

	<p><b>ANGEL ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p><b>NEWSLETTER</b></p> <p>September 2008</p>

## **Islington's Core Strategy: an important public consultation**

Islington Council is consulting on its core strategy for the borough through to 2025 and the planning policies that will help achieve it.

Islington is saying that the key issues that will need to be addressed in our borough include:

- "how far do we encourage a mix of types of housing right across the borough so that there is greater mix of housing tenure, type and size whilst making sure that new development remains economically viable in all parts of the borough
- how much stress should we place on making Islington a family friendly borough and on helping people to stay in the borough as their need for housing changes - or should we simply be concerned to have more affordable housing to meet the huge demand

- with great competition for housing and employment land, should we seek to increase business space by considerably intensifying land use and have more mixed employment and housing sites or should we seek to keep existing employment uses across the borough, even those that may provide relatively few jobs but which serve a London-wide function such as warehousing and distribution
- should we seek to encourage office usage outside the Central Activities Zone and into the rest of the borough
- how can we help more working age residents to realise opportunities in the job market
- how much emphasis should we place on supporting local neighbourhoods which are used by people in their everyday lives and which can provide shopping and other facilities, and how far should public services be organised around them
- how much emphasis should be placed on retention of existing neighbourhood character across the borough in terms of the 'feel' of an area - its design and scale
- given the pressure on land, should we seek more innovative ways of defining, providing and using open space by placing more emphasis on open space as part of broader development
- how far should we go not just in reducing the impact of development on the climate but in adapting to the effects of climate change so that we anticipate some of the potential impacts
- how do we develop and use space to promote health and reduce health inequalities within the borough and provide the health services needed to meet the future needs of the expected

change in population

- should we be designing an environment which gives much greater priority to pedestrians and cyclists even though much of the traffic in Islington comes from outside the borough
- should we focus in particular parts of the borough on some of the specific demands of London - for example, the night time economy, hotels and tourism, student accommodation and the demand for office space."

We are asked to respond either to the full set of proposals or to a questionnaire based on a summary of the proposals. Both documents are available from Planning Policy at 222 Upper St N1 1XR or at [Islington.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultations](http://Islington.gov.uk/planningpolicyconsultations),

**CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS IS NOVEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup>.**

The Angel Association will be submitting a formal response on this document. If you would like to make any comments direct to the Association, please email the Secretary, Gillian Comins, at [s.comins@sky.com](mailto:s.comins@sky.com). We will be aiming to finalise our comments in good time before the closing date so it would be very helpful if you could let us have any comments by **10 October**.

Or you might like to copy Gillian in on any email response you send to the Council.
