

## Neighbourhood Area Application:

### Queen's Park



#### **PROPOSED AREA**

The area is defined and bounded by Kilburn Lane (B413) to the north; Kilburn Lane (B450) to the west; Harrow Road (A404) and the Grand Union Canal to the south; and the boundary marked by Portnall Road, Shirland Road, and Fernhead Road to the east. See attached map.

#### **STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE AREA IS APPROPRIATE**

The proposed area is considered appropriate for the designation for the following reasons:

1. It is defined by the boundary of the Queen's Park Community Council.
2. It is defined by the ward boundary of Queen's Park. To the north, west, and south, the boundary is commensurate with that of the City of Westminster: Brent borders to the north and west, and the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea borders to the south.
3. This boundary reflects the physical nature of the area, with the northern border being defined by a railway to the north of Kilburn Lane, and the Grand Union Canal located immediately south of Harrow Road. Fernhead Road to the east and Kilburn Lane to the north and west are both main roads. Queen's Park was built as an inward looking self-sufficient estate by the Artisans and General Dwellings Company in the 1880s, and the character and distinct sense of place, reflected in the architecture and street layout, remain largely unaltered to this day.
4. The residents of the designated area have demonstrated a strong sense of community cohesion and agency in recent history. This has been made possible by the action of the democratically elected Queen's Park Forum, an organisation set up by the community, who were responsible for producing a community-led Neighbourhood Plan (2008-2012; non-statutory document guiding community regeneration). The manifestation of community action has been both diverse and well received, and includes the popular annual Queen's Park Summer Festival and Queen's Park Fireworks community events. The culmination of the community's efforts has been the decision to vote in favour (68.4%) in an historic referendum on the formation a community (parish) council.

#### **STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY THE NOMINATING ORGANISATION IS CAPABLE OF BEING A 'RELEVANT BODY'**

The nominated organisation is considered appropriate for the designation for the following reason:

1. The Shadow Community Council is a 'relevant body' – with regard to section 61G(2) of the 1990 Act – because it is 'capable of being' a community (parish) council. This will take effect in April 2014 in accordance with Westminster City Council's *Reorganisation of Community Governance Order 2012*. Queen's Park Community Council will be the body submitting the plan for independent examination.

