



Join the new Community Review Panel for Dacorum

Dacorum Borough Council is launching a new initiative to recruit local people for a Community Review Panel, which will comment on plans for future development in the area.

There will be significant new development across Dacorum in the coming years, required to deliver the Borough's much-needed housing. The Council is currently preparing its new Local Plan to guide development and change to 2036. Most of the growth will be in and around existing towns. Hemel Hempstead has been awarded Garden Town status by central Government, which creates an historic opportunity to transform the town with 11,000 new homes and 10,000 jobs.



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Dacorum Borough Council aspires to deliver growth in a way that is inclusive and empowering to existing and new communities, maximises opportunities and enhances quality of life.

What is the Community Review Panel?

The Community Review Panel is one of the ways through which the Council plans to better understand the needs of the local community. The panel will play an independent, advisory role in Dacorum's planning work, discussing issues including housing, transport, public and green spaces, and the environment. This will help ensure that new developments are of the highest possible design quality, and meet the needs of people living, working and studying in the area, now and in the future.

The panel will meet about once a month to discuss development proposals and give its views. These discussions will be turned into a formal report and will feed into decisions made by the Council. The panel's recommendations will be taken seriously as a formal part of the planning process.

Who are we looking for?

The Community Review Panel will have around 16 members, and we're looking for people of all backgrounds and ages (18 or over). We're keen to have people on the panel who know their local area and who want to positively influence its future – whether you are a resident, student, employer, employee or visitor in Dacorum. We especially want to hear from people who may not already be involved with a community group, and whose voice is not currently being heard.

You do not need experience or knowledge in planning or architecture.

We're looking for a broad cross-section of members drawn from across the community who:

- bring a strong understanding of the local area and local needs
- can provide constructive advice on proposals for development and change
- will contribute in meetings, collaborate and respect the contribution of others in panel discussions

Frame Projects is responsible for recruiting and managing the panel, to make sure that it is independent, properly briefed and able to effectively communicate its views to the Council. They will provide panel members with the support needed for their role through free training sessions. These might include help with reading plans and maps, understanding the basics of urban design and development proposals, or confidence in getting your views across in panel meetings.

How can I get involved?

We really hope that you'll apply to volunteer as a member of the Community Review Panel. You will need to fill out an application form then, if shortlisted, you will be invited to a selection workshop with other candidates, on the evening of 11 or 14 November 2019.

IF YOU WANT TO FIND OUT MORE

Please visit:

www.dacorum.gov.uk/community-review-panel

send an email to:

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We'll then send you everything you need to apply.



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