

Haringey Federation of Residents Associations

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To: LBH Planning Dept
From: Dave Morris, HFRA Secretary

Note: Attached:

- This Introduction (with Appendix 1, below)
- Specific Responses to CS paragraphs (separate document)
- Open Space Deficiency Map (separate document)

Response by the Haringey Federation of Residents Associations to the London Borough of Haringey regarding their Local Development Framework Core Strategy Proposed Submission

A. GENERAL INTRODUCTION

THE HFRA

1. The Haringey Federation of Residents Associations is the umbrella organisation for Haringey's 176 local RAs of all kinds, in all corners of the borough.

LOCAL EXPERIENCE OF PLANNING ISSUES

2. Haringey's Residents Associations have a wide range of experience regarding planning issues and applications, and as Federation we have taken an active part in advising and supporting them, taking up strategic cases, responding to many planning applications, and taking part in planning consultations at all levels, including regarding the Haringey UDP consultation and enquiry, development of Haringey Open Space Standards 2007-8, earlier stages of the LDF, responses to London Plan consultations and appearance at London Plan EiP.

3. We have also organised 2 well-attended local residents' conferences on planning and development – one in 2004 during the UDP consultation period, and one in April 2010 [See Appendix 1] specifically to help community groups engage better with the LDF process and issues. We have also organised occasional additional seminars in collaboration with the LBH planning department.

THE LDF PROCESS

4. There have been a great deal of complaints over the last year (as expressed at our events, including at our 2 special LDF seminars and our recent conference) from residents and community groups about the complexity, opaqueness and ambiguity of the new LDF policy-formation generally, and the LDF consultation process in particular. Even those of us attending the special events organized by the HFRA have struggled to understand the process and how to respond in the right way, despite LBH planning officers' efforts to explain things to us.....

5. For the wider public it hasn't helped that there have been few if any public events organised by the Council to explain the issues and the whole process, that the consultation period was the minimum of only 6 weeks, that there were very few hard copies of the three key documents distributed to members of the public, and that there has