



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 Section 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

Name of neighbourhood forum	Soho Neighbourhood Forum
Written Constitution	Soho Neighbourhood Forum Application and Written Constitution
Name of neighbourhood area	Soho Neighbourhood Area
Contact Details of at least one member	Matthew Bennett matthewbennett27@btinternet.com

Neighbourhood Forum designation decision

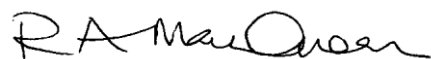
Notice is hereby given that Westminster City Council, through a decision made on 25th July 2014 by its Cabinet Member for the Built Environment, has designated the Soho Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Soho Neighbourhood Area.

Reasons for decision:

The Soho Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of Section 61F of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as inserted by the Localism Act 2011). The forum's written constitution clearly states that it has been established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic or environmental well-being of Soho, whilst it also has a membership of more than 21 persons and is open to individuals who live or work (or are elected members) within the area.

The Soho Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Soho Neighbourhood Area. The neighbourhood forum application highlighted a total of 288 residential and 48 business members. It is considered that purpose of the neighbourhood forum – to produce a neighbourhood plan that encourages development to be in keeping with the distinctive and historic nature of Soho – reflects the character of the area.

The City Council received twelve responses from across the Soho area during the period for representations; from a variety of business, resident and community organisations. It is considered that the applicants have taken these representations into account in revising the written constitution of the Soho Neighbourhood Forum.



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