

Our requests of candidates in the 7 May local elections

Working with the community

- To engage the community at the early stages of any new projects or thinking impacting the area, recognising that good consultation is a continuous communication process, not just a necessary step on an implementation work plan. It leverages local knowledge and adds to Officers' specialist expertise to give better and more cost-effective outcomes. Real engagement needs to be well thought through and wide-ranging to let ideas come from the community. To do otherwise wastes time and helps no one.

Joined up working

- Whenever a proposal may impact a neighbouring borough to seek to ensure Officers work collaboratively and cooperatively with that other borough or boroughs. Sometimes that might mean establishing a joint working party, but this will depend on the scale and implications of each proposal.

Research-led proposals

- To ensure proposals have clear objectives and are based on comprehensive data, and sound research, using the best local knowledge, gathered through a range of methods.

One neighbourhood

- To recognise Highgate as one neighbourhood, even though it falls into different boroughs.

Cross borough working

- To establish a regular framework of meetings of Officers, Councillors and relevant members of local organisations to discuss cross-borough issues. These meetings will help each Council to understand the others' plans and to understand local community issues and priorities.