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The Draft New London Plan is shockingly devoid of mention of **neighbourhood planning**. This is particularly disappointing because this can **restore the democratic deficit during development and regeneration by ensuring early public engagement** in such proposals. In addition, neighbourhood plans can contribute local knowledge in **the identification of vacant and underused sites suitable for new housing** (we were very effectively able to do this in the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan: <http://www.highgateneighbourhoodforum.org.uk/plan/>)

So we would recommend that the following is added to the New London Plan:

- a requirement for developers to engage with neighbourhood forums at the pre-application stage of planning a development
- a requirement for boroughs to take careful note of made neighbourhood plans when looking at planning applications
- a requirement for boroughs to encourage and enable communities to set up neighbourhood forums, especially when major redevelopment is being planned
- Maggy Meade-King on behalf of Highgate Neighbourhood Forum