

Islington's Core Strategy Issues and Options

Islington's Core Strategy is one of the documents (the key document) which will form the Local Development Framework (LDF). The LDF will replace the Unitary Development Plan (UDP).

The first stage for producing Islington's Core Strategy is setting out the issues and options for the Core Strategy in a consultation document. Information on the core strategy that Islington withdrew in July 2007 can be viewed on the website.

The consultation opened on 27th August 2008 and ends on 3rd November 2008 at 5pm

Consultation documents

Islington have produced the **Core Strategy full document**, and a **summary guide** with a **questionnaire**. The invitation is to respond to both (or either) the full document and the summary guide. There is encouragement to respond online – for this you need to register – but you can also respond by email or post.

There is also a **Sustainability Appraisal** of the Core Strategy upon which the Council is required to consult.

The **full Core Strategy** is a 119 page document. The 3 key themes are Housing, Employment, Environment and Climate Change and for each theme there is a chapter and several detailed options. There is the opportunity to suggest other options.

A chapter called Building on Islington's Distinctiveness gives options for special shopping areas, tall buildings, local centres or key centres, greening (open space, trees etc), local food production, sustainable transport, walking and cycling.

An Implementation chapter gives options for strategic infrastructure, health impact assessments and community infrastructure.

There are appendices on the Sustainable Community Strategy and Housing Sites.

The **summary guide** is in 2 sections. Part 1 allocates a projected number of new homes for each area in Islington. Part 2 provides the Council's arguments for and against each option in the questionnaire.

The **Questionnaire** is a tool to identify people's priority needs.

The following example illustrates the difference between these 3 documents.

Example – Housing Tenure

The format in the **Questionnaire** is

Would social rented housing or intermediate housing be your higher priority or are they equally important?

In the **Summary Guide**, there is some information to help make the choice

Q: Should we concentrate on delivering more social-rented housing at cheaper rents (e.g. housing association or council housing)?

- ✓ This would help those who are homeless, in over-crowded homes or on council-housing waiting lists.
- This would limit the number of lower cost intermediate homes (e.g. part rent part-buy) in the borough.

Q: Should we focus on more intermediate homes to rent below market rates or to part-buy part-rent (shared-ownership)?

- ✓ This could help more people to buy their own home and get on the first rung of the property ladder.
- ✓ This could help create a more balanced community by keeping people with modest incomes in Islington.
- Shared-ownership housing schemes can still be expensive as they reflect local house prices which are particularly high in Islington.

The format in the **full Core Strategy** is to provide detailed context and the following option

Option H 5 Tenure Mix

We could require that across the borough the tenure split between social rented and intermediate accommodation should be **one** of the following:

- a) 50/50% or
- b) 60/40% or
- c) 70/30% or

d) a minimum of 70% social rented housing.

Consultation events

There are a number of consultation events where you can talk to Islington planners about the Core Strategy. For information about the events contact Islington's planning policy team.

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Parallel consultation

At the same time as the Core Strategy, Islington is consulting on 2 supplementary planning documents, called **Planning Obligations** (section 106) and **Accessible Housing**.