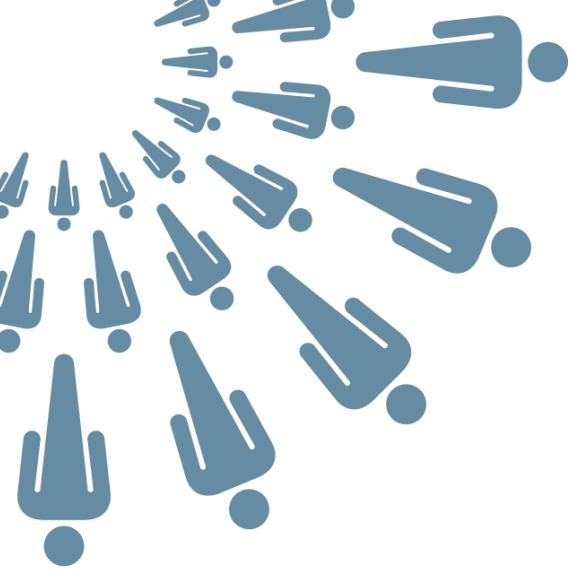


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Annual Report 2016 - 2017



Our Vision:

To Build a Better Harlesden by giving our community the opportunity to effect positive local change

ABOUT THE HARLESDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



The goal of the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan is to influence planning policy through neighbourhood planning and give local people the opportunity to have a say in how their area develops. Like so many other London neighbourhoods, Harlesden is experiencing a great number of changes and we believe the local community should be able to make informed decisions to help shape Harlesden's future.

The Harlesden Neighbourhood Planning Forum officially launched in April 2015 and we now have 76 members and 24 associate members representing residents, businesses, voluntary and faith groups, with over 200 people receiving our email updates. The Forum focuses on key areas of interest that include the Local Economy, Housing, Transport, Environment & Open Spaces and Community Facilities.

Since 2015 the Forum has held many workshops, conversations and sought expert advice to inform the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. During the past year, we have focused on bringing all this together to produce a draft Plan which contains the Forum's proposals for how Harlesden should develop over the next fifteen years.

The draft Plan was presented to the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) meeting in December 2016 and we have recently entered a period of public consultation on it (known as the pre-submission consultation phase).

When this first consultation is completed, the Plan will be sent to Brent Council and to the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) for endorsement and for a further six-week period of consultation managed by the lead planning authority (Brent Council). Our hope is that by early 2018, following an independent examination of the Plan, we will be ready to seek the community's approval of the Plan via a local referendum. If approved, it will become the Neighbourhood Plan for the area providing the community's voice on how Harlesden should develop in an inclusive way that preserves the area's unique heritage.

Furthermore, areas which have a neighbourhood forum can access 25% of CIL (Community Infrastructure Levy) raised from new developments within the neighbourhood forum boundaries. This portion of the fund must be used to improve the infrastructure for the area included within the Forum boundaries of the Forum and the Neighbourhood Plan provides a list of potential uses for the neighbourhood portion of CIL in Harlesden.



2016 meetings
and events

OUR WORK

In January 2017 the Forum's Chair and Secretary - with the support of the Forum's planning consultant - met with the leader of the new Chief Executive of the OPDC, Victoria Hill, to discuss future developments in relation to OPDC and Harlesden.

The relationship between the Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum, Brent Council and the OPDC has continued to evolve. Following the Forum's work in highlighting the need to ensure Harlesden benefits from the OPDC development, Brent Council and the OPDC decided to set up a Harlesden sub-group, in which the Forum was invited to take part in as a means of continuously feeding back into the development process. These relationships continue and are part of the efforts of the Forum to influence the local planning authorities in shaping the future of the area.

The Neighbourhood Forum's constitution, adopted at our inaugural meeting in April 2015, commits the Neighbourhood Forum committee to hold at least three general Forum meetings and six committee meetings per year and to work towards the delivery of a neighbourhood plan for Harlesden. We can report that in 2016-17 we have held four general forum meetings (and an additional summer social event in July 2016), six committee meetings and, as outlined above, have delivered a draft Neighbourhood Plan.

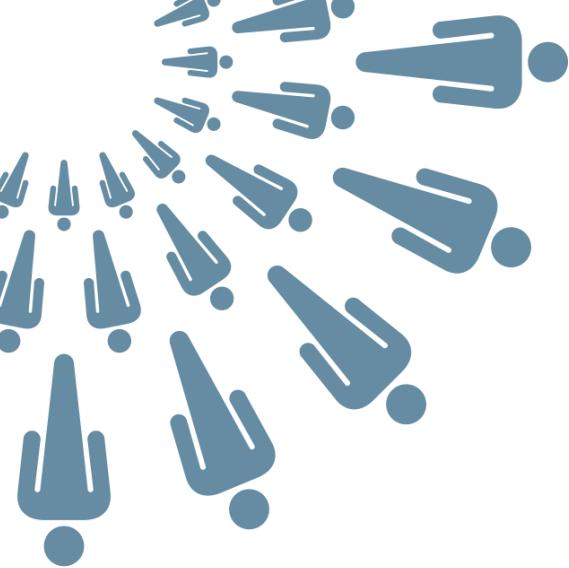
The Forum's five working groups (Local Economy, Housing, Transport, Environment & Open Spaces and Community Facilities) have provided valuable insight into and feedback on the key areas that make up the Harlesden Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan is now live and out for public consultation.

The four general Forum meetings have dealt with a variety of important issues facing our community and were an opportunity to listen to your concerns. At meetings we have had representatives from local developers (including the developers of 2 Scrubs Lane and Manor Park Works) and from Brent Council's Harlesden Hub project and tree-planting project, providing a platform for informing the community about what is happening in the area.

The Forum is grateful for the invaluable volunteer support from a group of community researchers, recruited via local charity Crisis Brent. The community researcher volunteers have helped run meetings, designed engagement activities, reached out to local businesses and organisations and carried out surveys with local residents and Forum members. Many thanks for all their creativity, hard work and dedication this year.

We are proud that in the space of two years the Forum has managed to deliver a draft Neighbourhood Plan. This is an amazing achievement and it needs now to be brought to completion in a referendum.





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Skorzystaj z okazji aby ukształtować
przyszłość Harlesden
Wyraź swoją opinię w sprawach takich jak:

- Sytuacja mieszkaniowa
- Transport
- Harlesden Deptak i wiele innych

O Documento/Plano do Forum
contém propostas nas áreas:

Moradia

- Porque morar em Harlesden custo o 'olho da cara' e será que a quantidade de casas é suficiente para todos?

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2017 Draft Plan
Public Consultation
so far

FUTURE WORK

As we approach the completion of the Forum's main task (i.e. the production of the Neighbourhood Plan) the Forum and its Committee will need to adapt to a new phase in terms of scrutinising the implementation of the Plan, negotiating with the two local planning authorities that relate to the Forum area, and leveraging the political influence the HNPF has gained through organising the local community.

In the immediate future we will soon conclude the pre-submission phase of consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan, following which we will review the feedback received from the community and adjust the draft Plan accordingly. It will then be formally submitted to the two local planning authorities and Brent Council will run the second, statutory six-week consultation on the Plan. In the autumn / winter of 2017 we expect the Plan to go through independent examination and then to referendum in early 2018.

As we continue to develop the draft Neighbourhood Plan to reach referendum stage and beyond, we hope that together we will build a vision for Harlesden and the community.

Viva Harlesden!

THANK YOU!

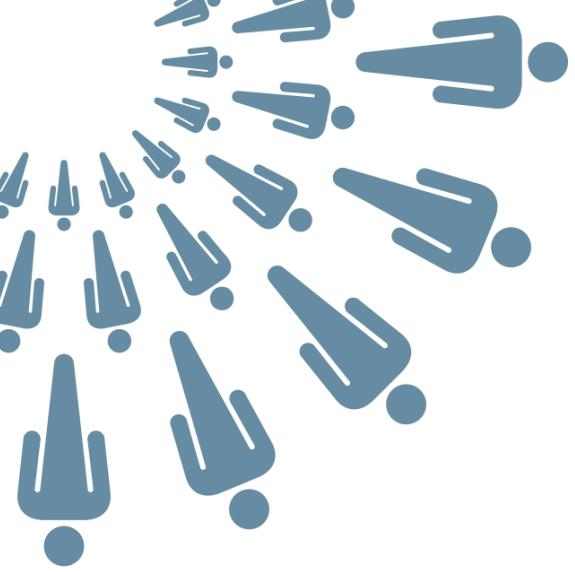
First we offer a big thank you to you, the Harlesden community. The Forum would not exist if not for your support and valuable feedback on how to improve what we do.

A big thank you also to Crisis Brent. At the start of the Neighbourhood Forum's journey, Crisis Brent (then the local homelessness charity Lift People) offered leadership and secretarial support to HNPF. In April 2016 Lift People became part of the national homelessness charity Crisis. Despite these changes Crisis Brent has continued to offer steady support to the Forum and to the community.

And finally, a big thank you to the elected Committee for their dedication to the tasks entrusted to them and for bringing the Neighbourhood Plan to its current stage.

This AGM marks the end their service. Elections will re-appoint members of the Committee and/or appoint new Committee members.





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HARLESDEN NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN
CONSULTATION DRAFT April/May 2017



2017 Draft Plan – Made available online and at locations in Harlesden

ACCOUNTS 2016-17

Please note that as the Neighbourhood Forum is not an incorporated organisation Crisis Brent has applied for a grant within the national Neighbourhood Planning Grant Programme and held these funds on behalf of the forum.

	2016- 2017
Neighbourhood Planning Grant	3,000
Total income for 2016-17	£3,000

	2016 - 2017*
Planning consultancy	2,400
Marketing and consultation materials (printing, engagement tools)	510.96
Consultation expenses (catering, survey vouchers)	87.30
Total expenditure for 2016-17	£2,998.26
Total funds at end of year**	£1.74

*The grant was received in November 2016 and the funding period was up to 31st March 2017

** Once again the Neighbourhood Forum will be eligible to apply for further funding from the national Neighbourhood Planning Grant scheme in 2017-18. The funding scheme is now entering its final year.