
Local Development Framework

Core Strategy Direction of Travel

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What are the LDF and the Core Strategy ?

The Local Development Framework (LDF) is one of the most important statutory plans that must be produced for Barnet.

The Core Strategy is the key document and sits at the heart of the LDF. It sets out where, when and how change will take place, providing a shared vision of what Barnet will be like as a place in 2026. All other LDF planning documents need to accord with its strategic direction and key planning policies.

The Direction of Travel represents the mid-point of production of the Core Strategy.

What has already happened ?

The Direction of Travel represents the stage between Issues and Options in 2008 and Publication and Submission in mid 2010.

Engagement on the previous stage of the Core Strategy - Issues and Options in Summer 2008 generated 23,000 comments from 462 respondents on the 80 options that were proposed. Comments focused on the growth of Barnet, the timely provision of physical, social and green infrastructure, the protection of open spaces and Barnet's distinctive character in particular large houses with gardens. A summary of comments made on Issues and Options and the Council's response to them is set out in the Core Strategy Consultation Report.

What happens next ?

Following consultation on this stage we will publish another version of the Core Strategy (known as the Publication stage) for final public consultation prior to submitting it to the Planning Inspectorate in July 2010. The Core Strategy will then be subject to an Examination in Public in late 2010 and adoption of the Core Strategy is envisaged in early 2011.

The Evidence Base for the Core Strategy

The policy framework in the Core Strategy - Direction of Travel is underpinned by an evidence base which includes published material such as ;

- Employment Land Review,
- Strategic Flood Risk Assessment,
- Town Centre Floorspace Needs Assessment

and emerging material such as ;

- Open Spaces, Sports and Recreational Facilities Assessment,
- Strategic Market Housing Assessment
- Barnet Characterisation Study

- Community Halls and Meeting Spaces Assessment
- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Affordable Housing Viability Study

The Core Strategy Policy Framework

The Core Strategy document sets out a policy framework of 14 policies. ***Please read the full Core Strategy for the full policy wording.*** In summary these are:

- **Policy CS 1 - Barnet's Spatial Strategy - Protection, Enhancement and Growth**
sets out the vision of how Barnet will change and where that change will happen
- **Policy CS 2 - Distribution of Growth in Meeting Housing Aspirations**
sets out the most sustainable locations for housing growth in the west of the borough together with the priority housing estates, larger town centres and some of the major road transport corridors. It also sets out how much these areas will contribute to an estimated supply of 28,000 new units between 2011/12 and 2026/27.
- **Policy CS 3 - Protecting and Enhancing Barnet's Character**
sets out local priorities for design and basis for identifying those parts of Barnet outside Conservation Areas which may be worthy of protection because of their distinctiveness. Provides basis for more detailed design guidance on streets whose residential character has changed and which may be more appropriate for higher density development such as flats rather than houses.
- **Policy CS 4 - Promoting Barnet's Town Centres**
sets out priorities for improving larger town centres, ensuring efficient use of land and buildings in such locations. It also provides protection for local neighbourhood centres and parades of shops because of their contribution to sustainable suburbs.
- **Policy CS 5 - Protecting and Enhancing Barnet's Open Spaces**
ensures that access to open spaces is improved and that they become more attractive as places to a wider range of users.
- **Policy CS 6 - Promoting a Strong and Prosperous Barnet**
sets out how we support businesses (especially small to medium enterprises) and residents (particularly in developing skills) to access the regeneration opportunities in a changing borough.
- **Policy CS 7 - Providing Quality Homes and Housing Choice in Barnet**
sets out need to provide wider choice in accessing housing in terms of

tenures, types and size. It highlights that an appropriate level and mix of affordable housing will be determined following a viability assessment. Policy sets criteria based approach for meeting needs of Gypsies and Travellers.

- **Policy CS 8 - Providing Integrated and Efficient Travel**
promotes delivery of integrated transport infrastructure and increased availability of travel choices in order to support growth, relieve pressure on Barnet's transport network and reduce the environmental impact of travel.
- **Policy CS 9 - Enabling Integrated Community Facilities and Uses**
ensures community buildings including schools, libraries and meeting spaces are located where they are easily accessible and that new and existing provision is used more efficiently for joint service delivery.
- **Policy CS 10 - Improving Health and Well Being**
supports the plans of NHS Barnet to deliver modern primary care and the creation of healthier neighbourhoods. It also highlights that residential care homes are overprovided and should be remodelled to widen housing choice.
- **Policy CS 11 - Making Barnet a Safer Place**
ensures that streets, town centres and open spaces feel safer and that new development designs out crime. It also highlights partnership working with the Metropolitan Police on re-modelling its estate as a basis for an effective and responsive police service in Barnet.
- **Policy CS 12 - Ensuring the Efficient Use of Natural Resources**
sets out our priorities to reduce carbon emissions and use energy and water more efficiently as well as reduce the impact of noise and air pollution.
- **Policy CS 13 - Dealing with our Waste**
promotes waste minimisation and provides link to the North London Waste Plan.
- **Policy CS 14 - Delivering the Core Strategy**
sets out monitoring arrangements and provides context for the Infrastructure Framework and how the necessary infrastructure will be funded and delivered

How to have your say

The full Core Strategy Direction of Travel is available on our website

www.barnet.gov.uk/planning-core-strategy-consultation

Copies can be viewed at any library in Barnet and at the Barnet House planning reception

In order to make comments please make clear the section of the document you are referring to, the reason for your comment and if objecting your proposed change for improving the document.

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The closing date for comments is **5pm on Monday January 11th 2010.**