infrastructure.

### **3.3 Consultation Process**

- 3.3.1 There was a comprehensive and extensive public consultation programme for this stage of the Core Strategy preparation to ensure wider engagement with the Haringey community, in line with the SCI and the Community Engagement Framework. The methods of consultation employed built on those used at the Issues and Options stage. The database was expanded to include those who had been involved at the previous stage of consultation, and in the ongoing discussions.
- 3.3.2 The approach taken for this consultation was flexible, accessible and proactive. Notification material was designed to be clear and concise, without any jargon. A number of workshop style events, seminars, meetings, and interactive information stalls were held to ensure wide participation and engagement throughout the borough. Each event and meeting was tailored to the specific focus group, discussing issues relevant to their interests, and consultation was interactive, with discussion groups and workshops facilitated by planning policy officers and consultation specialists.

#### **Notification**

- 3.3.3 All consultees (including specific consultation bodies, government departments, general consultation bodies, resident and community groups and individuals) received a letter of notification and leaflet seeking comments on the proposed policies set out in the Core Strategy.
- A public notice, seeking the views and participation of all residents, was placed in Haringey People which was distributed to every household in the borough.
  - Public notices appeared in all local newspapers.
  - A publicity poster was placed in all key locations in the borough.
  - The consultation document was available to view in all libraries and at 639 High Road, Tottenham and the Civic Centre, Wood Green.
  - The consultation document was available to view on the Council website along with an interactive tool for submitting representations, and up to date information on the consultation programme and process.

#### **Stakeholder Engagement**

- 3.3.4 Discussion topics and workshops focused on the 12 policies proposed seeking local views on the content, relevance and comprehensiveness of the policies.
- 3.3.5 A number of representations were received via the Limehouse Consultation System, email, letter and response form.
- 3.3.6 A concerted effort was made to engage with hard to reach groups as well as more actively engaged groups.

#### **Community Events**

- 3.3.7 The policy team took the opportunity to engage with a wider audience at two local community summer events Haringey Green Fair and Tottenham Carnival.
- 3.3.8 There was a range of issues raised at these events, including; town centre improvements; local economic development; safety and urban design; and provision of leisure and cultural opportunities.
- 3.3.9 Following the success of the focus group with Black and Ethnic Minority groups facilitated by Haringey Consult for the Issues and Options stage of consultation, the Council commissioned the team to run a follow up focus group.
- 3.3.10 A total of 16 participants, all local residents, were selected to partake in the consultation with at least two youth participants in each group. Participants were provided with the policy document before they came to the consultation event. Haringey Consult in conjunction with the Council's brief produced a series of questions which were discussed to evaluate the community's perception and to tackle the proposed policies.
- 3.3.11 MAC Associates were commissioned by the Council to assist in wider participation with the community focusing on engaging with children and young people, and the general public. The consultation events were designed to ensure that as many people as possible were provided with the opportunity to have their say and to give their views.

Three public consultation events were held as follows:

- Saturday 13th June – Haringey Green Fair, Ducketts Common;
- Saturday 20th June - Tottenham Carnival, Bruce Castle Park; and
- Wednesday 26th July - information stall and interactive questionnaires, Tottenham Green Centre.

Five focus groups were held in local schools across the borough as follows:

- Thursday 30th April - Earlham Junior School;
- Thursday 11th June - Woodside High School;
- Thursday 11th June - Park View Academy;
- Friday 12th June - Highgate Wood Secondary School; and
- Friday 12th June - St. Paul's and all Hallows School.

### **Community and Residents Groups Meetings**

- 3.3.12 The team engaged with a number of community groups and residents' associations. Meetings were held with the Ladder Community Safety Partnership, the Garden Residents Association, Haringey Federation of

Residents Association and Tottenham Conservation Area Advisory Committee delivering presentations and workshops.

### **Area Assemblies**

3.3.14 All seven of the Area Assembly meetings held in May 2009 were attended by planning policy staff. A presentation was made at a number of the meetings, and an information stall was facilitated at all.

### **Partnership Engagement**

3.3.16 A number of seminars and meetings were delivered and attended, for internal and external professional bodies. Events included a Sustainable Design and Construction seminar, an RSL Forum, an Annual Housing Conference, Neighbourhood Management meeting, Haringey Policy Network meeting and the Haringey Strategic Partnership Well-being Partnership.

3.3.17 These meetings allowed for professional input and analysis of the relevant policies.

## **3.4 Equal Opportunities**

3.4.1 The consultation process aimed to include members of the community from all six equalities strands set out in Haringey's Equal Opportunities Policy (2008).

### **Age**

3.4.2 A school programme was rolled out across the borough to engage with young people. This involved focus group workshops with two primary schools and three secondary schools, in East, West and Central Haringey. A total of 135 children and young people participated in the focus groups. Additionally, the team attended the Youth Service Network event. The main issues raised by young people related to safety in their neighbourhoods; the provision of leisure facilities; and town centre development.

3.4.3 Consultation workshops for older people were carried out in partnership with Haringey Forum for Older People. The planning policy team and Haringey Forum for Older People committee organised a half day event which was attended by 80 delegates. A presentation introducing the Core Strategy was followed by a series of café style table discussions, facilitated by committee members and policy officers. All comments and discussion were noted and analysed by the Forum and by the Policy team.

3.4.4 The community summer festivals offered an opportunity to engage with a wide range of people of all ages.

### **Disability**

- 3.4.6 All disability groups in the borough received a leaflet and letter of notification seeking comments on the proposed policies to be addressed in the Core Strategy.
- 3.4.7 Follow up contact was made through the disabilities equalities officer and further contact was made with the newly formed Haringey Disability First Consortium. Despite this there was no take up from these groups for direct engagement.
- 3.4.8 The wider community consultation events offered an opportunity to engage with some residents with disabilities, mainly those with mobility issues and wheelchair users.
- 3.4.9 A number of members of the older peoples' forum had specific mobility issues and physical disabilities and communicated their concerns and ideas at the consultation event held for older people.

### **Gender**

- 3.4.10 The consultation aimed to engage with men and women equally. At the three main community events a total of 125 males and 225 females participated with the consultation. There was equal engagement throughout the consultation with both sexes with the exception of the International Women's Day, which was an event aimed at local women; and the meeting with the Charedi Community at which only two women attended along with approximately 50 men. This was due to the time the meeting was held, which was not convenient for women of the community.
- 3.4.11 Learning from this experience, future consultations will ensure to take account of these issues and organise meetings at more suitable times and locations for both genders.

### **Race**

- 3.4.12 The consultation was aimed at all nationalities and made every effort to include all ethnic groups.
- 3.4.13 Two focus groups were held specifically to engage with Black and minority ethnic residents as these groups were identified as less actively involved in planning consultations.

### **Religion or Belief**

- 3.4.14 Local faith groups received a leaflet and letter of notification seeking comments on the proposed policies to be addressed in the Core Strategy.



3.4.15 A meeting was held with the South Tottenham Charedi Community, to discuss the proposed policies and issues specifically affecting the Jewish community. Other faith groups were asked if they wished to be involved directly with the consultation but the offer was not accepted.

### **Sexuality**

3.4.18 Lesbian Gay Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) representative groups received a leaflet and letter of notification seeking comments on the proposed policies to be addressed in the Core Strategy.

3.4.19 A meeting was held with the Haringey LGBT Network to discuss the proposed policies and issues specifically affecting the LGBT community. Following this, the group submitted a formal representation.

### **3.5 Main issues from the Preferred Options consultation**

3.5.1 The number of people engaged during this stage of consultation was significantly higher than the previous stage. The majority of participation took place through workshops, focus groups, information stalls, public meetings, seminars and presentations which equated to approximately 650 people. All notes and feedback from these events were fed into the development of the pre-submission stage. A total of 55 written responses were received, equating to 600 comments.

### **Consultation on the Proposed Submission**

4.1 Representations made in the first two stages of consultation were used in the development of the policies for the Proposed Submission document.

4.2 Ongoing consultation on the development of the Core Strategy took place with key consultees and internal officers during the preparation of the Proposed Submission Core Strategy document. This included meetings with the Haringey Strategic Partnership themed boards, Haringey NHS, the JSNA, the Corporate Policy network and internal officers from relevant services. Ongoing discussions and input from key stakeholders and internal services contributed to the development of the Proposed Submission document.

4.4 The Council consulted on the Proposed Submission for six weeks from 10<sup>th</sup> May to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010. This stage of consultation offered the final opportunity to comment on the final draft of the document before it is submitted to the Planning Inspector for Independent Examination.

### **4.6 Consultation analysis & changes to the Core Strategy**

4.6.1 63 formal representations were received from statutory consultees, resident and community groups and individuals, totalling over 700 separate comments.

### **4.7 Consultation on Additional Regulation 27 Proposed Submission**

- 4.8.1 Notification of the consultation outlining the purpose and process was sent to those who made representations during the previous stage of consultation in May/June 2010. The consultation details were also posted in local newspapers and on the Council website.
- 4.8.5 In total, 50 individual responses were received to the document from a total of 10 organisations. The Greater London Authority (GLA) submitted the most comments – a total of 17.
- 4.9 Revised Consultation on the Fundamental Changes to the Core Strategy (Revised Additional Regulation 27)**
- 4.9.1 The revised consultation took place from 22<sup>nd</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2011. This was a borough wide consultation.
- 4.9.2 The consultation period was advertised through:
- Emails and letters to all consultees on our database, with details of the consultation, information on how to get involved and how to respond;
  - Public Notices in Haringey newspapers; Tottenham and Hornsey Journals 22/09/11; Haringey Independent 23/09/11;
  - Public Notices in neighbouring borough newspapers; Enfield Independent and the Times for Barnet, both 23/09/11; and
  - Information on Haringey web site.
- 4.9.6 The relevant documents were made available to view at:
- River Park House, 225 High Road Wood Green, N22 8HQ;
  - Civic Centre, Wood Green N22 8LE;
  - All local libraries; and
  - On Haringey website [www.haringey.gov.uk/corestrategy](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/corestrategy)
- 4.9.7 In the run up to the revised consultation a total of 581 emails and letters were received with requests to be notified about the consultation. These new contacts were added to the consultation database and notification was sent to them along with all other existing consultees.
- 4.9.8 In total 384 representations were made, 60 of which were unduly made. One representation was received from a local community group with approximately 900 signatures attached.
- 4.9.10 From the 324 duly made representations there were a total of 1484 individual comments. The summary of comments and the Council's response, along with copies of all original submissions were forwarded to the Inspector on the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011. On assessing the outcomes of the consultation the Inspector set a date for an additional hearing for the 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2012. The hearing is an opportunity to discuss the issues raised during the revised consultation and forms part of the ongoing Examination,
- 4.9.12 Those who made representations to this consultation were notified about the details of the hearing, and where appropriate, invited to attend and participate.

A Public Notice was placed in the Haringey Independent on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2012 and the Core Strategy web pages ([www.haringey.gov.uk/core\\_strategy\\_examination](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/core_strategy_examination)) were updated to give information on the date, time, and location of the hearing, in line with Regulation 34(2).

4.9.13 All letters of notification, Public Notices, consultation documents, consultee representations, Council responses and other relevant documentation are available to view on request.