The St John's Wood Society, in accordance with the Localism Bill, is formally applying to Westminster City Council for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area as the first step in the process to becoming a Neighbourhood Forum in accordance with the guidance notes on your website.

The area which we wish to be designated as the St John's Wood Neighbourhood Area is identified on the WCC map attached. This area is appropriate because it is the area designated for the St John's Wood Society by Westminster City Council.

The SJW Society is one of Westminster City Council's eighteen Amenity Societies and as such is the only credible local community organisation which is capable of being designated as the Neighbourhood Forum for St John's Wood. We will ensure that the SJW Neighbourhood Forum will be representative of local businesses and residents regardless of age, religion and socio economic group. We intend to advertise on our website and in the local press asking for interested parties to come forward.

We are aiming to have 21 representatives sitting on the Neighbourhood Forum committee as follows:

Representatives from the St John's Wood Society

Chairman (current SJWS chairman) Planning (current SJWS) Traffic and parking (current SJWS) Trees and historic gardens (current SJWS) Treasurer (current SJWS) Secretary (current SJWS) Legal (current SJWS) Any other

Representatives from the following (many of whom are currently corporate members of the Society):

Inter Faith representative Councillor from Abbey Ward Councillor from Regent's Park Ward High Street Businesses Other local Businesses Lords Eyre Estate John Lyons Trust **QK School/ American School** St John and Elizabeth Hospital/Wellington Hospital Crypt youth club/St John's Wood Adventure Playground Local NHS GPs Almshouses/Dora House Townshend Estate, Abercorn Place Estate and other Estates Residents Associations e.g. William Court, Oslo Court, Tower Court, Grove End Gardens, Lords View 1 and 2

We would be most grateful if we could meet with the LDF Spatial planning team as soon as possible to clarify various points, especially with regards to the constitution.

We would also be grateful for confirmation that our application for the designation of the St John's Wood Neighbourhood Area has been successful.

With best wishes,

Christine Cowdray Planning Chairman St John's Wood Society

