



FOR HIGHGATE
HIGHGATE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Neighbourhood Plan Progress

What is a Plan?

- “A neighbourhood plan establishes general planning policies for the development and use of land in a neighbourhood”
- “The plan can be detailed or general, depending on what local people want”.

Where are we with our Plan?

- Nearing completion of our Pre Submission draft involving:
 - Editing draft plan produced in September 2013
 - Completed first two sections of Plan
 - Refining our policies

How we got here?

- Community consultation following assistance from
 - Princes Foundation
 - CABE
- Production of material from the 50 members of the Plan Group
- Consultation with local Councils
- Input and expert advice from Planning Aid and our appointed Plan writer

What is in the Plan?

- Introduction
- Vision
- Policies
 - General policies
 - Site specific policies
- Proposals within existing legislation
- Actions outside the scope of the formal Plan

What we are doing now?

- Consulting on policies with:
 - Planning Aid
 - The Councils
 - Our Plan Writer, Alex Munroe
 - Us!
- Identifying issues to support policies
 - Identifying sites and ensuring these are:
 - Achievable
 - Acceptable to owners (but not exclusively)
 - Do not conflict with Councils' policies

What next?

- Preparation of Pre Submission Plan (nearly there!)
- Informal Consultation with Community by HNF
- Modify plan accordingly
- Send to Councils for their statutory consultation
- Examiner to check Plan
- Modifications on Examiners report
- Referendum

Challenges

- Lack of clear guidance as to how to proceed
- Existing models not suitable for metropolitan areas
- Lack of funding
- Conflicting advice from differing bodies
- Editing material – we have so much!
- *Getting us all to agree*