

Brief Statement re: Application for Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Area Status:

In applying for Coulby Newham Neighbourhood Area status, this enables the preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan, in order to promote the economic, social, health and environmental wellbeing of the community in Coulby Newham. It will also encourage openness and transparency amongst statutory agencies.

Coulby Newham is a growing community with plans for substantial housing development in the south of the area. The creation of a Neighbourhood Plan will help to ensure that the nature of such development is influenced by the wishes of local people. In addition, the financial benefits of such development need to be invested in the area in a way which accords with the wishes of local people and this is best achieved using a Neighbourhood Plan.

An issue of concern to local people is that the nature of any development is sustainable. In this respect, there is a desire to ensure that the area retains as much as possible of its green space and that features such as local woodlands are maintained and enhanced. The nature of the proposed housing development will need to cater for different housing needs and as such to include both executive and affordable housing, as well as housing for elderly people. It will also need to be built in such a way as to prevent the creation of urban sprawl by ensuring that housing areas are adequately separated by green space.

We feel that all of the above can be best ensured by the use of a Neighbourhood Plan to involve local people in the development process. In addition, local people may bring in new ideas which could enhance the development of the area.