

Haringey Council

Agenda item:

[No.]

Planning Committee 6 May 2008

Report Title: Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

Forward Plan reference number (if applicable):

Report of: Karen Galey, Head of Economic Regeneration x2616

Wards affected: All

Report for:

1. Purpose


1.1 To seek committee approval to undertake public consultation for a period of six weeks on the draft Wood Green supplementary planning document.

2. Introduction by Cabinet Member (if necessary)

3. Recommendations

That Members approve the draft Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document for 6 week statutory public consultation.

Report Authorised by: David Hennings, AD Regeneration

Signed:  Dated: 23.04.08

Contact Officer: Mark Hopson, Physical Regeneration Manager x4529

4. Director of Finance Comments - N/A

5. Head of Legal Services Comments – N/A
6. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

7. Executive Summary

The Wood Green Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will form part of the council's Local Development Framework (LDF) and will provide guidance to supplement policies of the adopted Unitary Development Plan and a future core strategy. It will provide a framework for the development of Wood Green town centre by providing guidance on development sites, urban design and a sustainable long term vision.

Following extensive initial consultation with Members, businesses, residents associations, strategic partners and stakeholders a draft SPD has been prepared for Wood Green town centre and the key sites identified within its boundaries.

The draft document is now subject to a statutory public consultation for the duration of up to six weeks before a final version of the document is presented for adoption in September 2008.

8. Background

In September 2005, Urban Practitioners were appointed to prepare a spatial plan and economic 'snap shot' for Wood Green Town Centre. Following some initial research, minor consultation and primary discussions with partners, a draft spatial plan was presented to the Council's Economic Regeneration department in March 2006.

As a consequence of the spatial plan report and, in response to the need for a strategic vision for the Borough's primary economic centre, Economic Regeneration in partnership with Planning re-commissioned consultants Urban Practitioners to deliver a policy for strategic development in the form of a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD). The objectives of the SPD are to:

- Provide high quality, user friendly, humane public realm;
- Create safer communities;
- Enhance Wood Green's market position as a metropolitan shopping centre;
- Enhance pedestrian movement and the pedestrian environment;

- Ensure that the centre benefits from development at Haringey heartlands; and
- Create new east-west links into the surrounding hinterlands.

In producing the draft document extensive initial consultation has taken place to maximise local stakeholder contributions. Consultation to date has included:

- High Street consultation event, 19 July 2007
- Walking Audit, 13 October 07
- Member/Senior officer visioning sessions
- Wood Green Action Group meetings
- Steering Group, drawn from within the Council and other key stakeholders including TfL and the PCT

Statutory consultation

If approved by committee, the statutory public consultation will be launched at the The Mall shopping centre on the 19 May and thereafter, be located in the Wood Green Library for a period of 6 weeks. During this time a dedicated information stand will be erected with an accompanying comments box to encourage all visitors to submit their views and opinions. The stand will be open fully to all members of the public during the opening hours of the library.

Full details of the project, consultation and project time-scales are provided on the dedicated website which will also be used as a portal for receiving comments from the upcoming public consultation.

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Equality Impact Assessment

Directorate:

Date:

Business Unit:

Title:

1. The aims of the policy/procedure/practice/strategy (PPPS).

There are three themes making up the vision of the SPD: community; quality and sustainability.

These themes aim to:

- ensure that Wood Green is a place which meets the needs of local people and provides a safe and welcoming environment;
- ensure that environment, infrastructure and amenities of Wood Green are of a high quality; and
- to promote a sustainable approach to Wood Green in terms of transport, development, retail and community life.

2. List any other PPPS that are likely to have an impact or are relevant to this impact assessment.

The SPD is in conformity with relevant national, regional, sub-regional and local planning policy.

This includes:

- national planning policy guidance, such as PPS1 (Delivering Sustainable Development), PPS6 (Planning for Town Centres), and PPS12 (Local Development Frameworks) which includes guidance on the preparation of SPDs;
- regional and sub-regional planning policy guidance, including the London Plan;
- local planning policy guidance, including the Haringey UDP.

The SPD also references Haringey's Regeneration Strategy, Greenest Borough Strategy, Cultural Strategy, Safer Communities Strategy, Neighbourhood Renewal Strategy, Sustainable Community Strategy, City Growth Strategy, Biodiversity Action Plan and the Haringey Guarantee.

Additionally, the SPD is accompanied by a Sustainability Appraisal, which assesses the social, economic and environmental effects of the SPD from the start of the preparation process, to ensure that it contributes to sustainable development.

3. Evidence of consultation with staff, community groups or stakeholders.

Consultation for the SPD has included:

- A High Street Consultation exercise targeted particularly at younger people;
- Town Centre Walking Audit (major hands-on planning public consultation event involving approximately 60 local stakeholders);
- 17 stakeholder meetings;
- Haringey Phoenix Group walking audit (a local voluntary organisation for blind and partially sighted adults in Haringey and the wider area);

- Workshop and meeting with the Wood Green town centre SPD Steering Group;
- Workshop and meeting with the Wood Green Action Group; and
- A dedicated project website.

Full details are provided in the Consultation Report which accompanies the SPD.

4. Assessment of likely impact on:

- a) The equality groups by age, disability, gender, race, religion or belief and sexuality.

The SPD aims to promote opportunities and social inclusion within Wood Green, by:

- enhancing accessibility for all sections of the local community;
- promoting retail, employment and educational opportunities for all sections of the local community in Wood Green;
- improving the range and quality of leisure, community, health facilities and open space provision within Wood Green for the local community;
- improving safety and design in the town centre, which will benefit all sections of society.

- b) The PPS listed in number 2.

The SPD is in general conformity with the planning policy and other documentation outlined above.

5. Consideration of alternative measures to reduce any adverse impact.

This SPD is designed to be inclusive and promote the access to and use of the town centre by everyone. It is therefore not considered to have any significant impacts which may discriminate against particular user groups.

6. Identify any further action that needs to be taken and ensure that the key elements are incorporated in to your Business Plans.

Section 8 of the SPD relates to delivery and implementation, and outlines the indicative phasing of the proposals set out within the SPD.

7. Monitoring and reviewing arrangements.

As one of the documents forming the Local Development Framework, the SPD will be subject to a process of monitoring and review following adoption, as required by PPS12.

8. Publishing the Impact assessment.

The assessment will be included as an appendix to the SPD, available through the Council's website and as a hard copy on request.

This Equality Impact Assessment was carried out by:

Name: _____ Designation: _____

Contact Details:

Approved by: _____ Designation: _____

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