Planning for Good Growth

Welcome to the refreshed Local Plan newsletter. It aims to keep residents, businesses and other interested parties up to date on the progress with the new Local Plan, as well as other projects that the Strategic Planning & Design Service is working on.

The Local Plan is a statutory document, setting out how Enfield will develop over time (up to 2036) and guide future development.

We intend to publish a newsletter on a quarterly basis on the 'planning policy' pages of the London borough of Enfield's website. It will also be emailed to those on the Enfield Local Plan database. There is more information at the end of the newsletter if you wish to sign up to the database.

Enfield's new Local Plan 2036

We will continue to engage and consult on the preparation of our New Local Plan to obtain your views on the policies that will help to shape Enfield's future. Our first formal consultation was held from 5 December 2018 to 28 February 2019.

What happens now?

Firstly, we would like to thank everyone who has got in touch with us over email, Facebook, Twitter, attended workshop, came to a drop-in session or given feedback through our engagement platform.

All of the feedback from the consultation is being carefully analysed and considered to inform the next stage of Enfield's Local Plan.

The next stage of proposed Local Plan preparation will be subject to further consultation in spring 2020. Once again, we will get in touch with everyone who has shared their contact details and signed up to receive our newsletter prior to the start of the consultation.

Call for sites

During the last consultation, landowners and developers were invited to submit sites for consideration for potential development.

The submission of sites does not mean that it will be allocated in the Local Plan. The 'call for sites' is simply a way of helping us to establish what sites could potentially be made available for development in the future. The invitation for a Call for Sites remains open and will be used alongside our own evidence work on land availability to progress spatial growth options and a sufficient supply of development opportunities to meet Plan targets. Email the local plan team to obtain a submission form.

What are the key messages from the consultation?

A key message arising from the consultation is that the provision of new homes and jobs in the borough needs to go hand-in-hand with supporting infrastructure. To make sure this happens, we are talking to providers about what types of new infrastructure are needed to support growth in our borough. Precise needs will depend on which sites are chosen to accommodate development and the extent of available funding.

We will be seeking your views in the autumn on the emerging infrastructure priorities and needs of the borough.

You also told us that the Local Plan needs to be considered in the light of the requirements set out in relevant European (including the Strategic Environment Directive) and national legislation.

We must consider the economic, social and environmental impact of the emerging Local Plan. This appraisal (known as the integrated impact assessment) is an essential part of plan making and will include:

- Health impact assessment
- Equalities impact assessment
- Habitats screening assessment
- Sustainability assessment

The first step of this process is to prepare a 'scoping report'. This will set out the context in which the plan is being prepared and how the appraisal will be carried out.

We will be seeking your views on the scoping report in autumn 2019.



What happens next?

The Local Plan team are working towards what is known as the 'Preferred Options' stage. This will propose how and where growth should be distributed across the borough, including identification of specific sites.

Further consultation is targeted for Spring 2020. If you have registered to receive updates on the Local Plan, we will automatically contact you when the consultation is launched.

All the consultation responses received so far will play a key part in considering the preferred options.

Other relevant information that will inform the direction of the Local Plan includes national planning policy and guidance, conformity with the London Plan and a range of technical documents, such as background studies, research and surveys. These documents will be made available on our website as part of the consultation on the Local Plan.

Progress and Monitoring

In line with best practice guidance, we are required to keep the Local Plan preparation process under review as well as produce an annual monitoring report. Our latest Annual Monitoring Report is available here providing information on performance and progress in all aspects of planning. It includes the housing trajectory and will be reviewed each year to monitor the progress of the new Local Plan after its adoption.

The Housing Delivery Test Result for the Council was published by the Secretary of State on 19 February 2019. Enfield Council scored 85% in the Housing Delivery Test and in response to this, the Council will be publishing a Housing Delivery Action Plan in Autumn 2019. By preparing an action plan, the Council is positively responding to the challenge of increasing its housing delivery.

How we will involve you

We are committed to involving local communities and interested organisations in preparing the Local Plan. How we do this is outlined in the Statement of Community Involvement.

In other news...

North London Waste Plan

The seven North London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest have recently published the proposed submission North London Waste Plan (NLWP) for consultation between 1 March and 12 April 2019.

The NLWP is a joint plan being prepared by the seven North London Boroughs. It will set a planning framework for the provision of waste facilities in the seven boroughs to achieve national and regional targets for the management of waste and recycling and identify broad areas suitable for waste facilities.

The boroughs are considering the responses received during the consultation and we anticipate that over the summer the Plan will be submitted for public examination by a Planning Inspector.

Further details can be found on NLWP.

Edmonton Leeside Area Action Plan

We are proposing some changes to the Edmonton Leeside AAP, considering Inspector's comments, public representations and discussions with stakeholders. After consultation closes on 25 June 2019, we will forward all representations to the Planning Inspector. They will consider our proposed changes and any comments received on them before concluding their report on the soundness of the Plan.

Further details on the examination of the AAP can be found here.

Heritage Strategy

Finally, in an innovative approach to support growth, the Heritage Strategy has been developed in parallel to the draft new Local Plan, celebrating local distinctiveness at the heart of placemaking. The new Heritage Strategy will be available on the website shortly.

Further information

If you wish to be kept informed of future planning policy consultations in Enfield, let us know by sending an email to localplan@enfield.gov.uk

You can find out about existing and forthcoming documents at www.enfield.gov.uk



