

# Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan

## The Examination stage



### Submission to the Secretary of State

On 11th November 2009, the Council submitted the AAP to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government for an Independent Examination. The Secretary of State appointed an Inspector to examine the plan to ensure it is legally compliant and "sound", i.e. to check that it is effective, justified and consistent with national policies and the Mayor of London's development strategy (the London Plan).

The Examination Hearing Sessions commenced on Tuesday 30 March 2010 and concluded on Wednesday 15th April 2010. The Inspector is expected to submit his binding report to the Council by late summer 2010. If the plan is found to be sound, the Council will proceed towards its adoption through the normal committee procedures.

### Further Information

There is more detailed information on our website:

<http://www.bromley.gov.uk/BromleyTownCentreAAP>

This includes:

- The full version of the plan and all supporting documents
- Updated details on the Examination of the plan
- A chronological history of the development of the plan
- Answers to frequently asked questions



Copies of the plan are available to view at all the borough's libraries and at the Council's Main and Planning Receptions at the Civic Centre during normal office hours. CD's containing copies of the plan and most of the supporting documents are available on request from the address listed below.

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# BROMLEY

## *A living town...*



**... developing a plan for the next 15 years**

**This is an exciting time for Bromley - a time of opportunity and change.**

**The Bromley Town Centre Area Action Plan (AAP) will guide the way future planning applications are judged over the next 15 years. It will help to create a more attractive and successful town by ensuring a balance of commercial, residential, leisure and community facilities, reinforcing Bromley's status as one of London's centres.**

**However, this plan is not just about buildings, it is about people. Our aim is to bring the greatest possible benefits to the community, improving the quality of life, employment opportunities and access to facilities for our residents and businesses.**

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## A living town ...



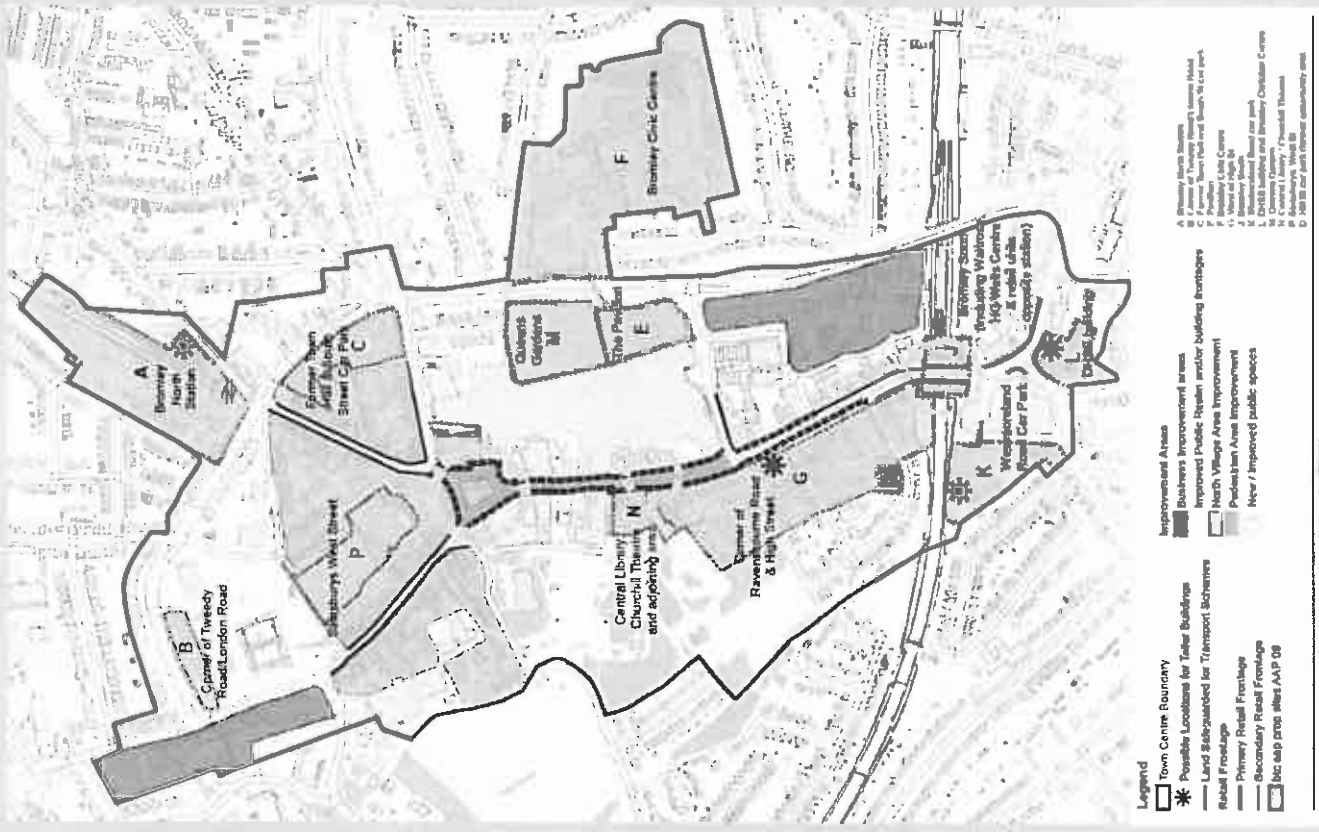
This leaflet summarises the Area Action Plan (AAP) document, which we believe will help us create a more vibrant town centre by attracting significant private sector investment. Once adopted, the AAP will give us the opportunity to manage new development opportunities over the next fifteen years.

- It is important to understand that the AAP is not itself a planning application, but creates planning guidelines and policies against which future applications would be judged.
- When applications for individual sites are submitted they will be subject to consultation before the local planning authority takes any decision.
- We believe the AAP can help the decide in the High Street, providing modern retail spaces.
- Building more places to live in the heart of the town, widening the choice of entertainment and leisure activities and quality restaurants and cafes will make the town a more attractive destination. This will help to create a safer and family-friendly atmosphere throughout the day and evening.
- We will have flexibility to manage improvements to ensure a balanced mix.
- Adoption of a longer term vision for the town allows us to attract development of high class design that will complement its existing character and heritage. We are committed to ensuring that the height and density of new development is, wherever possible, kept to a minimum.
- More residential units in the town reduces pressure for new housing in suburban areas of the borough. Building them close to major transport links, shopping and other amenities, reduces the need for day-to-day car journeys.
- Implementation of the AAP can reduce the future economic prosperity of the town centre, creating new business and employment opportunities.
- Investment from developers will contribute towards medical, faith and other community facilities, as well as traffic and transport improvements.
- By combining shorter-term improvements (such as junction changes, Park and Ride and car clubs) with ambitious longer term projects (such as trams, light rail or road widening), our transport strategy aims to ensure good accessibility to the town, whatever the preferred mode of transport.

## The Opportunity Sites

<p><b>Site E: The Pavilion</b> Retail extension to The Glades, improved pedestrian access across Kenilsh Way. (Phases 1 + 2)</p>	<p><b>Site M: Queens Gardens</b> Cafe/restaurant use along boundary with The Glades, improved pedestrian access. (Phase 1)</p>
<p><b>Site F: Bromley Civic Centre</b> Mixed use, reconfigured civic offices with improved frontage, low density residential including heritage building conversion, leisure centre, improved pedestrian connections across Kenilsh Way. (Phases 1 + 2)</p>	<p><b>Site N: Central Library, Churchill Theatre and adjoining area</b> Mixed use, new town square, community hub/meeting space, library and theatre-improved entrance and facilities, cafes/restaurants, retail/leisure public toilets, improved linkages to High Street, gardens and Site G. (Phase 3)</p>
<p><b>Site G: West of the High Street</b> Comprehensive mixed use comprising: redevelopment of existing buildings, retail, residential, cafe/restaurant, community (including arts) and health facilities, car parking, linkages to parks and Site N. (Phases 2 + 3)</p>	<p><b>Site P: Sainsbury's West Street</b> Mixed use, replacement food retail and parking, residential at upper levels, respecting conservation area status. (Phase 2)</p>
<p><b>Site J: Bromley South Station</b> Modernisation of the waiting station. (Phase 2)</p>	<p><b>Site K: Westmoreland Road Car Park</b> Mixed use, cinema-led with associated cafe/restaurant, residential, re-provision of multi-storey car park. (Phase 1)</p>
<p><b>Site L: Former DHSS building</b> Mixed use, hotel-led development, residential sensitive to existing surroundings. (Phases 1 + 2)</p>	<p><b>Site Q: Former Town Hall and South Street car park</b> Mixed use, office/business and/or hotel/conference centre using existing heritage buildings. (Phase 1)</p>

Phase	0-5 years	0-10 years	5-10 years	5-15 years	10-15 years
1		1 + 2			
2			2 + 3		
3					



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