



## City of Westminster

### Neighbourhood Forum Designation Notice

Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by the Localism Act 2011) provides a local planning authority the power to designate an organisation or body as a neighbourhood forum.

Under the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 3 Regulation 10 a local planning authority must publish on their website, and in such other manner as they consider is likely to bring the designation to the attention of people who live, work or carry on business in the neighbourhood area;

- the name of the neighbourhood forum;
- a copy of the written constitution of the neighbourhood forum;
- the name of the neighbourhood area to which the designation relates; and
- contact details for at least one member of the neighbourhood forum

#### Neighbourhood Forum application (for re-designation)

Name of neighbourhood area to which the designation relates	Belgravia
Name of neighbourhood forum	Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum
Contact details of at least one member	Dennis Wheatland ( <a href="mailto:dennis@advanta-international.com">dennis@advanta-international.com</a> ) Jeremy Lucas ( <a href="mailto:jcblucas@aol.com">jcblucas@aol.com</a> )
Written Constitution	<a href="#">Belgravia Forum Application</a> and <a href="#">Written Constitution</a>
Consultation period	12 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019

#### Neighbourhood Forum designation decision

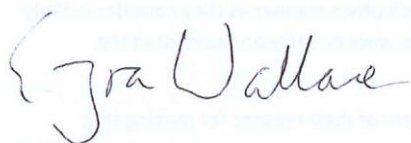
Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum was originally designated by Westminster City Council on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014, for a period of 5 years. Notice is hereby given that Westminster City Council, through a decision made by the Cabinet Member for Place Shaping and Planning on 13th January 2020, has re-designated the Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Belgravia Neighbourhood Area for a further 5 years.

#### Reasons for decision:

- The Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The Forum's written constitution states that it was established to promote and improve the social, economic or environmental well-being of

Belgravia, whilst it also has membership of more than 21 persons and is open to individuals who live or work in the area or are elected members of the City Council.

- ii. The Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Belgravia Neighbourhood Area, with over 300 members representing the interests of residents, businesses, and community organisations.
- iii. Consultation on the proposed re-designation of Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum demonstrated support for the application from 35 individuals including business, residents, ward councillors and visitors. Only 2 objections were received – raising concerns that the Forum Steering Group should include a member of Belgravia Residents Association, and that a new Neighbourhood Area is needed to provide a voice for residents impacted by development in the area. Neither of these objections are considered to provide reasonable grounds to reject the application to renew Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum – which has demonstrated open and inclusive membership.
- iv. No competing applications for an alternative Neighbourhood Forum for have been received - while an application for an alternative Neighbourhood Area (Chelsea Barracks Neighbourhood Area) that sought to include some of Belgravia Neighbourhood Area, has been consulted on in accordance with legislation, and rejected as set out in a separate decision document.

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Ezra Wallace

Director of Policy & Projects

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