

Subject: LDF

Marius Reynolds
Highgate CAAC
2 Shepherds Close
London N6 5AG

18 June 2010

Planning Policy Team
LB Haringey
639 High Rd N17 8BD

Dear Sirs

LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

The Highgate CAAC is aware of representations which are being made by the Federation of Haringey Residents' Organisations, the Haringey CAACs, the Highgate Society and others and has no substantive matters to raise which have not already been covered. However, there is one matter which we wish to raise: SC1 in the Statement of Community Involvement states that every LDF must set out how and when the local authority means to consult the local community and others. We consider that the LDF should say how CAACs function and are part of the scheme of things.

If it is deemed inappropriate to define the role of CAACs within the LDF, can you kindly advise us how and where Haringey sets out the status, constitution and role of its CAACs.

All the Highgate CAAC has to guide it is an undated memo which it received from the Planning Department in the late 1970s which reads:

TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE HIGHGATE CONSERVATION AREAS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

1. To advise the Council's Planning and Development Committee upon:
 - 1.1 Matters of major conservation area policy or interest including the definition of boundaries of existing areas or proposed new areas.
 - 1.2 The general care, maintenance and enhancement of conservation areas including the protection and enhancement of the environment and of Listed Buildings and recommending new additions to the list. The preparation of lists of buildings of local interest and the preservation and planting of trees.
 - 1.3 The consideration of applications for planning permission which in the opinion of the Council could affect the appearance or character of the conservation areas.
 - 1.4 Planning policies and proposals which could have an effect upon the conservation areas and preparation and adoption and amendment of relevant development plans.
2. To meet periodically with other Conservation Area Advisory Committees from both within and outside the Borough to discuss matters of common concern and to consider and advise the Council upon uniform implementation of common policy and procedures.
3. If considered appropriate to appoint a planning application sub-committee to meet as and when required to consider applications for planning permission referred by the Council.
4. To consider such other matters as may from time to time be referred by the Council or which the Committee may consider relevant to conservation.

This is adequate as a general guide, but we consider that the Council should be more specific as to how it weighs the comments and advice which it receives from CAACs and how it deals with instances where its officers choose to disregard such advice.

Yours faithfully

Marius Reynolds
for the Highgate CAAC

I am using the Free version of SPAMfighter.
We are a community of 7 million users fighting spam.
SPAMfighter has removed 1837 of my spam emails to date.
The Professional version does not have this message.

This email has been scanned by the MessageLabs Email Security System.
For more information please visit <http://www.messagelabs.com/email>
