

# Protecting and enhancing heritage and leading the way in good urban design

Hackney is committed to design excellence and achieving high quality, sustainable development.

## Key Facts

Hackney has:

- 30 conservation areas
- 3 registered parks and gardens of special historic interest
- Around 1300 Listed buildings
- 18 protected London Square

There are currently 30 buildings on the Historic England's Heritage at Risk register.

## What will the new Plan do?

**Balancing growth, whilst enhancing the historic environment** – Hackney has a rich historic environment with many buildings and areas of historic and architectural value. We will continue to protect the historic environment and support high quality contemporary architecture.

**Achieving high density development without compromising quality** – The borough faces an unprecedented level of growth, leading to the demand for higher density development throughout the borough. Higher density development can support mixed, sustainable communities and economic growth. A neighbourhood characterisation study will help us to identify where growth can happen, and what form it could take.

**Tall Buildings** – Tall buildings can help enhance an area by defining public places and acting as a marker to identify commercial areas and public transport interchanges; if well designed they can also provide good quality housing and have a positive impact on the street and surrounding area. However tall buildings can have a negative impact on the surrounding area, they can cause overshadowing of streets and neighbourhoods and permanently damage historic views. Poorly designed tall buildings can dominate streets and create gloomy windswept spaces around their base. The Plan will help deliver the positive benefits of tall buildings and mitigate negative impacts.



Please answer the questions below by 14 December 2016 and return in the free post envelope or complete online at: [hackney.gov.uk/local-plan-review](http://hackney.gov.uk/local-plan-review).

1. Do you agree with our approach? Yes  No

Tell us more .....

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2. Are there areas in the borough that are suitable or less suitable for tall buildings? .....

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3. Are there any other design and heritage issues you feel should be considered in the Plan? .....

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