



Enfield's Planning Update | Spring 2020 | Issue 2

Hello & welcome...

Welcome to our latest Planning newsletter this New Year. We aim to keep residents, businesses and other interested parties up to date on the progress with the new Local Plan, as well as other projects we are working on. Please share this with others who may be interested in the future of the borough. The previous newsletter featured several projects and work in support of the new Local Plan. This edition provides key highlights on the following:

- Local Plan and evidence base updates
- North London Waste Plan
- Last call for 'call-for-sites' - whether they're small, medium and/or large - let us know
- Heritage Strategy and call for projects

We aim to publish a newsletter on a quarterly basis on the [Latest news](#) tab within the planning policy pages of our website. We tend to email those on the Enfield Local Plan database. If you would like to be added to the Local Plan database and be notified of all Local Plan consultations and updates please email localplan@enfield.gov.uk and write SUBSCRIBE in the subject line.



Enfield's Local Plan

We would like to thank everyone who commented on the Local Plan. We will take account of your views on the plan and we will publish a summary of your comments at the next stage of the process.

We intend to consult again on the draft Local Plan later this year, setting out more detailed policies and proposals on how the borough will grow and develop over the next 15 years and beyond. This will build on the feedback from the previous stages and new technical evidence. We will keep you informed of the next stages of the process.

Evidence gathering

At this early stage of the plan making process, the focus is on compiling the necessary evidence base and a number of studies have been commissioned to inform the new Local Plan. Some of the key pieces of evidence are explained further below.

We are considering consultation on the draft Local Plan late 2020 to enable initial evidence base work to be completed and facilitate a more informed consultation. It also provides an opportunity to gain more certainty at a national level as changes made by the government will have a significant direction on the plan, including setting out the level of housing the borough needs to provide.

The key stages in updating the Local Plan are outlined below:

Key plan making stages

- Consultation on draft plan - 2020
- Submission - 2021
- Examination and main modifications - 2021-2022
- Adoption - 2022

Progress on key pieces of evidence base is set out below.

Last call for 'Call-for-Sites' - let us know!

We are inviting landowners and developers to put forward sites.

The consultation has been open since December 2018 and we are inviting landowners and developers to put forward land in the borough, which they consider having development potential for uses including new housing, employment and/or community uses.

Sites should be capable of delivering one or more residential unit.

A significant number of submissions have been received so far which are currently being assessed and appropriate sites will be included in our plan.

The deadline is 6 March 2020.

Please note that submissions cannot be treated as confidential and will be made publicly available.

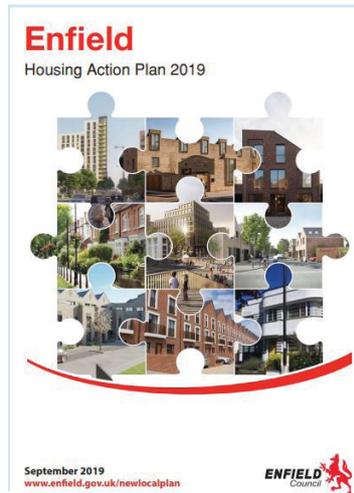
If you wish to talk to us about your site, then please do not hesitate to contact us.

Progress and monitoring

We are required to keep the Local Plan preparation process under review as well as produce an annual monitoring report. The Annual Monitoring Report from 2017/18 is available [here](#) providing information on performance and progress in all aspects of planning. It includes the housing trajectory, which explains how we can deliver the development plan housing targets and associated infrastructure. The AMR also reviews the effectiveness of current policies. We look to release an updated Annual Monitoring Report and the housing trajectory this spring/summer.

In addition to the housing trajectory, the government has published its housing delivery test figures for the three-year period, that is between 2015/16 to 2017/18.

They show that Enfield needed to build 2,355 but actually built 2,003 homes, which is equivalent to 85% of our housing requirement. This means that we must now publish an action plan which identifies the reasons for under-delivery, to reduce the risk of further under-delivery and measures to improve levels of housing delivery.



As part of the preparation of the action plan, we collaborated with key stakeholders such as the private sector, registered providers and other external stakeholders. The action plan was published in October 2019 and can be found here: <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/housing-action-plan-2019-planning.pdf>.

Whilst the action plan is published, we always welcome comments on how we can reduce under-delivery and improve housing delivery rates in future years.

Edmonton Leaside Area Action Plan

Edmonton Leaside is in the south eastern corner of Enfield and includes the Meridian Water regeneration area, established employment estates, Lee Valley Regional Park, Picketts Lock and major infrastructure facilities such as the Edmonton Eco Park and Deephams Sewage Treatment Works.

The Edmonton Leaside Area Action Plan has undergone extensive rounds of consultation and an independent examination. The examination has now closed and the inspector has submitted her report to us confirming that the area action plan can be made sound, subject to the changes we put forward during the examination process.

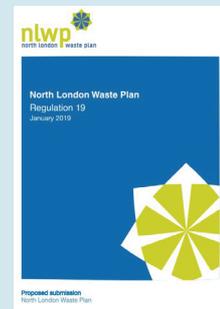
We will now move towards formal adoption - January 2020.

Further details on the examination of the area action plan can be found here: <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/edmonton-leaside-area-action-plan-planning.pdf>.

North London Waste Plan

Last year, the seven North London Boroughs of Barnet, Camden, Enfield, Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Waltham Forest published the draft North London Waste Plan (NLWP). The NLWP is a joint plan that will set a planning framework for the provision of new waste facilities. It also identifies broad areas suitable for waste facilities. Further details can be found on [NLWP](#).

Following an examination in public in November 2019 the seven North London boroughs are working on main modifications to address the issues raised at the examination. Once the inspector is satisfied with these, the boroughs will consult formally on the main modifications in March 2020.



Meridian Water: London's newest station opened on 3 June 2019

Heritage Strategy and Call-for-Projects

Enfield's new Heritage Strategy was adopted as SPD on July 2019. Over the next five years we expect Enfield to change and grow rapidly. This will bring more residents and visitors to the borough, with its historic environment, museums and local studies library and archives. We need to plan how we manage heritage, as this will shape how we develop new places, enhance existing areas and recognise the heritage of our communities.

Our plans for the next five years are set out in our new [Heritage Strategy 'Making Enfield: Heritage Strategy 2019-24'](#), which we developed together with local community groups. It gives further guidance on our existing policy on heritage.

Call for projects

The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) has announced that Enfield is one of thirteen areas across the country where it will help applicants meet local needs

This is a great opportunity for individuals and groups to come forward with projects to investigate and celebrate heritage across Enfield. Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.

We are inviting local groups to email your heritage project ideas to heritage@enfield.gov.uk by 14 February 2020 (mark your message 'Call for projects').

Once you have sent them to us, we will continue to support you and help develop your ideas by:

- sending you useful sources of information about Enfield;
- inviting you to a workshop with an NLHF officer, to give you guidance on how to apply; and
- hosting a session three months after the call for projects deadline, covering common problems with developing funding applications <https://new.enfield.gov.uk/services/planning/heritage-strategy/>

Developing an evidence base

A number of key pieces of evidence are being compiled to inform the new Local Plan. It is generally technical work, produced by specialist consultants and use a clear and established methodologies where appropriate so that conclusions it reaches are transparent and consistent with best practice. These evidence base documents help us to write policy from an informed perspective, alongside other considerations like the results of consultation and national and regional policies.

Housing needs

We are preparing an assessment of the borough's future housing needs to determine how many new homes we need to build over the next 15 years. The number of new homes that we need is determined by a nationally set calculation, known as the 'standard methodology'. This is a method based on nationally-published population and household projections. The government expects us to use this and prepare our plan to meet the housing requirement in full.

Assessing flood risk

The Strategic Flood Risk Assessment (SFRA) will assess the capacity of the borough's water supply and wastewater treatment infrastructure to accommodate future growth and consider the impact of growth on the borough's water environment.

The SFRA will identify flood risk across the borough from all sources, including flooding from rivers and surface water.

Assessing future burial needs

As part of the provision of infrastructure and facilities to support the growth of new homes envisaged in the plan over the next ten to 15 years, we need to understand the situation on our existing burial space in Enfield; where this is; and the capacity remaining.

In parallel, we also need to understand what the potential future demand for burial space may be and assess how we can monitor change and cater for this demand in the future.

Future pieces of updated evidence will include: Integrated Transport Study, Integrated Landscape and Townscape study, Functional Market Assessment, Future of Retail and Town Centres Study and Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

Keeping in touch

We have a database for those who would like to receive updates on planning documents including Local Plan update. If you would like to sign up to our mailing list please email localplan@enfield.gov.uk.

More information about existing and forthcoming documents is available on our webpage at www.enfield.gov.uk.

