

## **Senior Planner – Design and Place**

Full time, 36 hours per week

Level 4, Zone 1 (£43,004 - £49,131)

Location: 5 Pancras Square, London N1C 4AG

### **About Camden**

Camden is building somewhere everyone can thrive by making our Borough the best place to live, work, study and visit. Because we're not just home to the UK's fastest growing economy, we're home to the most important conversations happening today. And we're making radical social change a reality so that nobody gets left behind. Here's where you can help decide a better future for us all.

We Make Camden is our shared vision for the Borough and it's leading to the delivery of some of the best new development in the country. The Design and Place Service is key to that success working with our communities to shape the vision for our neighbourhoods and working collaboratively with other services and partners on projects and programmes that deliver the vision.

### **About the role**

We are looking for a talented planner to deliver the vision and help shape the transformation of the Borough. The Placeshaping Team within the Design and Place Service is responsible for the production of visions and planning frameworks to help shape that change, working with our communities. It works closely with the Development Plans Team on policy and guidance for stronger area-based focus and the increased emphasis on design codes. The team leads our service to Camden Property, ensuring the best outcomes for Camden owned land through the production of feasibility studies and site briefs. It also provides a service to other Camden teams such as Transport to promote a place-based approach for the public realm. Design and Place currently undertakes some external consultancy work and the Senior Planner will be expected to continue working with these stakeholders.

### **Key responsibilities**

- To provide planning and placemaking expertise to a range of internal Council Services such as Property and Planning Policy and external clients
- To prepare area-based strategies, frameworks and site specific guidance that support the Council's objectives
- To undertake planning research and analysis to produce planning statements and documents and make recommendations on Council owned sites

- To produce high quality documents and presentations to promote the works of the team and service
- To work with a range of internal and external partners and build strong and collaborative working relationships
- To take part in community engagement and public consultation

### **About you**

- A planner with experience and understanding of the proactive role of planning in a local authority context
- Interest/expertise/qualification in urban design is desirable
- A strategic thinker who is able to deliver corporate objectives through area based planning
- Knowledge of national and local planning issues
- Ambition and drive to secure high quality placemaking
- Ability to work proactively, creatively and flexibly, both independently or collaboratively in a team
- Excellent communication and presentation skills that can be used at a range of levels
- Experience in managing stakeholder relationships
- Experience in participation and engagement
- Experience of using Adobe Creative Suite, particularly Indesign, and GIS software e.g. Mapinfo
- Educated to degree level or equivalent preferably with a professional qualification related to the built environment.

### **Work Environment**

This role is office based at 5 Pancras Square but some working from home is encouraged. The role requires a significant amount of contact with a wide range of partners inside and outside the Council and so external meetings are likely. Site visits are essential, along with a willingness to work outside of normal office hours when requested.

### **Relationships**

Reports to Placeshaping Manager and will work closely with other planners as well as officers across Design and Place. Partnership working with officers from other Council services including Development Management, Planning Policy, Property, Transport, Green Spaces, Community Investment Programme, Housing, is expected along with developers, agents, community groups and elected members.

### **Over to you**

We're ready to welcome your ideas, your views, and your rebellious spirit. Help us redefine how we're supporting people, and we'll redefine what a career can be. If that sounds good to you, we'd love to talk

### **Is this role Politically Restricted?**

Some posts at Camden are politically restricted, which means individuals holding these posts cannot have active political role. For a list of all politically restricted roles at Camden click [here](#).

### **Diversity & Inclusion**

At Camden, we value and celebrate difference and encourage diversity in all respects. Our diverse workforce ensures we represent our communities to the best of our ability and enables us to make better decisions. Because of this, we particularly welcome applications from Black, Asian and other ethnic groups, those who identify as LGBT+, neurodiverse and disabled people. Click [Diversity and Inclusion](#) for more information on our commitment.

### **Agile working**

At Camden we view work as an activity, not a place. We focus on performance, not presenteeism. We create trusting relationships, we embrace innovation rather than bureaucracy and we value people. Collaboration is the Camden way, silo working isn't.

At Camden we are proud to be one of Hire Me My Way's inaugural campaign supporters. Hire Me My Way is a national campaign led by Timewise, designed to increase the volume of good quality jobs that can be worked flexibly in the UK ([www.HireMeMyWay.org.uk](http://www.HireMeMyWay.org.uk)). Hire Me My Way aims to treble the number of available good quality flexible jobs to 1 million by 2020.

### **Asking for Adjustments**

Camden is committed to making our recruitment practices barrier-free and as accessible as possible for everyone. This includes making adjustments or changes for disabled people, neurodiverse people or people with long-term health conditions. If you would like us to do anything differently during the application, interview or assessment process, including providing information in an alternative format, please contact us on 020 7974 6655, at [resourcing@camden.gov.uk](mailto:resourcing@camden.gov.uk) or post to 5 Pancras Square, London, N1C 4AG.

**How to apply**

To apply for this job please follow the "Apply for job" link. In the 'Why you?' part of the application form you will be asked to explain how you meet the key requirements for this role listed in the advert. When explaining how you meet each of the requirements, please give examples that clearly demonstrate your skills, knowledge and experience. When writing your examples give a brief description of the situation or task but focus on the actions you took and the result of your actions.