



WELWYN HATFIELD

Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan

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Neighbourhood planning aims to help local communities play a direct role in planning the areas in which they live and work.

A community can prepare a neighbourhood plan, showing how the community would like to shape development in its area.

The boundaries of a neighbourhood area are put forward by:

- Town or parish councils
- A neighbourhood forum (a group of at least 21 people in areas without town or parish councils)

The boundary of the neighbourhood area was agreed by Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council to be identical to the area covered by Northaw and Cuffley Parish.

Neighbourhood plans are prepared by town or parish councils, or neighbourhood forums.

In this case, the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan was prepared by Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council as the relevant 'qualifying body'.

Planning applications are determined by local planning authorities in accordance with the development plan.

A development plan is a set of documents that set out the policies for the development and use of land across the entire local authority area.

If the majority vote is 'yes' in the referendum taking place on Thursday 4th May 2023, then Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council will use the Northaw and Cuffley Neighbourhood Plan to help it decide planning applications in Northaw and Cuffley. The Neighbourhood Plan will then become part of the Development Plan.