

Land use in the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum area

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Nearly half the area (44%) is green space. Some 8% is domestic buildings and another 27% is domestic gardens. More space is devoted to roads (nearly 11%) than to domestic buildings.

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	Metres sq (000)	% of total	
Total area	4,812	100	
Domestic buildings	407	8.5	
Non-domestic buildings	127	2.6	
Domestic gardens	1,303	27.1	
Path	67	1.4	
Road	518	10.8	
Rail	26	0.5	
Green space	2,121	44.1	
Water	45	0.9	
Other uses	197	4.1	
Source: DCLG accessed via ONS Ness			

The Forum area is blessed compared to Camden, Haringey and London as a whole in that it has less land devoted to building (domestic and commercial), roads and rail, yet more given over to domestic gardens and green space. The differences are not large in some cases especially compared to London as a whole in terms of space devoted to gardens, roads, homes and green spaces, but as indicated by the figures for Haringey and Camden, Highgate gets what might be seen as outer London land use but in an inner London context. Camden has more inner London traits than Haringey – less space for domestic buildings and gardens but more for commercial buildings and roads.

Land use in the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and other areas					
% of total	HNF area	Haringey	Camden	London	SE England
Total area	100	100	100	100	100
Domestic buildings	8.5	14.3	12.2	8.7	1.3
Non-domestic buildings	2.6	6.1	11.9	4.7	0.7
Domestic gardens	27.1	26.6	19.1	23.8	6.2
Path	1.4	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.1
Road	10.8	16.3	18.6	12.3	2.4
Rail	0.5	2.0	2.7	1.1	0.1
Green space	44.1	25.5	24.8	38.2	84.8
Water	0.9	0.8	0.9	2.8	2.7
Other uses	4.1	7.2	8.5	7.5	1.6
Source: DCLG accessed via ONS Ness					

Note: The table shows land use data relating to 2005, published in 2007 by the Department for Communities and Local Government. These HNF figures relate to the sum of the "Output Areas" that were used to extract the census data. The total might be a little less than the whole HNF area as it excludes part of the Heath, notably the area around Kenwood (I had separately measured the HNF area using google maps at 5,100 ksqm). More information here: <http://data.gov.uk/dataset/land-use-statistics-generalised-land-use-database>