

NDF LEAFLET RESPONSES – JUNE/JULY 2013

1. What do you like about West Hampstead & Fortune Green?

Quiet area with plenty of local shops
A lot of facilities if you have children
Easy access to transport, banks & supermarkets
Villagey – West End Lane shop fronts to be preserved
Community feel
Everything
Playing football with friends at Templar House
Peace Park
Beautiful area, traditional buildings and appealing to look at
Easy access to transport
Beckford School
Lots of cafes
Good parks
Very residential and quiet
People are friendly in general
Transport access
The people
Lots of green space & local shops – it feels like a village
Close to Hampstead Heath and lots of green space
Clean, quiet
The Community, local residents
George the greengrocer on Mill Lane
Good views
Mill Lane
Peace & quiet, easily accessible
The diversity of people, lovely neighbours
The atmosphere, the transport facilities, the farmers' market
Communication – transport main attraction
Excellent transport links
Quiet, lots of families, easily accessible
Village feel, green, similar age people, low crime, good transport links
Friendly, very convenient, farmers' market
Central, nice feel about it, brilliant transport
Nice friendly area, generally clean, good transport
Loads – handy for transport to a lot of places
Farmers' market
West Hampstead Life blog and twitter account
Bookshop, Wet fish cafe
A nice area with friendly people
Safe, farmers' market, nice places to eat
Availability of transport, farmers' market

Village feel, green environment
Good communications, good transport connections, good mix of people
Farmers' market; green space; landscaping planting
Outdoor gym at Peace Park
Farmers' market, certain shops, nice neighbourhood, access to transport
Village feel, new pedestrian area outside Thameslink station, Peace Park
Parks, Shops, Sidings Community Centre, farmers' market, good amenities
Maygrove Peace Park; shops on West End Lane
Peace Park
Good transport, neighbourhood very friendly
Farmers' market, transport links are good
Friendly atmosphere, transport links
Community events and festivals, accessibility of area
Fire station, the parks, farmers' market, the library
Peaceful and residential neighbourhood, transport links, green spaces, safe for children
Transport links
Victorian buildings
New station
Farmers' market, community garden initiatives
A dormant sense of neighbourliness seems to be waking up
Local websites such as West Hampstead Life
Neighbourhood feel, farmers' market, festivals, green areas
Sense of community
Good balance between vibrant city life and calm diverse neighbourhood
Good transport, community centres, good shops, green spaces
Peace Park, preserve the area
Friendship, atmosphere, village feel, community groups, good transport
There is a lovely village atmosphere to the area and neighbours are very friendly
The variety of restaurants, shops and cafes in the local area
I like the village atmosphere, the fact that there are not many chain stores, farmers market
Green spaces, the charity shops, general mix of buildings and landscape, absence of tower blocks
It's reasonably accessible to central London, it's a good sized area
Great for families and great transport to central London
Everything – it is my village!
Community, Library, some of the shops
Nice people and atmosphere
Not lots of high buildings, keeps old buildings maintained well
Small shops on West End Lane
Nice family residential area with good schools & nurseries
Victorian village feel and independent shops
The community groups, community cohesion
Fortune Green,
Farmers market
West End Books, Peppercorns, David's Deli, The Kitchen Table, La Brioche, La Brocca
Community events – Jester Festival, FoFG events, Book shop readings etc

West Hampstead Library
New Thameslink station pedestrian space & farmers market
Fortune Green – and films on the green
Mill Lane and West End Lane – and all the local and independent shops
West Hampstead Life blog –makes me feel I belong
New school on Mill Lane and surrounding area
New guerrilla gardening project on Fordwych Road
Small businesses on Mill Lane
School improvement at Emmanuel School
Kid's playground improvement
Accessible to transport & shops
Accessibility & community groups
Peaceful compared to Camden Town
Schools are also lovely
1 Mill Lane development
Outdoor gyms

2. What don't you like about West Hampstead & Fortune Green?

Nothing really
The feeling of community is threatened when every space is built on and piled high with high-rise buildings.
Parking restrictions
Expensive to live in
Some children are too noisy
More car parking
Too quiet if you're a young person
Shisha cafe on Rhondu Road
Not enough schools/6th form colleges
Nothing
It seems that local shops are replaced by chains
Rubbish in the street
State of the Black Path
Road works – burst pipes
Nothing
Need carers for vulnerable people
Dog mess
Area around the tube station can be quite intimidating at night
Variety of shops on high street
Traffic
Kilburn – rundown
Big tall blocks of flats
Far too much building up of the area
Not enough infrastructure – schools, doctors, parking
Developments on Mill Lane are being built without any co-ordination or consultation

Mess around recycling areas
Motor vehicle crime
Fly tipping
Nothing particularly
Tesco parking on West End Lane
Poor access at Underground station
Nothing of note
Very busy in rush hour
Too much new development
No community space, too expensive
Gangs in Peace Park
Traffic
Pricey to live around here
Building in the area
West End Lane congestion
Iverson Road is too dirty and dusty
Fly tipping on Maygrove Road and Iverson Road
Destroying the tight community, too many more people
Rubbish in Peace Park
Less of a sense of community than other parts of London
Too many new housing developments
Too many take-aways, kebab shops, dry cleaners, estate agents
Greedy development
Transient population who seem not to wish to contribute – how can this change?
Bad and lazy architecture – bland and cheap
Litter
General uncaring attitude about area
Parking around Fortune Green – Gym members
Huge expansion of multi-occupancy blocks increasing crowding and making it unaffordable for locals
Lack of police presence, gangs/drug dealing in Peace Park
Overdevelopment of the area, traffic, lack of parking, congestion, pollution, over-crowding
Not everywhere is accessible for disabled people
Dog poo on Fortune Green
Traffic jams in West Hampstead – especially West End Lane
The fact that it is sometimes hard to park on weekdays
Pedestrian congestion near Overground and post office
Too many cafes and estate agents, doing away with shops
Not the greatest shops
The thought that I might have anything changed
Takeaway shops, estate agents, cost of accommodation
Can't think
Litter on streets, not clean enough
Cars are driving too fast on narrow roads
Chain stores (Tesco etc)
Crowded transport interchange – narrow pavements

Social cleansing, cost of housing, we need affordable housing that doesn't cost so much
Proliferation of charity and other low end shops on West End Lane – we should be encouraging small vendors such as butcher, deli, cheese, coffee etc
The balance of affordable/student accommodation vs encouraging younger more affluent families to move here – the later would give more of a permanent sense of community
Lack of parking
Poor bike routes
Endless traffic issues on West End Lane - the road being dug up & Tesco parking
Lack of independent shops – 2 Tesco & 1 Sainsbury too much for a small community
No fishmonger, no butcher
Lacking of social and affordable housing, so “ordinary” young people can live here
“American shutters” on shop fronts – resulting in a disconnection from our streets
Managing agents, housing associations & landlords who don't fulfil their obligations – particularly rubbish, poor maintenance, neglect etc
Too much car traffic on Mill Lane & West End Lane
Inadequate pedestrian crossing on Finchley Road
Property price bubble
Motorcycle shop parking around Achilles Road
The crossing by FG needs to move as it's in a very dangerous position – drivers coming up from WH have a total blind spot where people stand on right to cross
Lack of good school places
Extortionate rent prices
Parking restrictions
Once a week rubbish collections
Maintenance of council housing estates
Wayne Kirkham Way – not safe; overgrown; poor lighting
The area around the WH stations isn't safe for pedestrians
Lack of cycle routes
No full sized sports pitch

3. What would you like to change about West Hampstead & Fortune Green?

Rubbish collections in evening, so doesn't disrupt traffic
More affordable & social housing, especially homes with 5 bedrooms
Make it safer
More affordable housing
More parks, playgrounds for kids
Nothing
More affordable housing
Better rubbish collection
Facilities for children are limited
More community events
Longer opening times for the Library, including Sundays
Better nurseries for under 2s
Less traffic

Lower rents for young people
Butcher's shop
Stop the new builds – the area is overcrowded
CCTV on West End Lane
Visible policing
Fewer road works
More light at night on Sherriff Road
Pavements are too narrow
Tall buildings
More independent shops, no charity shops
General uplift of the area
More character shops – not estate agents and coffee shops
More children's things in parks
Enforcing parking restrictions
Separate recycling for bottles, paper and food
More cycling routes
20mph speed limits
More parks and open spaces
More independent shops, more play areas
Fishmongers
Preserve and expand green spaces
Less chains stores and supermarkets – West End Lane feels soulless
More delis, restaurants and bars
More quality developments
More independent shops
A quota on takeaways
Local town hall meetings
More greening in the streets
Peace Park – make safe and livelier
Not so many building plans
Keep the area neighbourly
Graffiti around the tube station should be cleaned up
Try to improve the mix on high street – how about a butcher?
Limit the pace of change to sensible growth, not multiple major developments
More police, more schools, longer library opening hours
Improvements to the Peace Park
Disabled access to Underground & Overground stations
More regular rubbish collections
Reduce the number of pedestrian crossings and bus stops by the stations –they cause congestion & pollution
More parking
Nothing
It would be great to have more sports facilities
Nothing really except rising house prices
More involvement in community decisions

Speed bumps on Holmdale Road

Underpass linking stations, fewer chain stores (get rid of Tesco), more school places

Restrict heavy commercial vehicles from West End Lane & Fortune Green

Make West End Green a more inviting place

Build affordable housing, not just expensive flats

Make sure there are enough schools/doctor's surgeries etc to support the expanding population

How can transient residents be encouraged to be part of living here?

How can landlords and managing agents be managed?

More active green spaces – including micro spaces, tree pits, greening the area, green walls, green roofs, allotments

Make the Library an active and lively hub for all community initiative

Restrict car access to school areas (Mill Lane)

Establish cycle routes

Semi-ban on large/dangerous/polluting vehicles (4x4)

Congestion charge on 4x4

Make it a plastic bag free town!

More affordable housing

Increased family activities

More pedestrian bridges over the railway lines

Swimming pool and sports facilities

Improve Iverson Road park

Bike lanes

Astroturf on Sidings outdoor pitch – and extend onto Liddell Road site

Clothes shops & sports shops

Link West Hampstead Underground & Overground stations