

**Chipping Barnet
Residents Area Forum
27th October 2010
Progress on Barnet's Local
Development Framework**

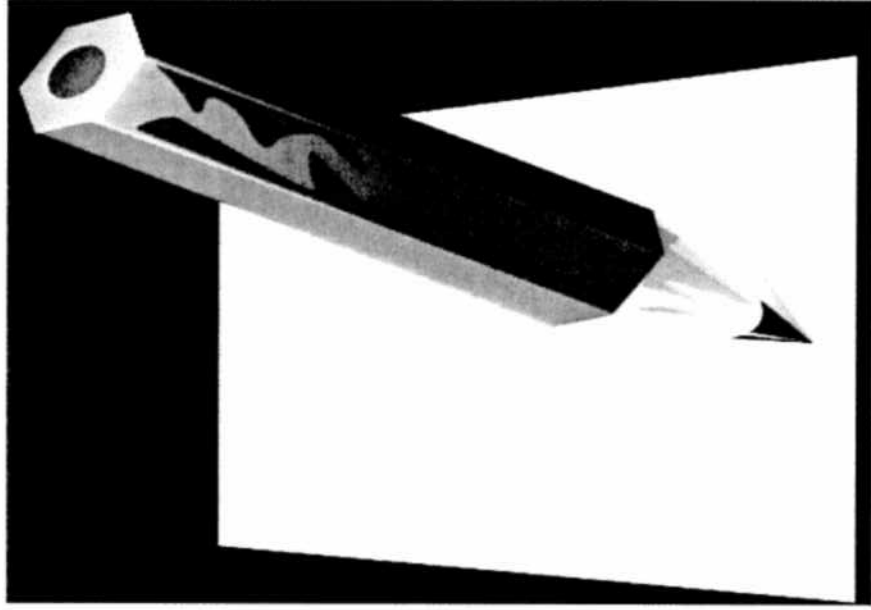
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What is the Local Development Framework (LDF)?

- Incremental replacement of Unitary Development Plan
- LDF is a folder of documents
- higher level ones are Development Plan Documents (DPDs)
- lower level ones are Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs)
- Core Strategy is the key DPD – it sets out where, when and how change will take place by 2026
- Development Management Policies DPD provides day to day policy for decision making



Barnet's Core Strategy- Final Consultation Stage



Published for 8 weeks consultation - Sept 30th to
Nov 25th

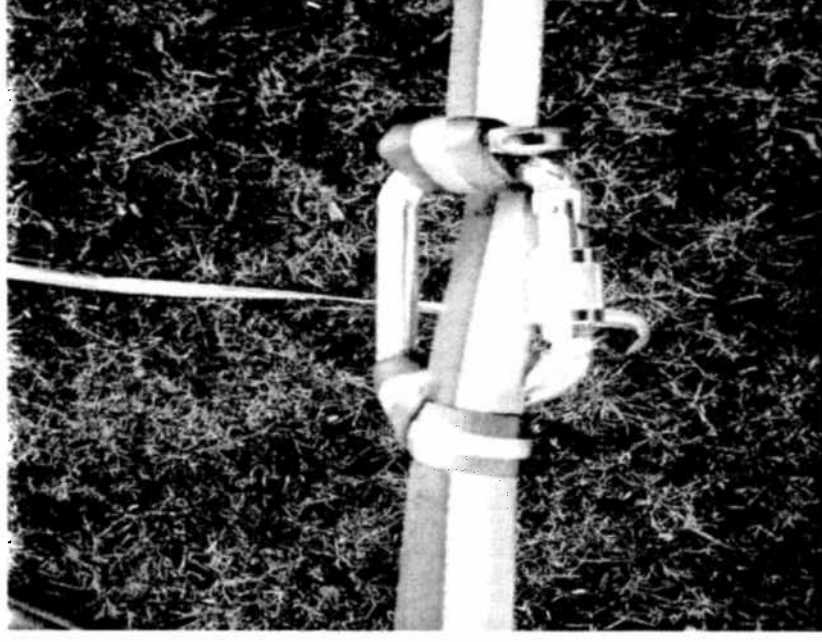
- ❑ Nearly 2,000 comments on last stage (Direction of Travel) told us of concerns about :
 - ❑ Housing Growth
 - ❑ Infrastructure Delivery
 - ❑ Future of Town Centres
 - ❑ Affordable Housing
 - ❑ Provision of Green Spaces

Our responses to these comments are set out in the document 'Representations to the Core Strategy Direction of Travel and the Council's Response'.

Barnet's Core Strategy- Final Consultation Stage

You now have the chance to tell us if our strategy is the right approach

1. Justified means that the document must be:
 - founded on evidence base*
 - the most appropriate strategy*
2. Effective means that the document must be:
 - deliverable*
 - flexible*
 - able to be monitored*
3. Consistent with London Plan and National Planning Policy



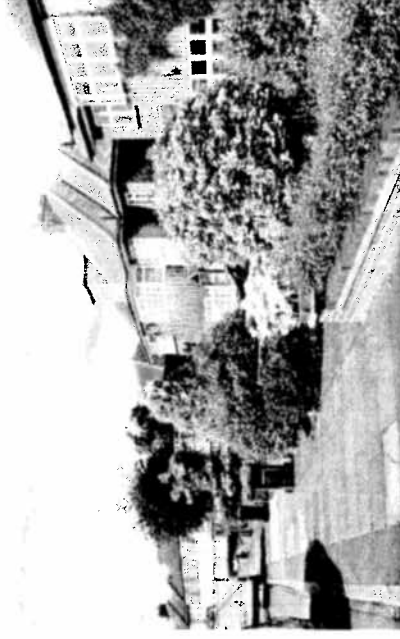
Consultation on Development Management Policies

- Preferred Approach launched September 30th for 8 weeks consultation
- provides detailed policies to deliver the Core Strategy.
- the policies will be used for day to day decision making and for planning committee determinations.
- a suite of 15 policies reflecting Barnet's priorities as a successful London suburb.
- although fewer the policies are stronger and more distinctive than the UDP



Main Changes to Core Strategy & links with Development Management

- Focus on Consolidated Growth – More emphasis on development in the pipeline (ie regeneration and development areas)
Specific policies on design considerations and protecting existing character in Development Management document.
- Housing Choice – New 30% affordable housing target. More emphasis on family accommodation
Specific policies on affordable housing, size of new homes and specialist housing in Development Management document.
- Town Centres - New evidence on where new retail floorspace is needed. New Barnet and Whetstone no longer identified as focus for mixed use development.
Boundaries for 15 largest Town Centres identified in Development Management document.
Development principles including protection of shops in town centres, local centres and parades are set out.



Main Changes to Core Strategy & links with Development Management

- Character - More emphasis on high quality design, protecting and enhancing Barnet's heritage, natural landscapes.

Development Management provides basis for more detailed guidance on Residential Design

- Open Spaces - More emphasis on linking green spaces and enhancing biodiversity.

Policy protection for all open spaces in Development Management along with requirements for new provision

- Transport – More emphasis on more efficient use of road network and delivery of infrastructure in regeneration areas
Development Management sets out parking standards and expects development with transport impact to locate in most accessible areas

- Brent Cross – Cricklewood – new policy to secure strategic policy framework for future regeneration of Brent Cross – Cricklewood.



Infrastructure Delivery Plan

- Infrastructure Delivery Plan sets out what, where, when and how important infrastructure projects will be delivered
- Sets out key infrastructure programmes and projects between 2011 and 2026 needed to deliver the Core Strategy and support housing development
- Provides 'prioritisation of infrastructure' ensuring a focus on delivery of the right infrastructure at the right times that best serves Barnet
- A 'living' document subject to updating by Council and key partners including NHS Barnet



Development Management Key Policies

- **DM01: Protecting Barnet's character and residential amenity** will help ensure that all development respects the existing character eg protect against conversion of family housing
- **DM02: Design considerations** will ensure all development makes a positive contribution to the borough
- **DM06: Ensuring a variety of sizes of new homes** makes family sized housing the priority



Development Management Key Policies

□ **DM09: Development principles for town centres**, sets out the day to day policy to protect retail uses and promote mixed use development

□ **DM13: Open spaces and biodiversity** will protect all open spaces in the borough and ensure that new space is provided where necessary

□ **DM14: Parking standards and travel impact** will ensure that development provides adequate parking



Moving Forward

- Core Strategy DPD will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate in early 2011 with Examination in Public expected Mid 2011
- Development Management Policies DPD will be subject to another round of consultation in early 2011 and submitted to Planning Inspectorate in 2011

Downloadable versions of 'Core Strategy - Publication Stage' and 'Development Management Policies -- Preferred Approach' are available at

www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations

Hard copies available from all borough libraries or from the council's Planning Reception at Barnet House.

Deadline for comments – 5pm on November 25th

