

# HELP UPDATE NEWHAM’S PLANNING POLICIES

(and win £100!)

Newham Council is reviewing all its present development control policies - these are the detailed policies that we use to decide on planning applications. To help in this, we are seeking the views of residents, businesses and local groups; including people who have made a planning application during the last year. A document called ‘Issues and Options for the DC Policy Manual’ has been prepared, and this can be seen on the Council’s web-site. Attached is a summary of that document. Please take the trouble to look at the summary, complete this questionnaire and then return it in the Freepost envelope. Alternatively you can complete the questionnaire directly on the web-site. Your views count, so please get in touch.

All Newham residents who return the questionnaire by (date) will be entered into a prize draw, with a chance to win £100 to be spent in a shop of your choice in Newham.

Please tick any relevant boxes, and provide extra details as requested. Thank you.

Q1 How important to you are the following:

1 is not important, 2 Neutral or don’t know, 3 is important, 4 is very important.

	1	2	3	4
Achieving good design in buildings?				
Ensuring buildings are sustainable?				
Ensuring new homes are the right type and quality?				
Building more homes?				
Keeping jobs in Newham?				
Improving transport links?				
Providing community facilities eg health centres, places of worship etc?				
Protecting the amenity* of existing residents?				
Keeping the character of the borough?				
Encouraging new development to take place?				
Improving Town Centres?				
Conserving old buildings?				
Protecting the existing character of Newham?				

\* Amenity here is about your local environment - eg space, noise, greenery, traffic congestion, finding a parking space etc.

Q2 Do you have any comments on the Development Control Policy Objectives set out on Page 5 of the Summary?

Add any comments here:

Q3 How important is it that all new large developments should be required to include:

1 is not important, 2 Neutral or don't know, 3 is important, 4 is very important.

	1	2	3	4
Some form of renewable energy?				
Recycling facilities?				
Water saving measures?				
'Green Roofs'?				

Q4 Do you have any comments on the policy options for Sustainable Design and Construction set out on Page 7 of the Summary?

Add any comments here:

Q5 How important to you are the following?

1 is not important, 2 Neutral or don't know, 3 is important, 4 is very important.

	1	2	3	4
Protecting sites of nature conservation interest.				
Protecting parks, open spaces and trees from development.				
Providing children's play areas.				
Providing public art (ie sculptures or other artworks, that are in streets, parks and other public areas).				
Protecting private gardens from development.				

Q6 Do you agree with the following statements?

Leave blank, if you don't have an opinion on this

	YES	NO
Generally, existing employment buildings should be kept.		
It doesn't matter greatly if jobs are lost throughout Newham, as long as easy access to jobs outside the borough is achievable.		
Jobs should be concentrated in a few key locations.		
Most parts of the borough should have a mix of homes and jobs.		
Houses and employment buildings should be kept separate.		
Developers of large employment schemes should sign up to recruitment and training schemes for local people.		
All existing shops should be kept		
It doesn't matter if some shops are changed into other uses like housing.		
There are too many food take-aways in the borough.		

Q7 Which of the following shopping areas in Newham do you use the most?

Stratford	
East Ham	
Green Street	
Canning Town	
Forest Gate	
East Beckton	
Gallion's Reach	
None of the above	

Q8 How do you rate the centre that you have selected above for:

1 is very poor 2 is poor, 3 is average 4 is good, 5 is very good.

	1	2	3	4	5
Range and type of shops?					
Restaurants and cafes?					
Entertainment and leisure?					
Quality of the environment?					

Q9 Do you have any comments on the policy options listed in the Summary for Land Use, Urban Design and Conservation or on Open Space (shown on pages 9, 11 and 13)?

Add any comments here:

Q10 Do you agree with the following statements?

(Leave blank, if you don't have an opinion on this)

	YES	NO
More family homes are needed.		
More flats are needed.		
High housing densities are needed so that we can provide more homes.		
Lower densities are needed so that people have more space.		
More retirement homes are needed.		
New homes are too small.		
A higher percentage of new homes should be affordable to local people.		
Family homes should not be allowed to be changed into flats.		

Q11 Do you have any comments on the policy options for Housing set out on Page 15 of the Summary?

Add any comments here:

Q12 Around a half of Newham's households own a car. Those people who do would like somewhere to park, but we are running out of space. Off street parking takes up land that could be used to provide more or larger houses.

Bearing this in mind, do you agree with the following statements?

(Leave blank, if you don't have an opinion on this)	YES	NO
All new homes should have at least one parking space, and additional space for visitors or second cars.		
There should be a maximum of one space per dwelling.		
Less parking should be provided , eg 1 space for every two new dwellings		
More should be done to encourage walking and cycling.		
As the previous option, but this should only apply in areas with good public transport.		

Q13	YES	NO
Do you find it easy to get around Newham?		
If no, why not.....		

Q14 How serious are the following problems?

1 is not a problem, 2 Neutral or don't know, 3 is quite serious, 4 is very serious.

	1	2	3	4
Noise.				
Air pollution.				
Traffic noise.				
Traffic Congestion.				

Q15	YES	NO
Do you feel safe in Newham?		
If no, which places feel unsafe?		

Q16 Do you have any comments on the policy options for Transport, Liveability and Community Services set on Pages 17 ,19 and 21 of the Summary?

Add any comments here:

Q17

	YES	NO
Have you made a planning application this year?		
Have you commented on a planning application this year?		

If no, please skip question 18 below.

If yes, please could you give the address or the planning case number below:

(If you have been involved in more than one application - please select one).

Q18 Which of the following do you think were relevant to the planning application?

	YES	NO
The appearance of the scheme.		
The proposed use of the building / site.		
Issues about sustainability. *		
Issues about housing.		
Issues about employment.		
Issues about retail.		
Transport provision.		
Amenity (eg daylight, privacy, garden space, noise etc).		

\* Sustainability is used quite a lot in Planning these days - it is concerned with things like renewable energy, waste and recycling, water saving, nature conservation etc)

Q19 Newham's planning policies can be found in its Unitary Development Plan (UDP).

	YES	NO
Have you heard of the UDP?		
Have you seen a copy?		

Please make any other comments below about Newham's planning policies. We would particularly like to know if you have any specific suggestions about how these policies should be changed.

Thank you. Please could you also give the following details:

NAME.....

ORGANISATION (if relevant).....

ADDRESS.....

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(Essential if you want to be entered into the prize draw!)

Questions on age, sex, ethnic origin and disability to be added

Translation Sheet to be added

Please tick the box if you would like to receive information about the results of this survey

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Please tick the box if you do not wish to be consulted again on Newham's planning policies

Please ring 020 8430 3060 or email [bob.hawkes@newham.gov.uk](mailto:bob.hawkes@newham.gov.uk) if you have any comments or concerns about this questionnaire.

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