

LDF

Local Development Framework

LDF Core Strategy: Proposed Submission
Document and Proposals Map

Summary Guide

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The story so far

Hackney is a vibrant part of London with strong, diverse and youthful communities. We have more green space than any other inner London borough and we believe Hackney is changing for the better. We want to make sure that our future planning policies help develop Hackney as an attractive, viable, safe and sustainable location to live, go to school, work, and enjoy leisure time for everyone.

To help us do this the Council has a key policy planning document called The Local Development Framework (LDF) Core Strategy. This will guide the sustainable development of the borough's homes, businesses, open spaces, neighbourhoods, town centres, transport network, and will also support growing communities.

The LDF Core Strategy sets out a long-term (to 2025) vision of how it aims to improve the borough and will guide the production of more detailed planning policies that will affect local areas. It will also have an important day-to-day function as it will be used for making decisions about planning applications.

The strategy aims to:

- Encourage high quality, well designed development across the borough.
- Ensure services are located where they are most needed by local people.
- Address sustainability and climate change issues by encouraging a high-quality, 'green' built environment fit for the 21st century.
- Protect and enhance the borough's built heritage.
- Focus on providing new homes, improving the town centres and promoting the protection of open space.
- Take advantage of our city fringe location and the 2012 olympics to create employment opportunities.

Practical examples of how we can improve the borough are that we need to develop sustainable transport by encouraging more cycling and walking. And we need to protect our open spaces and make the most of our historic buildings.

We want to take full advantage of our location on the fringe of the City and as part of the 2012 Olympics so that we can continue to improve the wider social and economic wellbeing of the borough in a sustainable way. We want to create more employment opportunities in areas like Dalston and Hackney Wick and provide a range of shops, entertainment services and businesses that will be there for years to come.

We are proud of our vibrant, mixed communities and we want everyone to be able to access good quality services, particularly in our town centres. We also want to contribute to the challenge of tackling climate change in the UK.

Of course we need to acknowledge the economic downturn but we don't think we should put our plans on hold. In fact this is an excellent opportunity to get our plans right through the LDF Core Strategy so we can make the most of the economic upturn but in a sustainable way that benefits our diverse population.

Where are we now?

There have already been two extensive rounds of consultation providing residents, businesses, community groups and service providers including the job centre and NHS City and Hackney with the chance to have a say on the strategy. Our document is now finalised and ready for comments, known as representations. This offers one further opportunity to give your views. Comments received at this stage may not result in changes to the document but they will be recorded and considered alongside the Core Strategy which will be examined by an independent Planning Inspector.

What does the LDF Core Strategy say?

The LDF Core Strategy will help the Council with strategic planning decisions for the next 15 years. It is a technical document covering six themes. Over the next few pages we have set out some of the main issues in each theme.

You can read the full version and give your Comments at www.hackney.gov.uk/core-strategy.htm

Delivering Sustainable Growth

This sets out the main locations and types of change in the borough. Change will mostly be around main transport hubs like Dalston and Hackney Central, but also at Woodberry Down and of course around the 2012 Olympics site at Hackney Wick.

We want to:

- Provide more homes and employment opportunities for local people in a way that improves the quality of life in the borough, strengthens neighbourhoods and does not harm the environment.

We will do it by:

- Focusing growth on locations such as Dalston, Hackney Central, Woodberry Down, Shoreditch and Hackney Wick that already have, or will have in the future, good transport links, shops, GPs and schools.
- Making sure all new developments are well designed, use quality materials and minimise the waste of energy and water.
- Co-ordinating the future plans of different organisations responsible for transport, schools, health centres, training facilities and other essential services.
- Protecting open space and the character of our areas.
- Seeking opportunities to improve access to and quality of our open spaces.



Supporting neighbourhoods and communities

This explores the 'social infrastructure' including schools, health centres, community facilities, colleges and other facilities that will be needed to support this growth.

We want to:

- Support residents to make the most of opportunities in London and improve the quality of life for all.

We will do it by:

- Making it easier to get into and around our Town Centres and to other places in London for jobs or leisure activities
- Making sure we have enough schools, health centres, training facilities for residents and that these buildings can support improved service provision.
- Using the estates renewal programme to update and improve the quality of homes and estates.
- Keeping residents at the heart of what we do. Encouraging shared facilities or service centres for front-line services like employment and health services, making access for residents easier.



A dynamic and creative economy

This sets out our proposals to support employment and business.

We want to:

- Ensure our town centres and places of employment are successful, thriving, competitive and provide opportunities for business, employment and leisure.

We will do it by:

- Making sure our town centres have good transport links, a mix of businesses, including offices and shops, and homes.
- Making the most of the borough's diverse cultural background and history of creative industries to provide an alternative to central London and the new Stratford City.
- Making sure the right kind of businesses, employment opportunities and workspaces are in the right areas with a balance of size and affordability that can support new and more established businesses.



Providing better homes

This tackles the wide range of planning issues surrounding housing.

We want to:

- Create mixed communities where everyone has a good quality of life with the opportunity to thrive and prosper.

We will do it by:

- Making sure new housing developments and their surroundings are well designed, built with quality materials and are environmentally sustainable.
- Providing the right housing options in the right areas with access to local services and open space.
- Ensuring new housing can be adapted to suit households changing needs, such as growing families or the elderly.



Cleaner, greener and safer places

Hackney Council is committed to preserving and enhancing the character and appearance of its historic environment.

We want to:

- Ensure that the borough's natural and historic assets make Hackney a distinctive and pleasant place to live, work and enjoy leisure activities.

We will do it by:

- Promoting high quality design to contribute to Hackney's distinctiveness.
- Protecting the character of areas and historic environment, making the most of the borough's historic assets.
- Preserving and enhancing the natural environment so there is a range of different kinds of open space.



Climate change and environmental sustainability

This addresses the planning issues around Climate Change including sustainable transport.

We want to:

- Contribute to tackling climate change and make sure that all development in the borough is environmentally sustainable.

We will do it by:

- Making sure that new development proposals manage demand for heating and cooling with low carbon emissions. All aspects of flood risk are fully considered for now and the future.
- Promoting sustainable transport by encouraging people out of their cars to public transport, cycle and walk.
- Ensuring that there is more recycling and less waste sent to landfill.
- Improving energy efficiency and boosting energy production from renewable and low carbon sources to improve, self-sufficiency for power, reduce the waste of water and energy, and reduce dependency on fossil fuels and the national grid.



have **your** say

This is a further opportunity to give us your comments on whether you think we have got the LDF Core Strategy and Proposals Map right. Please use the representation form to tell us what you think.

If you can, please take the time to look at the full document and visit our website to get a better understanding of the strategy and the issues we are trying to tackle.

You can see a full electronic copy of the Core Strategy at: www.hackney.gov.uk/core-strategy.htm

Or, if you prefer to view a full paper copy you can do that at these locations:

Planning Reception
Monday to Friday 8:30am to 5:30pm
263 Mare Street
E8 3HT

Your local library - check for opening times

The Town Hall Reception
Monday to Friday 8:00am to 8:00pm
Saturday 9:00am to 1:00pm
Hackney Town Hall
Mare Street
E8 1EA

If you would like us to send you a copy on a CD or a paper copy then please e-mail ldf@hackney.gov.uk or phone 020 8356 8084

All comments must be sent to us on the Representation Form. We cannot consider your comments if you do not use this form.

You can pick up a Representation Form and accompanying guidance note which we recommend you read first, at any of the above locations or at <http://hackney-consult.limehouse.co.uk>

The deadline for your comments is 7th August 2009.

For more information on the Local Development Framework visit www.hackney.gov.uk/ldf