

MAIDA HILL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – briefing for Forum AGM 2026

What is the Neighbourhood Plan?

The **Plan** sets out policies to guide Westminster City Council's decisions on new buildings, exterior refurbishments, and changes to streets and public spaces in Maida Hill.

The **Plan** also includes ambitions for new projects by Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum and local stakeholders (such as the Council) to make the neighbourhood better for everyone.



Written by people **in** Maida Hill **for** Maida Hill, the **Plan** outlines planning policy guidelines to:

- Protect and improve community facilities,
- Protect parks and introduce new green areas,
- Prevent overdevelopment,
- Allow careful development of roof terraces,
- Improve walking and cycling routes, and
- Adapt streets and public spaces to climate change.

Referendum on the Plan

A Referendum was run by the Council on **16th October 2025**, asking the question: *Do you want Westminster City Council to use the **Neighbourhood Plan for Maida Hill** to help decide planning applications in your neighbourhood area?*

All residents were eligible to vote on the Plan, based on the standard electoral role.

90% of votes cast were in favour of the Plan.

What is the Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum?

The Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum (MHNF) is a voluntary group of people living and working in Maida Hill. Endorsed by Westminster City Council, we have been active since 2015.



Summary of the Plan

The Plan covers policies on local facilities, housing, public spaces, green space and the environment, shops and cafes, and street traffic. Some policies involve local residents, others relate to local businesses. The Plan also shows that Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum aims to undertake projects with local stakeholders.

Theme	Planning policies		Projects with local stakeholders	
	Residents	Businesses	Residents	Stakeholders
Facilities (e.g. community centres, sports areas)	Protect and expand local facilities Protect important local buildings	Encourage affordable workspaces	Expand creation of small green spaces ('parklets')	Encourage stakeholders to undertake more community activities
Housing	Encourage affordable housing New buildings design (including height) to reflect spirit of area Roof terraces to respect spirit of area		Develop register of empty properties, so Council can take action faster	Support enforcement action by the Council in tackling illegal holiday letting arrangements
Public spaces	Encourage better public access to Canal in new developments Developments must be safe to use by all the community		Explore ways to open up new green spaces to the public	Encourage Council to invest in improving key road junctions
Green space and environment	Protect local parks Preference for refurbishment over new build		Monitor air quality	Encourage "raingardens" to reduce flood risk
Shops and cafes		More outdoor seating & dining		Work with retail association to improve shop fronts
Street traffic	New developments to include well designed routes for cycling and walking		Advise council on parking Better cycle and walking routes	

Further information

- The Maida Hill Neighbourhood Forum's website is at <https://maidahillforum.org.uk/>
- The full Neighbourhood Plan is at https://maidahillforum.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/MHNP_ReferendumVersion.pdf
- Email us with comments or questions at info@maidahillforum.org.uk