



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	Soho
Name of neighbourhood forum	Soho Neighbourhood Forum
Contact details of at least one member	Matthew Bennett (anna.doyle@planforsoho.org)
Written Constitution	https://planforsoho.org/constitution/
Consultation period	10 th June 2019 – 15 th July 2019

Neighbourhood Forum designation decision

Soho Neighbourhood Forum was originally designated by Westminster City Council on 25th July 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 24th September 2019, has re-designated the Soho Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Soho Neighbourhood Area for a further 5 years.

Reasons for decision:

- i. The Soho Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The Forum's written constitution states that it was specifically established to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Soho Neighbourhood Area, 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 Soho Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Soho Neighbourhood Area, with 40 members representing the interests of businesses, residents, and community organisations.
- iii. Consultation on the proposed re-designation of Soho Neighbourhood Forum did not receive any objections.
- iv. No competing applications for an alternative Neighbourhood Forum for the area have been received.



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