PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Barnet Council and the Mayor of London have highlighted Mill Hill East as an area that could support major new residential and business development.

A 48 hectare site (119 acre) has been identified to the east of Mill Hill East tube station. This includes Inglis Barracks which is being vacated by the Ministry of Defence later this year.

An Area Action Plan (AAP) is being prepared by the council to co-ordinate existing and new plans for the site. An AAP is a statutory planning document against which planning applications for the site will be judged. The AAP will set out what types of development are appropriate and what community facilities, green spaces, utilities and road infrastructure should be provided to make sure the new place is successful and sustainable.

THIS EXHIBITION

This is the third and final public exhibition we have held in the Area Action Plan process. In October 2006 we asked for your initial ideas on how the site should be developed. In April 2007 we presented draft development principles and three indicative layouts for you to choose from and comment on. We received many useful comments from both sessions which have helped guide our work.

Since April, Barnet Council, working with planning and design consultants EDAW, have considered different ways in which the site could be developed, based on technical work and the results from consultation.

This exhibition is the start of a six week public consultation period on the Preferred Option Report for Mill Hill East.

Your comments on the preferred option will help us to write the draft Area Action Plan which we hope to be ready by the end of 2007. It will then be submitted to the Government Office for London and go through an Examination in Public led by an Independent Planning Inspector in 2008.

If it is successful it will then be adopted as one of Barnet's Area Action Plans.

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