

Does PAL work in partnership?

Planning Aid for London is committed to partnership working and wherever possible we encourage the formation of Steering Groups to oversee and direct our work. We are very willing to join with other organizations, including those representing hard to reach groups, to secure quality input into planning and regeneration projects.

Other Facilities

PAL provides a centre of excellence for planning advice and support for London communities. We have a Resource Centre equipped with a library holding your Council's planning documents and a computer with fast internet access open to the public. We also offer a training room with smartboard technology that is available for hire at a very reasonable price. Please contact us to find out more.

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Community Planning and Involvement

Are you an individual, community group or voluntary organisation needing help with planning?



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Community Planning is planning that is carried out with the active participation of local people and/or communities so that they can shape the areas they live, work and relax in. Planning Aid for London (PAL) can help you/your Group or Organization get involved in the planning and regeneration of a specific site, or of your neighbourhood, Borough or even London as a whole. We encourage people to be involved in the Planning process as early as possible. Specifically, we can help you with:

- Background research
- Training in the planning system, eg. reading plans, understanding planning terminology
- Site visits and meetings
- Technical advice and support
- Advice on consultation and publicity strategies
- Customized consultation ranging from workshops to gaming and visual activities
- Specialised assistance for groups such as young people, disabilities groups etc.
- Assistance with planning applications and appeals

Who we are

Planning Aid for London is a registered Charity funded partly by London Councils and the Department of Communities and Local Government. Established in 1973, we have more than 35 years of experience in community planning. We cover the whole of London but also work as part of a network of Planning Aid services across the country. We are committed to community empowerment, sustainable communities and active citizenship. To learn more about PAL, visit www.planningaidforlondon.org.uk

What we do

We provide free or affordable, independent, and professional advice and support on town planning matters. Depending on your case our support can range from a one-off conversation to many months of access to a volunteer and staff. We have over 100 volunteers most of whom are qualified town planners, architects and barristers. Our work has included:

- Assisting Finsbury Park Action Group to develop the Isledon Road Community Plan
- Workshops and other consultation events with King's Cross Development Forum on King's Cross Central proposals.
- Facilitating the Crossrail Whitechapel Community Liaison Panel, a tri-partite panel working with Crossrail Ltd., London Borough of Tower Hamlets, and local residents & small businesses.
- Assisting Windmill Gardens allotment group in Brixton to successfully oppose a plan by Lambeth Council to buy and redevelop the allotments.
- Providing "An Introduction to Planning" training to community groups such as the Wards Corner Community Coalition.



Are our services open to anyone?

Yes, providing you cannot afford to employ a Planning Consultant. We also provide an affordable competitive in-house planning consultancy service. We can provide specialist support and advice to groups such as young people, gypsies and travellers, faith groups, black and ethnic minorities, disabilities groups, refugees and asylum seekers.

Existing PAL experience includes developing audio advice for the blind and partially sighted, a survey of provision of pitches with the Irish Traveller Movement, youth education outreach, work for Faith Groups and with street markets.

Can you ask about any planning matter?

Yes. PAL can provide briefing papers on specific topics including updates on the planning system, affordable housing, planning for healthy living, and young people and citizenship. All of these are available to download on www.planningaidforlondon.org.uk

What area do we cover?

We cover the whole of London. If you live outside London, please find out about other regional Planning Aid services at www.planningaid.rtpi.org.uk