

Haringey Council Agents' Forum

Date: 3rd June 2008 -18.30-20.00

LB Haringey: Ransford Stewart, Costas Christoforou, Paul Tomkins, Jill Warren, Bob McIver, Emma Hardy, Lucy Cranshaw

Agents: Justin Kelly, Val Flemming, Ruth Schamroth, George Constantis, Chris Arnaouti, Dolores Altaras and John Darcy.

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | |
| Ransford Stewart, Interim Assistant Director: Planning Policy & Development welcomed the group and introduced the team and the agenda for the session. | |
| 2. Local Development Framework | |
| Jill Warren, Planning Policy Officer, presented an overview of the Local Development Framework (LDF). In particular Jill discussed what the LDF is, the work that Haringey are currently involved in and also highlighted ways in which Agents can get involved in the LDF. Further information about the LDF and the documents that make it up, are available on the website at www.haringey.gov.uk/local_development_framework | |
| 3. Planning Fees and Amendments to the GDPO | |
| Paul Tomkins, Head of DC North, talked through the new planning fees as introduced on April 6 th 2008. Discussions were held around the new fee for written confirmation of compliance with a condition or conditions attached to a grant of planning permission and clarification made of what Haringey's stance on these would be. Paul also updated the group on the possible future changes to permitted development. The changes are expected to come into force in October 2008. It was agreed that an update be provided to the Forum at the next meeting in November. | |
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| 4. Building Control – Value for Money Discussion | |
| Bob McIver, Group Manager Building Control, introduced the Value for Money Review of Building Control which is currently taking place. Bob also referred to a consultation paper entitled 'The Future of Building Control', details of which can be found on the Department of Communities & Local Government website at the address below: http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/planningandbuilding/futurebuildingcontrol Agents expressed an interest in attending the seminars organised by the Building Control team. Bob advised that the next seminar would be taking place on 16 th June at 3:30pm at 639 High Road. Lucy Cranshaw to send invitations to all the agents present at the Forum. To book additional places at this session email bob.mciver@haringey.gov.uk . | LC |

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| 5. Pre-Application Advice Services | |
| <p>Costas Christoforou, Group Manager Business Support, informed agents that Haringey's Planning Service are now charging for Pre-Application Advice for proposals of 2 units or more. For more information about the charges and how to request a meeting please visit the website at www.haringey.gov.uk/pre-application_planning_advice_services .</p> | |
| 6. 1APP Feedback | |
| <p>Costas Christoforou asked agents for feedback on how the transition to 1APP had gone for them. Haringey went live with 1APP on 28th February 2008.</p> <p>A number of the agents commented on the submission of electronic drawings. In particular how the quality and much of the detail of the drawings are lost when submitting in A3 PDFs. The group discussed whether higher quality printers were needed or software to view the original drawings, although it was noted that as part of 1APP agents can only submit PDFs. One agent stated that, when submitting drawings they always send a full size paper drawing to the authority.</p> | |
| 7. A.O.B/Questions | |
| <p>Future topics of the next Agents Forum to be held in November 2008 were discussed. Possible themes are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further update on the LDF • Planning for Climate Change • Update on changes to the General Permitted Development Order (GDPO) | |