

Hampton Society Planning Sub-Committee Policy

The Hampton Society Planning Sub-Committee aims to:

- Preserve and enhance the village character of Hampton
- Extend and preserve public amenities in Hampton

The Sub-Committee carries out these aims by:

- monitoring planning applications that affect Hampton, submitting comments as appropriate
- taking a pro-active approach to planning for the area, engaging constructively with the London Borough of Richmond and other bodies responsible for preservation and development in the area
- engaging with the London Borough of Richmond Council in the development and implementation of its plans for the area

Planning applications

The main focus of the Planning Sub-Committee is on major new development sites and buildings of historic/architectural interest. We aim to ensure that developments preserve and enhance the beauty of the area, including architectural designs in keeping with or enhancing the style of neighbouring buildings, attention to green landscaping and sustainability. We take account of Council policies in their Development Management Plans when we make comments on proposed developments.

We endeavour to work constructively with the Council to encourage developments that meet the needs of the community as a whole and maintain the special character of Hampton, including its historic legacy of buildings and green spaces and attention to details of the street scene such as signage on retail outlets, street furniture, location and design of facilities.

Development Plans

We work with our members to identify and prioritise potential problems, locations that might be appropriate for redevelopment or improvement and also to maintain the safeguard of certain areas within the Hampton and Hampton North Wards.

Planning policies

We consider and where appropriate respond to public consultations from national and local government on their planning policies which may affect Hampton. In making comments we are guided by the policies set out in the London Borough of Richmond's Core Strategy adopted in April 2009 and its more detailed Development Management Plan adopted in November 2011 which covers a sustainable future, protecting local character, meeting people's needs, and detailed generic policies on for example, design quality.

Planning guidelines

The Sub-Committee examines:

- Planning and pre-planning applications submitted to the London Borough of Richmond in the Hampton and Hampton North Wards.
- National or local planning policies which impact Hampton.
- Planning applications submitted in adjacent Boroughs or Wards which have a significant impact on the Hampton, either visually or in terms of traffic and parking. This applies only to developments of major significance.

We attempt to monitor all planning applications but have limited resources and are sometimes reliant on issues being raised by other Hampton Society members. **As a volunteer group the Sub-Committee can't guarantee complete accuracy and welcomes referrals from other Members.**

We refer to the attached decision chart when deciding to examine an application in detail. In general, we do not comment on individual household planning applications unless they have an impact in one or more of the areas mentioned in the chart.

Annex: Hampton Society Planning Sub-Committee decision chart

