

1. HP Plan Pre-submission Consultation – General Comments & Responses

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1	Yes	Would It be possible to have a segregated front room accessible for out of services with computers, as in some banks?	Enabling greater use of the library's computer facilities is a good idea. We will raise this suggestion with the Library Manager.
2	Yes	I very much enjoyed reading this well-considered document. It contains policies and proposals that are reasonable and ought to be achievable. It is particularly important that unconstrained development does not occur with no regard for the needs or traditions of the local area. The plan has my full support.	Noted with thanks, the Plan's policies are designed to only support development that is considered appropriate for the character of the area.
3	Yes	Elderly care and recreational facilities. Tai chi classes for the elderly and other classes for over 50s. Possibly setting up a WI in Highams Park? Christmas dinners or other social events gate towards the elderly.	These suggestions will be added to the "Ideas List" for action by the HPPG's Community Coordination (COCO) Topic Working Group.
4	Yes	I have lived in Highams Park for over 31 years and love living here. However, I have seen a lot of changes, good and bad over the years. I welcome the Highams Park Plan and do agree with it generally. This area has become very tired looking and dirty, we are the poor cousins of Chingford which is very sad because Highams Park has a lot to offer, not least it has a village atmosphere. A dirty, tired and unkept area attracts unsociable elements ranging from crime to fly tipping to discounted shops. I look forward to the improvements.	The Plan's Vision is to enhance what's good about Highams Park and one of its core objectives is regenerating the shopping centre and encouraging a broader retail offering.
5	Yes	I have no particular comments other than to register appreciation for the work put in to creating this document and to let you know that I have read all 61 pages and am happy with it.	Noted with thanks
6	Yes	I think it looked really good and am happy to support the document.	Noted with thanks
7	Yes	Clearly a lot of effort has gone into these documents from all parties, they are well developed and clear, may I express thanks to all those involved in preparing and producing them over the years.	Noted with thanks
8	No	Thank you for the time and effort that has gone into putting this plan together, and for working so hard to get community feedback. We moved to Highams Park last year after many happy years in Walthamstow, where we saw many wonderful initiatives come to fruition that made Walthamstow a better place to live. From encouraging cycling to putting pop up shops in previously empty and run down shop fronts, to encouraging community centres like The Mill at St James Street and the E17 Art Trail, all of this made the community come together. There is so	Noted with thanks. The Plan aims to enhance what's good about Highams Park both in the town centre and in its open spaces. Some improvement work has already been done in the shopping centre with the shop front grant in the Broadway and the decorative lighting in Hale End. The Plan has already been instrumental in improvement works at the Lake and The Highams Park. We intend to continue with both these projects and to introduce new initiatives that have popular support locally.

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9	No	<p>Although officially live in the Larkswood area (my house is on Normanshire Drive backing onto Larkswood playing fields), my main interaction with the borough of Waltham Forest is HPDC - I walk to work through Larkswood and travel to and from Highams Park rail station every day as well as socialising and shopping in Highams Park.</p> <p>The area has clear potential, but it's a shame that the new Tesco superstore has swallowed up business that smaller stores might have been able to offer to residents via the currently vacant retail units on Larkshall Road (north of the station). I hope that this changes in the near future and that new businesses including restaurants, cafes and small retail outlets are encouraged to open up in the area to provide some contrast to the many tanning salons and takeaway food stores.</p> <p>It's also vital in my view to encourage cyclists by creating safe routes around HPDC, but especially around the station. This is clearly lacking at present, and it is remarkable how much traffic is backed up Larkshall Road at peak times in the morning and evening. The road planning around the station (especially north of the level crossing) simply does not make sense as it is currently - cars heading south and turning right into Winchester Road / cars heading north and turning left from Winchester Rd into Larkshall Rd are effectively blocked by pedestrians (including, in the mornings, a large number of school children) at the zebra crossing, with traffic backing up on both sides and causing congestion / delays to public transport.</p> <p>In my view the redevelopment of the regal cinema, the encouragement of small local businesses, improvements for cyclists and stricter parking regulations, as well as robust protection of green spaces around HPDC would bring many benefits to the local economy and the residents of Highams Park and the surrounding area.</p>	<p>We are hopeful that the improvements that have already taken place in HPDC and the draft business policies included in the Plan will help encourage more restaurants and a broader retail offering.</p> <p>The Council is currently implementing “safer” cycling routes in and around Highams Park under the Mini Holland Scheme. We have made recommendations to the Council that a zebra crossing be installed from Larkshall Road to Signal Walk to try and redirect pedestrian flows from the dangerous crossing point over the Broadway.</p> <p>The redevelopment of the Regal/Shelz site is key to the regeneration of the town centre. We maintain regular contact with the owners of the site and are hopeful that a redevelopment plan for this site will soon be forthcoming that meets the aspirations of both local residents and the Council, as well as being financially viable.</p>

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10	Yes	My thanks to the core authors and researchers for the clarity and comprehensiveness of the draft plan.	Noted with thanks
11	Yes	<p>An 'outside theatre' in use.</p> <p>'A high slide like a tree'.</p> <p>More money for the volunteers!</p>	<p>The idea of outdoor performances has been raised by many residents. HPPG's Arts & Culture (ARC) Topic working group's ideas list states – possible locations for pop up performances are, The Highams Park, Vincent Green, The Library Car Park or Signal Walk</p> <p>This sounds like a fun idea, we shall pass the request on to the Friends of The Highams Park and the Council Park's officers.</p> <p>We assume you mean more money for volunteer projects. Once the work of getting the Plan completed is done we aim to set up a team to explore what funding options are available and to bid for funding.</p>
12	Yes	I have no particular comments other than to register appreciation for the work put in to creating this document and to let you know that I have read all 61 pages and am happy with it.	Noted with thanks
13	Yes	The plan overall is a good piece of work although its necessary length does make it hard going. In view of the great length of the plan it would have been better if this form asked for responses section by section with the relevant section of the plan beside the questionnaire.	If HPPG undertakes a further consultation on the HP Plan we shall take this into consideration.
14	Yes	This is a general comment on the HP Plan and the supporting documents. I strongly support the draft plan and congratulate all those involved over the last 3 years in producing the Plan.	Noted with thanks
15	Yes	A very good plan. Well done, and thank you!	Noted with thanks
16	Yes	Thank you for all your dedication with this huge piece of work.	Noted with thanks
17	Yes	<p>I am extremely grateful for all the hard work that has gone into forming this plan and think it is an invaluable asset for the future of Highams Park. Some extra points.</p> <p>The new bus stops on Larkshall Road are terrible, as a cyclist I would never use the lanes that mount the pavement. The original stops that brought the buses out of the way of the main road were far superior and safer as there is plenty of road space and should be returned.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p> <p>A number of local residents have raised the same concerns. Highways matters such as this fall outside of the scope of a neighbourhood plan but we shall pass on your concerns to LBWF/London Transport.</p>

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		<p>Please can Brompton Hire Bike Units https://www.bromptonbikehire.com at either Tesco or the station be considered as a way to improving cycling in the area.</p> <p>There has been no mention of any protection or preservation for the 1930s concrete flyover on Wadham Road which I suspect could be of some historical and architectural significance. Plus the nice small concrete bridges over the Ching such as where Charter Road meets Falmouth Avenue.</p> <p>The Library should also be considered for listing.</p>	<p>A similar idea is included in Annexe 1 to the Plan. We shall raise this idea with the Council's Mini Holland team.</p> <p>We shall ask our Heritage Topic Working group to investigate what protection, if any, can be granted to these bridges. Possible commercial use of the arches under Wadham Bridge is suggested on page 35.</p> <p>We shall ask our Heritage Topic Working Group to look see if the library building is eligible for listing.</p>
18	Yes	<p>I would like to show appreciation for such a professional document and thank you for your considerable time and hard work on our behalf.</p> <p>Re environment: would it be possible to encourage shop keepers to water the plants outside their shops (that the Council have provided)? Also encourage residents to do the same with trees, etc.</p> <p>Very disappointed that the refurbishment of the station has not included toilets. We have no public facility now.</p> <p>The pathway linking Beech Hall Road and Winchester Road, always referred to as the Ching Path, is now renamed 'River Walk'.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks. Adoption of flower beds/trees is supported by LBWF, we will add it to the "Ideas List for HPPG's Community Coordination (COCO) Topic Working Group.</p> <p>We will continue to lobby TfL for toilets at Highams Park Station (refer Annexe 1 page 6).</p> <p>We are aware that many local people still refer to this path as the Ching Path. Until about ten years ago the path didn't have an official name and because of this it was difficult for local residents to report matters relating to it on Council systems. The Council suggested that the path be given an official name to resolve this problem. The name River Walk was put forward by a nearby local resident and was officially adopted. There are now signs on the houses at each end of the path.</p>
19	Yes	<p>I consider that the HP Plan is a well thought out and well written document. In general I agree with all the points made with only minor points of disagreement.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p>

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		<p>I would like to see a very high level of protection for all the green spaces in the area and a total block on development of any ground currently used for sports activities of all types.</p> <p>There should be strong protection for the limited number of buildings in the area that can/could be used for community activities, eg the library, the pubs and the Regal.</p>	<p>Policy GNE1 of the Plan seeks to give green spaces in the area the highest level of protection possible by designating the spaces listed therein as local green spaces.</p> <p>The Plan has sought to add protection to the community facilities currently offered by local buildings in Policies PCF2 and PCF3. The Regal frontage is listed. As regards its future use, please refer to our response to comment 9 above.</p>
20	Yes	<p>The Highams Park Planning Group was set up by residents, for residents. Those who live in Highams Park, some for over 50 years, know what is best for HP better than planners that have little time in the area. 6500 consultations were sent out, only 384 responded. The turnout for this and local and national elections is very poor. I often hear people say there is no point in voting as they (MPs and Council) will do what they want. This is a 'vote' at no confidence in the system!</p>	<p>The figures quoted here are not numbers that we recognise. HPPG now has over 1,000 members and the depth of interest in the Highams Park Plan has been extensive with hundreds of people taking an active part in one aspect or another of the Plan's activities. We do not feel at liberty to comment on the local residents' confidence in the system.</p>
21	Yes	<p>I would like to register my support for the Highams Park Neighbourhood Plan. It provides a locally distinctive approach to development with a positive vision for sustainable development in the area.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks</p>
22	Yes	<p>May I offer thanks to all of those involved in the production of the document, and commend you all for the thoroughness and attention to detail.</p> <p>I am not sure what to say, except that I agree wholeheartedly with the contents.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p>
23	Yes	<p>My daughter was asking why Highams Park (the park) doesn't have any gym equipment for adults. I was in Ridgway Park and they had this sort of equipment, lots of other parks do too. Is there any moves to install any?</p>	<p>We are not aware of any plans for gym equipment to be installed in the park.</p>
24		<p>Spot on within the plan concerning business, also parking</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p>
25		<p>You have all made such a good job of this that I hesitate to comment - still, you have asked for comments and, although you won't want to make any big alterations at this stage, I shall say this.</p> <p>I understand the long view pictures, which are giving an idea of how the terrain encloses H.P. but they still don't quite suggest the way in which the forest embraces our community. I think that many people live here</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p> <p>We shall see if we can find some better pictures to include in the Plan document for the final version.</p>

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		<p>because transport facilities are so good but others love the rural aspect of the lake and the forest. Perhaps, instead of just a long view of the water, showing its length an opportunity may have been missed to show its charm and the way in which people enjoy it. (A bit of cow parsley goes a long way to enhance a view.</p>	
26		<p>I cannot find any mention of making the top end of The Charter Road a Public Spaces Protection Order area. This would help to cut traffic congestion and reduce pollution for residents and school children.</p>	<p>This is not something that we have considered up to now. We will pass the suggestion on to our Transport Group to raise with the Council's Highways Department.</p> <p>In conjunction with TfL, the Council is trying to implement anti-idling schemes outside schools using local volunteers, to try to dissuade people from waiting outside schools with their engines running.</p>