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Have your say on proposed plans for public entertainment events on Hackney Marshes

Hackney Council is holding a public consultation from 26 February to 23 April, on a proposal to apply for permission to hold major public events on Hackney Marshes.

The Council aims to seek permission from the Planning Inspectorate for what is known as PINS consent. This would allow the Council to hold major or large public entertainment events over five years, between 1 May and 31 August, on a specific area on the Marshes.

The Council doesn't have any events planned and it does not intend to do anything until the PINS application has been consulted on and decided.

For the next eight weeks the Council is informally consulting a range of stakeholders including local residents and community organisations to understand any issues and concerns. The Council will then use the feedback to inform its final application to the Planning Inspectorate. Once the Council's application has been received there will be a formal period of statutory consultation.

During the consultation the Council will hold drop in events for residents and meetings with key stakeholders to ensure that all views are captured.

Cllr Jonathan McShane, Hackney Council Cabinet Member for Health, Social Care and Culture said:
"Hackney Council wants to build on the success of the Hackney Weekend which was enjoyed by thousands of local people making a positive impact on Hackney's economy. At this early stage we want to know what local residents and other groups think about the proposals so we can better understand their issues and concerns and use them to inform the final application to the Planning Inspectorate."

The Council aims to submit an application to the Planning Inspectorate in May 2013.

Drop in events

Wednesday 6 March, 4pm to 8pm, Wally Foster Community Centre- Marsh Hill, Homerton Rd, London, Greater London E9 5QB

Wednesday 17 April, 4pm to 8pm, Hackney Marshes Centre - Hackney Marshes, Homerton Road, E9 5PF

For more information about the consultation visit: www.hackney.gov.uk/hackneymarshes or consultation@hackney.gov.uk and include "Hackney Marshes" in the subject line. Call 020 83567527 to request hard copies of the consultation documents.

Written feedback should be sent to:
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Freepost LON18819, London Borough of Hackney,
Mare Street, London E8 1EA.

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