



London Borough of Enfield

HADLEY WOOD NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

DECISION STATEMENT

1. Summary

- 1.1 In line with Regulation 18 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (NPR) Enfield Council has produced this 'Decision Statement' in relation to the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Development Plan (the 'Plan') submitted to them by Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum (the Qualifying Body).
- 1.2 The Plan sets out a vision for the Parish and establishes the type of development needed to help sustain the community. If made, it will become part of the development plan for land use and development proposals within the Hadley Wood area until 2039.
- 1.3 Following an independent examination of written representations, the Examiner issued a report setting out a number of proposed modifications (as per the table below), concluding that the Plan should proceed to referendum. Enfield Council now confirms that the Plan will proceed to a neighbourhood planning referendum (subject to the modifications) scheduled for Thursday 2nd November 2023.
- 1.4 This Decision Statement, along with the independent examiners report and the plan documents can be inspected at:
<https://www.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/emerging-plans#hadley-wood-neighbourhood-plan>

2. Background

- 2.1 The Council approved the Neighbourhood Area and Forum on 7 July 2015. The key milestones since then are as follows:
 - Pre-submission consultation on draft Plan: 8-May 2022 and 3-July 2022
 - Formal draft Plan submission: 26 October 2022.
 - Draft Plan consultation: 21 December 2022 and 17 February 2023.

2.2 The appointed Examiner; Jill Kingaby, started the examination (undertaken by written representations) on 17 May 2023. The Examiner's Report was issued on 3rd August 2023, with suggested policy modifications to meet the basic conditions and legal requirements. The Examiner noted, that once modified, the HWNP is recommended to proceed to referendum. The Forum has not contested any of the Examiner's modifications. The HWNP therefore meets the Basic Conditions and legal requirements.

3. The Decision

3.1 The local authority must consider each of the recommendations made in the Examiner's report and decide what action to take in response. The table below sets out the examiner's recommended modifications and the Council's decisions in respect of each of them.

3.2 The Council's decision was made on 7th September via an Operation Non-Key Decision. The Council is satisfied that, subject to the modifications being made, the Draft Neighbourhood Plan meets the legal requirements and basic conditions as set out in legislation; thus the plan can proceed to referendum.

3.3 Therefore, to meet the requirements of the Localism Act 2011, a referendum which poses the question "*Do you want Enfield Council to use the Neighbourhood Plan for Hadley Wood to help it decide planning applications in the neighbourhood area?*" will be held on Thursday 2nd November 2023.

4. Examiner's Proposed Modifications:

Note: The references in EPMs 2-15 below relate to the page numbers in Document HW8 - [the Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Plan \(Composite Version\)](#).

Examiner's proposed modification number (EPM)	Page no./ other reference	Modification	LBE response
EPM1	Documents HW8 and HW7	The track changed amendments shown in Document HW8 (and detailed separately as the Forum's suggested PMs 1-130 ¹ in Document HW7), attached at Appendix 2, are recommended <u>subject</u> to the further revisions recommended in EPMs 2 – 15 below.	Accept the modification
EPM2	Page 8	Paragraph 1.9, 3 rd bullet: Increasing occurrences of flooding, likely results of climate change, but also exacerbated by	Accept the modification
EPM3	Pages 24 and 28	4.4 The Heritage and Character Assessment states, amongst other things <i>inter alia</i> :	Accept the modification

¹ These are not to be confused with the Council's suggested PMs (nos. 1-56) to be found in Document HW5a - https://www.enfield.gov.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0031/37759/HW5a-Regulation-16-reps-in-full-redacted-March-2023-Planning.pdf

		<p>Policy HW-1: Setting, character and views Proposals for development ...sensitive to the characteristics views...</p> <p>d) Where bulk and scale of a property is greater than</p> <p>iv. designing side extensions that they are subsidiary</p>	
EPM4	Page 31	<p>Policy HW-2: Front boundary walls, railings and gates b) Solid front walls of 0.5m and higher will not be supported or lower will be supported. Front boundary treatments</p>	Accept the modification
EPM5	Page 39	<p>Policy HW-4: Off-street parking Where the number of housing units on a.... For developments on other roads, the maximum number of</p>	Accept the modification
EPM6	Pages 47 and 49	<p>The third bullet in paragraph 5.7, beginning "Supports the local planning authority's" should be deleted. Paragraphs 5.10 and 5.11 should be deleted.</p>	Accept the modification
EPM7	Pages 52 and 53	<p>Policy HW-6: Local Green Space Designations 8. The fields to the north of Camlet Way and west of Crescent West (adjacent to the HWA land).* And delete the footnote as follows: * The NP assumes this siteand many residents. Figure 20: Local Green Spaces in Hadley Wood. Delete site 8 from the figure.</p> <p>Remove the final paragraph from the policy and replace with:</p> <p><i>Development proposals in designated Local Green Space will be managed in accordance with national policy for Green Belts.</i></p>	Accept the modification
EPM8	Page 59	<p>Policy HW-7: Trees, the natural environment and biodiversity 3. Any trees that are lostLost trees include those that were removed in the three years 12 months prior to the date of submission of the planning application for the development.</p>	Accept the modification
EPM9	Page 73	<p>Policy HW-11: Self-contained apartments Add a footnote to reference the Government's Technical Housing</p>	Accept the modification

		Standards - Nationally described space standards (2015).	
EPM10	Pages 80 to 82	<p>6.26 The adverse effectslocal planning authority (LPA) is unable ..</p> <p>Policy HW-12: High – Quality Built Environment</p> <p>All development...of the locality. Those proposing development should take into consideration the cumulative impact on the appearance, street scene, natural environment, flood risk, and road congestion.</p> <p>1. Buildings must respond</p> <p>4. Total building height mustshould not ...vicinity, unless special circumstances are demonstrated....</p> <p>7 8 The use of alternatives to UPVC including for doors, windows and rainwater goods will not generally be supported in the Conservation Area and other synthetic materials is encouraged....</p>	Accept the modification
EPM11	Page 83	<p>Policy HW-13: Small sites</p> <p>e) b) ensure that precedents used are nearby in the visible locality and are examples from 2014 onwards....</p>	Accept the modification
EPM12	Pages 92 and 93	<p>Paragraph 7.8 – Delete the last sentence and insert:</p> <p>The property owners in Crescent West Local Parade, community and local planning authority are strongly encouraged to work together to help ensure the long-term future of the local shops and eating/drinking establishments in the Local Parade, and to resist change of use to housing or to other uses that do not serve the local community, unless it is demonstrated with clear evidence that the use is no longer viable (subject to any prevailing permitted development rights).</p> <p>Policy HW-17: Crescent West Local Parade</p> <p>Delete bullet 5.</p>	Accept the modification
EPM13	Pages 124 and 125	<p>Appendix 1: Planning Application Guidelines</p> <p>Delete the first sentence, and replace with:</p> <p>Below are the details that may, in accordance with Policy HW-13, need to be provided in planning applications (small developments, extensions and rebuilds), to complement the Council’s requirements.....</p>	Accept the modification

		Insert footnotes 102 and 103, to explain small developments and Enfield's Article 4 Direction for the Conservation Area, as shown in Document HW8.	
EPM14	Pages 145 and 157	<p>Appendix 6: Car parking</p> <p>Re-write Policy HW-4 so that it is the same as in EPM5.</p> <p>Modify the last bullet point on Page 157 as follows:</p> <p>As the entire Plan area is PTAL-01.....and realistic travel options, where the number of housing units 1.5 per 1plus bedroom unit Policy HW-4 should apply.</p>	Accept the modification
EPM15	Pages 159 to 164	<p>Appendix 7: Building height</p> <p>Delete this appendix.</p>	Accept the modification