

Haringey Core Strategy Examination in Public Council's Opening Statement, 28th June 2011

The Core Strategy vision is to ensure that Haringey will be a place where a real change has been achieved to create an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable community.

The spatial vision is underpinned by a number of key principles, and the policies arising from those, focus on:

- Making the best use of Haringey's land – creating sustainable communities particularly at Tottenham Hale and Haringey Heartlands;
- Securing a high level of housing growth, of different tenures and sizes to encourage mixed communities, and in particular maximising affordable housing provision and meeting the needs of older and vulnerable residents;
- Minimising the borough's contribution to climate change and ensuring efficient use of resources;
- Managing air quality within the borough by travel planning, promotion of walking, cycling and public transport;
- Diversifying and growing the economy – supporting business and job growth, protecting employment land, tackling worklessness through training, skills and employment initiatives;
- Strengthening the borough's network of town centres – Wood Green Metropolitan Town Centre, the five District Centres at Bruce Grove/Tottenham High Road, Green Lanes, Muswell Hill and West Green Road/Seven Sisters, the 38 Local Shopping Centres and the number of smaller shopping parades and individual shops that meet the day-to-day needs of the borough;
- Maintaining and enhancing Haringey's distinctive characteristics, historic environment and established unique neighbourhoods;
- Securing new development of high quality, creating safer places;

- Protecting the borough's existing open spaces and delivering high quality open space and children's play space;
- Improving the health and well-being of Haringey's residents by reducing inequalities in access to health services and promoting healthy lifestyles;
- Providing the necessary social and community infrastructure needed to support Haringey's future growth.

Haringey Heartlands and Tottenham Hale are the key locations for the largest amount of Haringey's future growth. They are identified in the London Plan as an Area for Intensification and an Opportunity Area respectively. These are locations where the greatest capacity/opportunities exist for sustainable growth, accompanied by an appropriate level of infrastructure. Regeneration of the wider Northumberland Park area, Tottenham High Road Corridor and Seven Sisters Corridor will also provide a substantial number of new homes and jobs, as well as other community facilities and estate regeneration. Wood Green Metropolitan Town Centre will be a focus for future growth in retail, office, leisure, arts and cultural activities which will help shape Wood Green into a thriving and vibrant centre for north London.

The strategy recognises the borough's position in north London and London and seeks to address sub-regional issues such as housing and waste. Cross boundary issues which affect the Upper Lee Valley growth corridor in the next 15 years are also addressed. The strategy has been prepared in close partnership with neighbouring boroughs to ensure a consistent approach is taken in relation to growth areas and town centres which straddle borough boundaries. As such discussions have taken place with Hackney in relation to the redevelopment of Woodberry Down, with Enfield in relation to Central Leaside and Islington in relation to Finsbury Park.

The Core Strategy has been prepared in accordance with the statutory procedures under section 20 of the 2004 Act and the associated Regulations. This is evidenced in the Council's self-assessment of soundness and legal compliance. The Core Strategy has been prepared in line with the Council's Local Development Scheme.

The strategy set out in the document in front of you is **justified, effective and consistent with national as well as regional policy**, and is therefore **sound**.

The Core Strategy is a long term spatial strategy for Haringey, with built in flexibilities and capable of being implemented in the changing economic circumstances. It is a local expression of national and regional policies, which seeks to tackle key issues which matter to this borough.

The strategy has been informed by extensive robust evidence base, consisting of technical evidence as well as participative evidence gathered during the various stages of consultation. It is the most **appropriate strategy when considered against alternatives**. We have done our best to resolve issues raised during the plan-making process, and have throughout sought to balance competing and conflicting priorities and interest, in order to arrive at a strategy that is most likely to ensure a long term economic, social and environmental sustainability of the borough.

Haringey Core Strategy Key Diagram

- Proposals**
- Growth Areas (indicative only)
 - Areas of change
 - Cultural areas
 - Key housing sites
 - New leisure facilities
 - Tottenham Hale Gyratory
 - New primary school at Tottenham Hale
 - New secondary school at Haringey Heartlands
 - GP Facility
 - Neighbouring borough growth areas
 - Decentralised Energy Hubs

- Existing features**
- Metropolitan Town Centre
 - District Town Centres
 - Highgate Village
 - Rail Stations
 - Tube Stations
 - Rail Links
 - A Roads major
 - A Roads minor
 - Strategic Industrial Land
 - Public Open Space
 - Green Belt/Metropolitan Open Land
 - Strategic view to St. Paul's Cathedral
 - London - Stansted - Cambridge - Peterborough Growth Corridor
 - Upper Lee Valley

