

INTRODUCTION

Based on the objectives the community have identified, your Executive Committee has developed a set of detailed proposals for a Neighbourhood Plan. We now want your views on these proposals and any other ideas which you think will help achieve our objectives

What can a Neighbourhood Plan do for us?
The Plan will give our community direct power to develop a shared vision for our neighbourhood ; it can help shape the development and growth of Fitzwest. We'll be able to choose where we want new homes, shops and offices to be built, have our say on what they should look like and what infrastructure should be provided. We can propose more development (but not less) and Westminster's planning decisions should align with the policies in our Neighbourhood Plan.

With your help and agreement, our ambitions for Fitzwest will be realised - to protect and enhance this historic area for residents, workers and visitors.

What we've done so far?
In 2011 the government passed the Localism Bill , and in response a group of residents and local businesses got together. We wanted to see if there were enough Fitzrovia people who wanted to form a Neighbourhood Forum, under the auspices of the Localism Act.

We held a series of public meetings and at each meeting, as the group got larger, we discovered that people loved living and working in Fitzrovia and that they wanted to preserve its pleasant nature and tackle some of the challenges.

Your responses to our questionnaires, online discussions, topic group meetings and at public meetings have highlighted some of the key issues.

FitzWest and FitzEast
Bowing to Local Authority preference we set up two groups, one in Camden for Fitzrovia East and this group FitzWest within the City of Westminster.

Who runs the Forum?
There are now over 200 Forum Members who elect an Executive Committee. The committee was charged with identifying potential policies to tackle the key issues. The executive are all volunteers, we have no staff or core funding, relying instead on modest grants from Government, the City Council and Business Sponsorship.

Priorities for The Plan
At our last public meeting these priorities were approved.

- Liveable Neighbourhood
- Nurture New and Independent Businesses
- Environment
- Urban Realm

What now?
This exhibition shows you how we propose to write the policies. Now we would welcome your support to:

- *Help us write policies for the Neighbourhood Plan
- *Help us do surveys, set up focus groups and work with organisations like Transport for London.
- *Help us work with the council to ensure that local priorities for spending, in particular Community Infrastructure Levy, are honoured.

Please read the boards, ask questions, and comment using the FitzWest comment sheets provided. And if you haven't already, do join us now. It's free!

Thank you for getting involved.

Every visitor is welcome to pick up an illustrated FitzWest Map drawn by the artist Lydia Bevan.