

Consultation for the Wapping and Surrounding Area Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Preamble

During the period of late June and July 2013 network Wapping consulted with people in a proposed Neighbourhood Planning Forum Area on the establishment of a Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Wapping and the surrounding areas.

Three evening consultation meetings were held, twice weekly 'drop in sessions' took place during the day time and a consultation stall operated at four community events - three at Primary School Fêtes and one at the annual 'Wapping Shindig' event on Wapping Green, Wapping Lane.

These events were advertised in the local press - 'Eastend Life', and 'The East London Advertiser', say 50 laminated A4 posters were posted up in the proposed Neighbourhood Planning Forum (NPF) Area (and taken down again) and 10,000 leaflets were commercially printed and distributed, mostly being left at the entrances/receptions of multiple occupation residential buildings.

Drop in Centre:

Pollyanna Training Theatre,
1 Knighten Street, E1W 1PH,
every Tues & Thurs in July, 10am to 3pm

Consultation Stalls:

Hermitage Primary School,
Vaughan Way, E1W 2PT,
12pm to 4pm

St Peter's London Docks Primary School,
Garnet Street, E1W 3QT
12pm to 4pm

English Martyrs Catholic Primary School,
St Mark Street, E1 8DJ
12pm to 4pm

Wapping Shindig, Wapping Green, Wapping Lane, Sat 13th July, 11am to 4pm
10am to 5pm

Consultation Meetings:

St George in the East,
Cannon Street Road, E1 0BH,
Fri 19th July, 7pm

Hurtado Jesuit Centre,
2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT,
Tues 23rd July, 7pm

The Shadwell Centre,
455 The Highway, E1W 3HP,
Weds 24th July, 6.30pm

On each of these occasions feedback questionnaires were offered for people to complete and if people were so inclined a signature in support of the establishment of the 'network Wapping Neighbourhood Planning Forum' was recorded. A copy of the feedback form and a support signature proforma is included in this brief report.

At each consultation event a display of the proposed NPF Area was displayed and a sheet outlining the nature of a NPF was made reference to and offered for people to take away.

A verbal description of the aims of the a NPF group i.e. a body to discuss and propose planning initiatives/ refinement in the NPF area was offered and it was stated that to date any initiate was speculative and that all initiatives are subject to public referendum.

A statistical summary of the feedback question responses is included in this brief report and copies of all feedback forms and support signature sheets have been made available to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets Planning Department.

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Signature support forms were also presented to businesses in the area (predominantly shops).

There are 323 respondents recorded in support of the Neighbourhood Planning Forum (either support signature alone, or support signature as well as feedback form) although it is suspected based on a comparison of names and postcodes that approximately 15 may be duplicates.

There is a total of 145 feedback forms, most of which were completed by people who signed the signature support form.

This consultation exercise follows some 15 publicly open meetings held generally on the second Wednesday of a month in the evening at the Pollyanna Training Theatre, Knighten Street, E1W 1PH.

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The schools attended were those holding summer fête type events during the consultation period.

Funding for the consultation advertisements and hire of some venues came from the Locality Organisation.

Considerable gratitude is due to those who responded to the consultation exercise and made it possible by the donation of their time.



FEEDBACK FORM



Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Wapping and Neighbouring Areas (see map)

1. Do you care about development in your local area?

YES

NO

2. Do you think views should be expressed only by individual people or do you think it would help if people were able to express their views together?

INDIVIDUALS

TOGETHER

BOTH

3. Thinking about the local area, would it be a good idea to include areas that neighbour Wapping i.e. Shadwell, Cable Street and St Katherines?

YES

NO

4. Would you be interested in joining a democratic, inclusive forum designated by the local Council to express opinions about development and plans for the local area?

YES

NO

Your name and contact details (optional)

Name:

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Email/phone/address:

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How long have you lived and/worked in the area?

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Thank you for taking the time to feed back!

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Signature Support Form



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION LIST

Neighbourhood Planning Forum for Wapping and Neighbouring Areas (see map)

I think that it is a good idea that residents of Wapping and nearby areas can express their views about plans for future buildings, roads, shop developments and more in our area.

I understand that one way the Council and the Government is suggesting for us to express our views about this is to create a "Neighbourhood Planning Forum (NPF)" that will give an organised, democratic voice to residents.

I would like to register my support for the designation of this Neighbourhood Planning Forum.

NAME	SIGNATURE	POSTCODE	ADDRESS	DATE
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				31.7.2013



Having your say about what happens to Wapping and Neighbouring Areas

What is the relationship between Network Wapping and a Neighborhood Planning Forum?

Network Wapping is a democratic grass-roots organisation open to all people who live and/or work in the local area.

One of its current projects is an initiative to create a Neighbourhood Planning Forum (NPF). Network Wapping does this by organising stimulating and enjoyable Community Engagement.

Upon acceptance by the Council of the proposed NPF application that Network Wapping has submitted, more democratically run meetings will be held to organize the NPF according to its constitution. We will invite a member/members of LBTH Planning Department to attend the meeting(s) to more thoroughly explain the process and next steps.

What is a Neighbourhood Planning Forum?

A Neighbourhood Planning Forum (NPF) is a locally-formed group that allows people to consult and discuss proposals with an organised voice, to contribute to plans for development in the local area within which they live and/or work. This could include things like new buildings, new roads, new shops, how areas can be used and more.

The NPF is open to all people who live and/or work in the particular area that is detailed by the NPF. A NPF can express views and help identify issues, subjects of importance and aims within the context of the Council's "Core Strategy" for local development.

These aims can then be developed into a Neighbourhood Plan.

What is Neighbourhood Plan?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a community-led framework for 'guiding' the future development and growth of an area. Neighbourhood Plans relate to the use and development of land and associated social, economic and environmental issues.

A Neighbourhood Plan is subject to examination and referendum and then forms part of the Local Development Plan.

The adoption of this plan is subject to examination and can only be deemed as accepted if a referendum is held which support for its demonstrates adoption by a majority of 50% or more of the voting people.

If and when a Neighbourhood Plan is proposed, the following process ensues:

Statutory Consultation (6 weeks), Submission to Local Planning Authority, Independent Examination, Modifications, Referendum (28 working days) and Bringing the Plan into Force.

Neighbourhood Planning Forum

consultation meetings & drop-in centre:

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every **Tues & Thurs** in July, 10am to 3pm (step access)
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Sat 13th July, 11am to 4pm
- **St George in the East**, Cannon Street Road, E1 0BH
Fri 19th July, 7pm (step access)
- **Hurtado Jesuit Centre**, 2 Chandler Street, E1W 2QT
Tues 23rd July, 7pm (ramped access available)
- **The Shadwell Centre**, 455 The Highway, E1W 3HP
Weds 24th July, 6.30pm (staircase access)

discuss & feedback on the designation
of the network Wapping forum application

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Neighbourhood Planning Forum Area Sheet (a plan with street names was also available)



100 % care about planning in the area, of which:
96 % support expressing views together (e.g. via a forum) and
4 % do not support expressing views together

83 % supported the inclusion of St Katharine Docks & parts of
Shadwell in the area,
15 % do not, and
2 % have no opinion

65 % will participate themselves,
30 % will not participate, and
5 % are unsure

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