

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

AGM 2013

Chair's Report

Our first year

- Building networks and alliances
- > Website and
 - social media
- Designation application



Survey

Placecheck

Consultation

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

Your Future Your Highgate

Why the Neighbourhood Forum matters How you can get involved

What is the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum?

Under the new Localism Act, communities are encouraged to set themselves up as neighbourhood forums. Amenity groups, residents' organisations and individuals in Highgate, supported by all our local Councillors, came together and decided to set up the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum, covering broadly the N6 postcode area. We are now applying for formal designation to both Camden and Haringey Councils.

What can we do?

Once formally designated, we can put together a neighbourhood plan which looks at the development of the area. We can also identify, and even buy "community assets" or act as "neighbourhood developers". We can incorporate issues like transport, security or the environment into the plan.



A simple survey

Questionnaire leaflets delivered to all 8,100 households in Highgate

Four simple open-ended questions:

- What do you like about Highgate?
- What don't you like about Highgate?
- What does Highgate need?
- Any other suggestions?





The Highgate Neighbourhood was divided into 8 areas, with a team of around 4 people to undertake a walkabout of each area.

They we briefed to identify:

- things they liked
- things they disliked

 things that we should work on.

The findings were presented for discussion on 27th September, 2012.

This is a record of the presentations and discussion.

Street engagement

- Reaching the 'hard to reach'
- Prince's Foundation
- Traders



Wish cards

130 wish cards collected at 8 locations / gatherings across Highgate (areas targeted because few people in those locations had responded to the Survey questionnaire) during Dec 12 and Jan 13.

Key themes:

•Streets / transport / traffic 32% (42)

•Pond Sq /271 Bus 20% (26)

•Social / culture / cohesion 17% (22)

•Economic activity 15% (20)

Green spaces / buildings / heritage 6% (8)
Other 9% (12)





Community Planning Workshops

- Two public meetings + a stakeholders' workshop in January 2013
- Exhibition of outcomes of survey, Placecheck and street engagement + work of Plan working groups
- Participants gave views on ideas so far
- Prince's Foundation report



Neighbourhood Plan working groups are organised

Plan group is organised into 5 working parties:

- Development and heritage
- Traffic and transport
- Economic activity
- Social and community
- > Open spaces and public realm
- + Sustainability group embedded in all



CABE workshops



Designation application approved

- December 2012
- First forum to be designated in Camden
- >Only forum so far in Haringey
- >Only cross-border forum, so far, anywhere
- Now we can begin to shape our vision for Highgate's future



The Forum now

>48 local organisations are affiliated – residents associations, action groups and amenity societies, faith groups, arts and community centres, schools and care homes.

>380 people are on our individual mailing list

> 50 people are working in the Plan working groups

>We are still growing, but with 18,000 residents in Highgate, we need to reach more people, especially in the younger age groups.



What's next?

Plan working groups are developing a draft Neighbourhood Plan

 Strategic area groups are looking at the Village Core, Highgate Overground/Underground Station, Archway Road, the Bowl and the Wellington Gyratory

 we will be working with the Councils, TfL and landowners on these

>We will be talking to the 2 Councils about the draft

There will be extensive consultation on the draft



And after that?

Draft Plan will go to Independent Examiner and back to us for revision

Referendum – becomes part of Local Plans

Plan will be regularly reviewed

>Implementation!

Any questions, comments?

