

Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Plan

Minutes and Key points from public meeting on draft Plan – held on 10th July 2019 at the Hadley Wood Association Centre

Over 60 members of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum and local residents attended, plus apologies for absence were received from 10 people.

Key plan policies were presented and discussed in turn. The key points are listed below, and modifications to the Neighbourhood Plan will be drafted where appropriate. The full presentation is now available on the Hadley Wood Association website.

<http://www.hadleywood.org.uk/neighbourhood-planning-forum.html>

The Neighbourhood Plan will continue to be reviewed over summer with a more formal 6 week 'pre-submission consultation' targeted for the autumn. The Neighbourhood Planning Forum Committee would welcome further input and questions, which can be sent to;

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In their closing statements Jon Herbert (Troy Planning), Peter Gibbs (Friends of Trent Park) and Colin Bull (Cockfosters Residents Association) all encouraged Hadley Wood residents to support the Neighbourhood Plan, as it would significantly strengthen our local voice when dealing with Enfield Council.

Key points

- Q asked about whether the Green Belt can be protected or not through the NP.
- Q about how you measure net-loss of biodiversity and what types of trees are native to HW
- Statement about front gardens – there is no need to pave right up to the edge
- MAJOR ISSUE – Q about lack of enforcement and how the NP can help this
- Q about Duchy covenants and whether they could support plan policies e.g. front gardens
- Q as to why it might not be appropriate to have front walls / what is evidence to say people don't want front walls?
- MAJOR ISSUE – Concern about safety and security and considered safer to have front walls.
- Statement that a design compromise might be appropriate – lower walls can provide for security but also enable views and sense of place
- General agreement about issues regarding flooding
- Statement that there must be drainage standards for front gardens
- Q about how policies on gaps / terracing effect might be applied to buildings that have been previously extended. Q why such a policy is being considered if Council do not think it is effective
- General agreement to require more information / context on planning application drawings
- Q about how people can become more involved. Further ideas need to be developed on policies for back garden developments and basements, and residents with knowledge of these topics are encouraged to contact the Planning Forum.