The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan Frequently Asked Questions



What is the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan?

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan is a community-prepared policy framework for guiding future development in the area.

Who has prepared it?

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group prepared the neighbourhood plan. The Group was established in 2011, and is made up of a range of people from the community, including residents, business, other local interest groups and organisations.

What does the Plan include?

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan includes policies on a range of matters including housing, the built environment, local economy, environment, energy, waste, water, movement and community infrastructure. Support is given, for example, to meeting the housing needs of the neighbourhood, promoting good sustainable design, improving opportunities for employment and improving the 'green' infrastructure in the area.

What area does the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan cover?

The map shows the boundary of the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area to which the neighbourhood plan will apply. This boundary is largely contained within the Wandle Valley ward but does contain some small areas of The Wrythe and Wallington North wards.

Where can I view the Plan?

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan is available to view online at <u>www.sutton.gov.uk/neighbourhoodplan</u> <u>ning</u> and copies are available to view at the following places:

- Council Offices, 24 Denmark Road, Carshalton, SM5 2JG
- Council Offices, Civic Centre, St Nicholas Way, Sutton, SM1 1EA
- The Circle Library, Green Wrythe Lane, Carshalton, SM5 1JJ
- Westcroft Library, Westcroft Leisure Centre, Westcroft Road, Carshalton, SM5 2TG

What does voting 'yes' mean?

If more than 50% of those voting in the local referendum vote yes, the neighbourhood plan will become part of Sutton's statutory development plan and will be used alongside the council's own planning documents and the Mayor's London Plan in determining planning applications in the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area.

What does voting 'no' mean?

If more than 50% of those voting in the local referendum vote no, the neighbourhood plan would not be used in determining planning applications in the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area.



What weight will be given to neighbourhood plans in planning decisions?

Planning applications within the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area would have to be determined in line with the development plan (that is the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan, the Sutton Local Plan and the London Plan) unless other material considerations indicate otherwise.

Who is entitled to vote?

All those registered to vote in the election of Councillors within those parts of the Wandle Valley, The Wrythe and Wallington North wards which fall within the boundary of the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Area are entitled to vote in the referendum.

What is the council's role?

The neighbourhood plan has been prepared by the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group - the council's duty has been to provide them with technical advice and support.

The council has also:

- agreed the boundary of the area to be covered by the neighbourhood plan, and originally designated the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group as a neighbourhood forum in 2012
- organised the check by an independent examiner into the plan, and agreed that a modified plan

should proceed to a local referendum earlier this year. The council will also:

- organise the local referendum
- adopt the neighbourhood plan and bring it into force once agreed by the local referendum.

Where can I obtain further information?

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group's website can be found at <u>www.hackbridgendg.com</u> and they can be contacted at <u>hackbridgeandbc@gmail.com</u>

Further information on the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Plan can be found at <u>https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200464/</u> <u>planning_policy/1424/neighbourhood</u> <u>planning_</u>, and you can contact the council at

planningpolicy@sutton.gov.uk

Further information on the local referendum can be found at https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200538/ voting and elections/1783/neighbourh ood planning referendum hackbridge and beddington corner/ 1, and you can contact the Electoral Services Team on 020 8770 4179 or email electoralservices@sutton.gov.uk

Additional information in relation to neighbourhood planning is available at <u>https://www.gov.uk/guidance/neighbou</u> <u>rhood-planning--2</u>

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