

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	Westbourne
Name of neighbourhood forum	Westbourne Neighbourhood Forum
Contact details of at least one member	Geoff Biggs <u>geoffbiggs@westbourneparkfamilycentre.org.uk</u> Sadia Moh <u>sadia@pdt.org.uk</u>
Written Constitution	https://www.westminster.gov.uk/sites/default/fi les/uploads/westbourne_constitution.pdf
Consultation period	29 th April 2020 – 10 th June 2020

Neighbourhood Forum designation decision

Westbourne 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 Business and Planning on 9th July 2020, has re-designated the Westbourne Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the Westbourne Neighbourhood Area for a further 5 years.

Reasons for decision:

i. The Westbourne Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The application submitted by the Forum for redesignation and the Forum's written constitution indicate that the Forum was established to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the area using its planning influence. The Forum 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 Westbourne Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated Westbourne Neighbourhood Area, with over 27 members representing the interests of businesses and residents.
- iii. Consultation on the proposed re-designation of the Westbourne Neighbourhood Forum received two letters in support of the application and no objections. Although this is a low number of responses, this is comparable to other re-designation consultations and the process followed to consult met all the statutory requirements.
- iv. No competing applications for an alternative Neighbourhood Forum for the area have been received.

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