

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	St James's
Name of neighbourhood forum	St James's Neighbourhood Forum
Contact details of at least one member	Roger Sharpley
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Written Constitution	Written Constitution
Consultation period	31st January 2020 and 13th March 2020

Neighbourhood Forum designation decision

St James's Neighbourhood Forum was originally designated by Westminster City Council on 5th February 2015, for a period of 5 years. Notice is hereby given that Westminster City Council, through a decision made by the Cabinet Member for Business and Planning on 24th April 2020, has redesignated the St James's Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the St James's Neighbourhood Area for a further 5 years.

Reasons for decision:

i. The St James's 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 St James's 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 St James's Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated St James's Neighbourhood Area, with over 28 members representing the interests of businesses, residents, and community organisations.
- iii. Consultation on the proposed re-designation of St James's Neighbourhood Forum highlighted the support for the application and did not receive any objections.
- iv. No competing applications for an alternative Neighbourhood Forum for the area have been received.

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