



Camden Community Empowerment Network

Championing strategic participation, empowerment and involvement

You are cordially invited to attend the launch of **Bloomsbury Village Neighbourhood Forum and Plan** on:

TUESDAY 19th JULY at 7pm
St Georges Church Bloomsbury
Bloomsbury Way (main entrance)

The Bloomsbury Association with Bury Place Residents Association, Michael Parkes (Community Planner), Donna Turnbull (Voluntary Action Camden) will host the launch of a neighbourhood planning project for Bloomsbury Village. **Come and help set up a neighbourhood planning forum, decide on the boundaries of the neighbourhood plan and build up a local skills bank.**

Neighbourhood Planning is included in the Localism Bill which is currently making its way through the Houses of Parliament. The Bill proposes changes to the planning system to allow people to develop their own local plans. The idea is that a Neighbourhood Plan will eventually be adopted into the local authority planning framework following a local referendum.

A Neighbourhood Plan is developed by local people, including businesses and landowners, to give them greater power and ownership over policies and plans that affect their local area. The community decide upon the neighbourhood boundaries, what they want the plan to achieve, and set up a Neighbourhood Forum to guide the process.

A Neighbourhood Forum is expected to be an unincorporated association or partnership that represents stakeholders in the neighbourhood. The group should be constituted and have at least 21 members. The Neighbourhood Forum will need to be approved by the local planning authority for a referendum to be called and the Neighbourhood Plan to be adopted.

The Localism Bill is expected to become an Act of Parliament in late 2011. The aim of the Bloomsbury Village Plan will test the concept and prepare a Camden Blueprint for Neighbourhood Planning. [Map of the area HERE.](#)