

Fortune Green & West Hampstead Neighbourhood Development Forum

What is a Neighbourhood Development Forum?

As part of its Localism Act, the government has given powers to local communities to draw up a **Neighbourhood Plan** for their area. A Forum has to be formed to draw up a Plan, which has to be approved by the local council. In Fortune Green & West Hampstead, amenity groups, residents' associations and individuals came together to form an NDF in early 2012.

What area does the NDF cover?

The boundaries of the area are largely the existing council wards of Fortune Green & West Hampstead.

What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan will contain planning policies for the area, which will influence planners and developers when making planning decisions. If approved, a Neighbourhood Plan becomes a statutory planning document – and will sit alongside the existing National, London & Camden plans.

How does a Neighbourhood Plan get approved?

Once a Plan is written, it has to go to a Planning Inspector to ensure it doesn't conflict with existing planning documents. There is then a referendum of all those living in the area on whether to adopt the Plan. If a majority of those who vote approve the Plan, it comes into force.

What has the NDF done so far?

We have drawn up a constitution and elected officers. We had a stall at the Jester Festival last summer and circulated a survey about the area which was completed by 180 people. We have monthly meetings and are currently working on early drafts of the Plan.

How can I find out more?

There's lots of information, including links and a map of the area, on our website:

www.ndpwesthampstead.org.uk

How can I get involved?

If you want to know more and/or want to be added to our mailing list, please email:

ndpwesthampstead@gmail.com

You can also follow us on Twitter: [@WHampsteadNDF](https://twitter.com/WHampsteadNDF)

Is there anything else I can do?

Camden Council is currently consulting on our application to recognise the Forum and the area we cover. Please email ldf@camden.gov.uk by 15th March to say you support the application.