

# Hounslow's Thriving Communities Strategy

2019 - 2023

This is a draft strategy for people to talk about and share their ideas.



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# Introduction



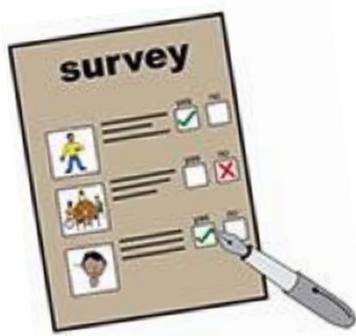
These are our plans for improving the communities and neighbourhoods in Hounslow between 2019 and 2023.



We want to know what you think about our plans.



Please read through this document and give us your views.



Please let us have your answers by Thursday 31 January 2019.

# What is a thriving community?



**We want everyone to enjoy being in their community.**



**We want everyone to get involved in what is happening where they live.**



**We want to bring residents together.**



**We want everyone to play their part.**

**To do this we want to put these 6 building blocks into every community in Hounslow.**



# Effective social action and volunteering

Everyone should have the chance to volunteer in their community



You have told us



Many people want to do some volunteering in their community but don't know how to.



It should be easier to become a volunteer in your neighbourhood.



Volunteers who help in their community should be valued.



We will



Make it easier for everyone to volunteer.



Appreciate the vital work that volunteers do in Hounslow.



Tell residents about the many ways that they can volunteer.

# Strong and sustainable community groups

There are over 600 voluntary and community organisations active in the borough of Hounslow



## You have told us



Lots of people rely on the community groups in their area.



Small groups are finding it hard to survive because of financial pressures.



These groups need help from the council to continue to provide services to our residents.



## We will



Work with the voluntary and community groups to help them raise money.



Bring groups together so they can work in partnership with each other.



Give training and advice to the people who manage the groups so they can deliver better services to everyone.

# A strong and influential community voice

We believe that everyone should have their say in local issues that affect them



You have told us



The council could communicate better with the people who live in Hounslow.



Many people do not feel involved in decisions that affect them.



Council meetings could be more welcoming and easier to understand.



We will



Share information about upcoming decisions that the council will be making.



Work to make the public forums more welcoming for residents.



Provide opportunities for residents groups to make their voices heard.

# Good quality community facilities and spaces

Hounslow is a borough with many parks and open spaces and council owned community buildings for use by residents.



## You have told us



There should be more information available about the council facilities that are available for residents to use.



Many of the community spaces need to be updated and improved.



Groups would like us to help them find suitable and affordable premises.



## We will



Make it easier for residents and community groups to find good-quality community spaces for them to use.



Provide accurate information about the facilities that are available across the borough and how to hire them.

# Safe and respectful community relations

We want everyone who lives here to feel safe and part of the community, whatever their background.



## You have told us



Most people who live in Hounslow agree that this is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together.



There are vulnerable people who can be exploited by those with dangerous intentions.



Young people are open to the dangers of online threats to their safety.



## We will



Bring different communities together in shared activities and projects.



Work with voluntary and community groups to help residents meet each other and get involved in community life.



Protect vulnerable individuals from the threats of radicalisation.

# Everyone plays their part in the community

We want people to make a difference to the place where they live, study and work.



## You have told us



The relationship between residents and the council could be better.



Residents would like to know more about their local Councillors.



Residents would like more information about getting involved in events and activities taking place in their community.



## We will



Bring together local residents, local businesses and other community groups to improve their neighbourhood.



Support local Councillors to play an active role in the local community.



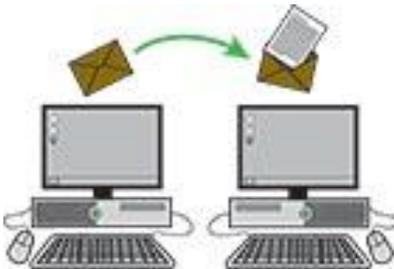
Support young people to become active citizens.

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