

Neighbourhood Forum update

‘Supporting great architecture and design; preserving our local character and environment’

The initial draft Neighbourhood Plan was reviewed by a team of local residents and the Planning Forum Committee over the summer. Many thanks to Robert Wilson, Esther Kurland, John Leatherdale, Joycelin Dawes and Kate Lobo for all their input. The output from this exercise was considerable and is taking some time to incorporate into our plan; a second draft has been prepared by the consultants, and we are meeting with them at the end of October to work through a number of remaining queries. We hope to share the draft plan with all Forum members later this year.

We are constantly testing the plan to ensure it does meet the aspirations and objectives that the Neighbourhood Planning Forum members have set. As a reminder, these can be found at the Hadley Wood Association website;

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

Although it is taking longer to finalise than we would wish, there will be many potential benefits when complete. These can be summarised as;

- It will enable the local community to have a greater influence on future development in Hadley Wood;
- Where new development takes place,
- The design of new buildings,
- What infrastructure should be provided,
- To protect areas from certain types of development, and,
- To protect open spaces.
- We aim to strengthen Enfield’s existing planning policies by emphasising those that are most applicable to Hadley Wood.
- We are adding local planning policies that are tailored to local aspirations.
- Allow the community to have a stronger influence over local planning applications, with a proposal that the HWA and the HWNPF become a formal consultees.
- Help to set a ‘best practice’ standard for the content and quality of planning applications.



Enable Hadley Wood to gain access to a larger proportion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to invest in local priorities. There are still several key stages before the plan is ready for a local ‘referendum’, including important discussions with Enfield Council to confirm that our local plan is consistent with the New Enfield Plan, currently in preparation before its public consultation. Delays to the publication of the New Enfield plan, and staff changes at the Council, are impacting our timetable. Further updates will be provided at the HWA AGM on Wednesday 14th November.

Please get in touch if you want to join the Forum or you are available to help.

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