

## Site Allocations DPD Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) 'Site suggestions' and the Site Allocations Document

### **1. What is Site suggestion?**

The Site Suggestions is an opportunity for individuals and organisations to suggest land or buildings within Barnet for development or change to alternative uses. The suggestions we receive will be assessed considered for inclusion in a Site Allocations Development Plan Document (DPD).

### **2. What is the Site Allocations Development Plan Document?**

The Site Allocations DPD will be part of the Barnet's Local Development Framework (LDF). The [LDF](#) is a new suite of planning documents that the council is producing to guide development decisions in Barnet. Within the LDF, the Site Allocations DPD will establish planning proposals for specific sites including allocation of land / buildings for development as well as protection of areas sensitive to change. These proposals will help to deliver the vision and objectives of the [Core Strategy](#), and will therefore need to be consistent with the overall spatial strategy set out in this document.

Community engagement and consultation will contribute to production of the Local Development Framework. LDF documents will also be tested using a tool called Sustainability Appraisal, and they will have to go through an independent examination before the council can adopt them.

### **3. What is the Proposals Map?**

We will publish a final [Proposals Map](#) following the adoption of the Local Development Framework including Core Strategy, Site Allocations, Development Management Policies and North London Waste Plan DPDs. The Proposals Map will also illustrate the Area Action Plans for Colindale and Mill Hill East. Our Proposals Map will set out sites allocated for development together with new, existing or revised sites such as Conservation Areas, Sites of Nature Conservation Interest, Open Space etc.

### **4. When will Site Suggestions take place?**

The Site Suggestions invitation runs from Tuesday 16 February to Tuesday 16 March 2010. Sites submitted after that period may not be considered.

### **5. How do I respond to the Site Suggestions?**

We would like to hear from you if you wish us to consider a site, or sites, within the borough to be allocated for development. Sites need not necessarily be in your ownership and could be developed for a wide range of uses. For each site being put forward a Site Suggestions response form should be completed and accompanied by a map showing a clear site boundary.

The response form and further guidance can be downloaded from the Site Allocations section of the council's website which is accessed via <http://www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations>.

## **What happens next?**

### **1. What will happen to the information provided on sites?**

It will be mapped and entered into a database by the Planning Policy Team in Spring 2010. The most appropriate and deliverable sites will be taken forward in the Site Allocations Preferred Options Consultation Document and comments on these sites will be invited in summer 2010.

### **2. How can I find out what sites have been suggested?**

We will publish a schedule of the sites put forward and the uses suggested for them. This will form part of the Preferred Approach Report to be published in Spring /Summer 2010.

### **3. How will suggested sites and uses be assessed?**

An objective assessment will be carried out to inform the council's decisions on which sites to include in the Site Allocations Preferred Approach Report.

An objective assessment of the sites suggested will be carried out. A range of sustainability criteria will be used in order to filter or sieve out those sites that do not deliver the aims and objectives of the Core Strategy, or that are inconsistent with the overall spatial strategy. The most appropriate and deliverable sites will be taken forward in the Site Allocations Preferred Options Consultation Document and comments on these sites will be invited in summer 2010.

### **4. Will all sites that people suggest be included?**

Proposals will be carefully considered but it is unlikely that all sites put forward will be included in the Site Allocations preferred approach. If sites and suggested uses are not included, we will explain why. We will also set out how the aspirations for them could be achieved in other ways.

### **5. Will there be opportunities for future involvement?**

Yes. A key opportunity to have your say will be when we issue the Site Allocations preferred approach for community consultation (we expect this to happen in Summer 2010). This document will set out our preferred approach for the use of sites. We will explain the reason for including sites and proposed uses. We will also explain the reason for not including any sites put forward during the Site Suggestions/Call for Sites.

### **6. What is the timetable?**

The main stages are shown in the diagram presented in the Local Development Scheme on the website. In brief community consultation on the preferred options document will take place in Summer 2010 with Submission to the Secretary of State in Spring 2011 and adoption by Winter 2011. We will keep you informed of any changes to these dates via council's website.

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