

BID LEVY 2026-27

Business Improvement Districts provide a way to bring the business community, occupiers, owners, and the local authorities together to work for the benefit of a defined area.

The Harrow Business Improvement District (BID) provides a formal partnership for businesses in Harrow town centre. Led and run by business, for business, Harrow BID was created in 2014 to address important issues in our local area. The BID is now in its third 5-year term running from 2024 to 2029.

The Harrow BID Company is the legal entity that runs the activities of the BID independently of Harrow Council. A Board of Directors chosen from the businesses which form the constituency of the district oversee the work of the BID. The Board seeks a wide range of skills, experience and a balanced opinion. The BID is managed by a small team who are accountable to the Company Chairman and the Board.

We represent you to influence and stimulate change, and aim to attract footfall by promoting the town centre as a vibrant and family friendly place to visit.

DEFINED AREA

Clarendon Road
2-134 College Road (even)
3-79 College Road (odd)
1-9 Gayton Road
Greenhill Way (Car park only)
Havelock Place
Headstone Road (Bradstowe House Gym only)
Kymberley Road
1-5 St Johns Road
St Anns Road
St Anns Shopping Centre
St George's Shopping Centre
276-380 Station Road (even)
229-381 Station Road (odd)
William Carey Way

YOUR LEVY IN ACTION



BID COMPANY MEMBERS

BID levy payers - commercial occupiers liable to pay the Business Improvement District levy are admitted to membership in accordance with the BID Company's Articles of Association.

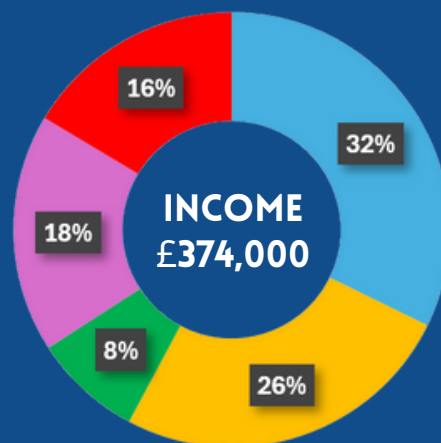
All businesses within the defined area above with a rateable value of £30,000 or above will automatically become BID members.

Voluntary members – companies admitted to membership of the BID subject to the approval of their application by the BID Company Board. Their application is ordinarily supported by either a financial contribution (cash or in kind) or their strategic importance to the delivery of the BID's business objectives.

BUDGET 2026-27

Harrow BID will spend the expected income supporting businesses and improving the customer experience with the following:

- Influencing matters deemed important by you
- Improved streetscape
- Enhanced enforcement
- Crime intelligence partnership
- Increasing shopper numbers
- Events
- Seasonal lighting
- Social media promotion for members



HARROW BID LEVY RULES

The BID term will be 5 years from 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2029;

The BID levy will be applied to rated properties in the BID with a rateable value of £30,000 or more;

The BID levy will be fixed at 2% of rateable value using the 2023 rating list as at 1st January 2024;

The liability for the BID levy will fall on the eligible ratepayer;

Charitable organisations in receipt of mandatory charitable relief from rates will receive 80% allowance;

The BID levy will not be increased other than that specified in the levy rules;

The eligible ratepayer will be liable for the BID levy for empty properties with no void period - listed properties will be exempt;

An inflationary increase of 3% will be applied annually to the BID levy rounded up or down to two decimal places;

There will be no VAT charged on the BID levy.

LONDON BOROUGH OF HARROW

London Borough of Harrow is the billing authority and two important legal agreements exist between the BID Company and the Council:

- 1) An Operating Agreement provides the basis to collect the BID levy from the business constituents.
- 2) A Baseline Agreement sets out the specification for council services in the town centre. This agreement allows the BID Company to monitor town centre services and ensure its own work is wholly additional.