

N12 - North Finchley Town Centre Planning Strategy

Issues and Opportunities Consultation - Your views

The London Borough of Barnet is preparing a Planning Strategy for North Finchley Town Centre. The Planning Strategy will provide a framework to manage change in the area, realise development potential, and set out aspirations to enhance and promote a successful town centre. The Planning Strategy is being prepared in the context of Barnet's Suburban Town Centres Strategy which aims to secure the vitality and viability of all of the town centres in the borough.

This questionnaire seeks your views on what you think are the main **issues** currently affecting North Finchley and also what you consider the main **opportunities** are for improving the town centre. You can find out more information by visiting our exhibition (details overleaf), or visiting Barnet's website (www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations).

Vision

Do you agree with the emerging vision (see box)?
Please provide any comments on this below:

The emerging vision for North Finchley is:

To create a sustainable and distinctive suburban town centre with enhanced shopping facilities and a high quality pedestrian environment. North Finchley will be an attractive place to meet your everyday needs. The centre will provide a sustainable local alternative to some larger centres through the maintenance of a healthy mix of independent and established high street retailers. The south of the centre, with its existing leisure and cultural attractions will provide a focus for further new high quality evening activities.

Issues

The issues listed below have been identified as currently affecting North Finchley. What issues do you think are most important for the Planning Strategy for North Finchley to address? Please rate the issues from 1 - 10: (1= most important and 10= least important)

1 - 10 Please add any comments/expand on each issue in the space below:

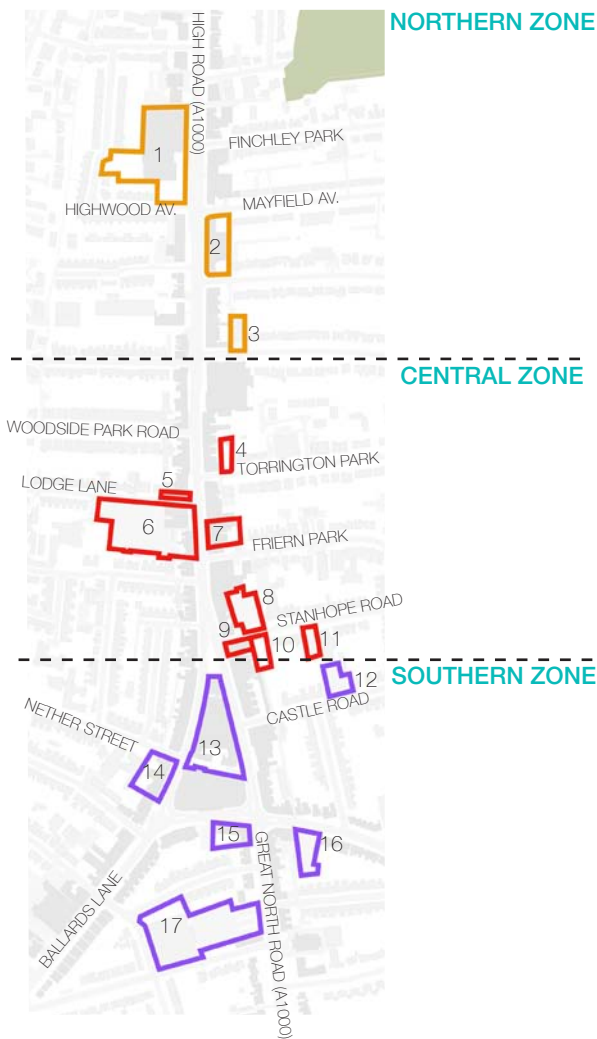
Heart: No real heart or focal point in the town centre and a lack of places to spend time in (public space etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Street: The street environment is poor throughout the town centre, there is poor landscaping, planting, paving and bins	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Crime: Perceived high levels of crime in the town centre, particularly at Tally Ho in the evenings	<input type="checkbox"/>	
High Road: Reducing the dominance of the main road, to create a more pleasant pedestrian environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Shopping: There are few large shops and lack of quality modern retailers	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Arts Depot: The Arts Depot lacks profile in the local area	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Offices: There is a significant amount of empty office space	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Vacant sites: There are a number of large vacant sites in the town centre which could be brought back into use/redeveloped	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Buses: Bus circulation and management should be improved	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Parking: On-street and off-street parking is important in the town centre and existing parking should reprovided and enhanced where possible	<input type="checkbox"/>	

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Opportunities

The diagram below illustrates the 17 sites identified to date as having potential for future development or change. We would like to know your views on these opportunities.



1. Are there any other opportunity sites you think should be added? Please state below:

2. How far do you agree with the proposed land uses for each character zone which are designed to compliment the character of each zone. Please rate the new uses from 1 -5:

1 = *strongly disagree*
 2 = *disagree*
 3 = *no opinion*
 4 = *agree*
 5 = *strongly agree*

1-5

NORTHERN ZONE: mostly new homes and employment?

CENTRAL ZONE: mostly new shops?

SOUTHERN ZONE: focus of culture, cafes and bars?

3. Do you have any suggestions for other land uses that should be considered, and where these should be located?

Please return completed questionnaires to the **box provided at the Arts Depot** or **post** to:

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Questionnaires and comments should be received by **5pm on 3rd July**. To find out more information on the Issues and Opportunities for North Finchley you can:

- visit our **exhibition** between **Saturday 13th June and Friday 3rd July** at the Arts Depot, North Finchley; or
- visit our **webpages** at www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-consultations