

STATEMENT OF REPRESENTATIONS PROCEDURE FOR THE BELGRAVIA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN (REGULATION 16)

The Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum has submitted a proposed Neighbourhood Plan to Westminster City Council. The Council is now seeking views and comments from residents and interested stakeholders on the proposed plan, in line with Regulation 16 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended).

Title of Document

Belgravia Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040 Submission Version.

Subject Matter and Area Covered

The Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum and Neighbourhood Area were originally designated by Westminster City Council in 2014 and redesignated in 2019. The Belgravia Neighbourhood Plan sets out new planning policies for the development and use of land in the Belgravia Neighbourhood Area (shown in Figure 1 below or by reviewing our interactive Neighbourhood Planning Map at this [link](#)) to the year 2040. It includes policies on a range of matters including character, heritage, design, sustainability, land use, cultural uses, major development sites and the environment.



Figure 1 - Belgravia Neighbourhood Area

Period within which representations must be made

Representations on the Belgravia Neighbourhood Plan Submission Version and supporting documents must be made between 2nd June 2023 and 24th July 2023 (extended from an original closure of 14th July 2023).

Where have the documents been made available, and the places and times at which they can be inspected?

The proposed Plan and supporting documents are available for inspection at the following locations:

- On the Council's website at: <https://www.westminster.gov.uk/planning-building-control-and-environmental-regulations/planning-policy/neighbourhood-areas-forums-and-plans/belgravia-neighbourhood-plan>
- At the Council's offices at Westminster City Hall, 64 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 6QP (please email bavery@westminster.gov.uk before to your visit so that prior arrangements can be made)

Making a representation

When making your representations please make clear which document your comment relates to and, if possible, the specific paragraph or policy you are referring to and its page number.

You should consider in particular whether the Plan meets the 'Basic Conditions' (set out below). The Basic Conditions Statement submitted by the Neighbourhood Forum, alongside the draft Neighbourhood Plan, explains how the Plan has sought to meet statutory requirements.

All of the representations received within the consultation period will be forwarded to the appointed Examiner to consider during the independent examination of the Plan. The Examiner will decide if oral representations are necessary, and who has a right to be heard, or if the examination can be conducted solely through written representations.

Please state in your representation whether you wish to participate in a public hearing if one is held.

Following the examination, the Council will consider the Examiner's recommendations and decide whether any changes are necessary to ensure the Plan meets the Basic Conditions. If these changes are approved, the Plan will then go to referendum for residents of the neighbourhood area to decide if it should be used by the Council when making planning decisions. If approved, it will then become part of Westminster's statutory development plan and will be used alongside the Council's own planning documents, such as the City Plan 2019-2040 and the Mayor's London Plan (2021) in determining planning applications in the Belgravia Neighbourhood Area.

Please state in your representation if you wish to be notified of the Councils' final decision in relation to the Plan.

Comments must be received by **Monday, 24th July 2023**.

Representations can be made via:

Email: neighbourhoodplanning@westminster.gov.uk

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us at neighbourhoodplanning@westminster.gov.uk

Further background information

Belgravia Neighbourhood Plan timeline

The key stages in the Plan's production are set out below:

Stage	Dates
Draft Consultation by the Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum (Regulation 14)	4 th July 2022 to 2 nd September 2022
Publicising the plan proposal by Westminster City Council (Regulation 16)	2 nd June 2023 to 14 th July 2023
Appointment of the Examiner by Westminster City Council	Following Regulation 16 consultation
Examination	Following Regulation 16 consultation – dates of any hearings to be confirmed
Referendum	Dates to be confirmed (subject to outcome of examination)

What has been submitted to Westminster City Council?

The documents in Belgravia Neighbourhood Forum's submission are:

- Belgravia Neighbourhood Plan 2023-2040 Submission Version
- Belgravia Neighbourhood Design Codes
- Basic Conditions Statement
- Strategic Environmental Assessment & Habitat Regulations Assessment Screening Report
- Consultation Statement

The **Basic Conditions Statement** sets out how the Forum consider the Neighbourhood Plan meets the requirements set out in legislation, which are tested through the independent examination. In order to meet the Basic Conditions, a Neighbourhood Plan must:

- have regard to national policies and advice contained in guidance issued by the Secretary of State;
- contribute to the achievement of sustainable development;
- be in general conformity with the strategic policies of the development plan for the area;
- be compatible with EU obligations (including the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Directive) and human rights requirements; and

- ensure the prescribed conditions are met and prescribed matters have been complied with in connection with the proposal for the order.

Further information on this can be found on the National Planning Practice Guidance website.

The **Consultation Statement** contains details of the persons and bodies who were consulted about the proposed neighbourhood plan; explains how they were consulted; summarises the main issues and concerns raised; and describes how these issues and concerns have been considered and, where relevant, addressed in the Neighbourhood Plan.