

Application to become a Neighbourhood Area from Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

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- 1. The Neighbourhood Area this relates to is the Highgate Neighbourhood Area**
2. We attach a **map** (*Highgate Hi Res July 2012*) showing the proposed area for our neighbourhood forum.
3. **We believe this is the appropriate area** for our Neighbourhood Forum because it is the area widely regarded as “Highgate” by those who live and work in the area. It is also the area covered by the amenity societies who are affiliated to the Forum. Where we were unsure if particular streets regarded themselves as being a part of Highgate, we consulted them directly for their views (see below).
4. Because we had to start somewhere, we began with the N6 postal district, as this was the nearest officially designated area to that locally defined as Highgate. However, after the discussions described below and after checking historical and present administrative boundaries, we fine tuned this rather crude area boundary to that marked in red on the attached map.
5. We **contacted the neighbouring communities** also planning to set up neighbourhood forums (Archway, Crouch End, Dartmouth Park and Hampstead) and agreed boundaries with them. We can confirm that – after careful negotiation – we have agreed with the Holly Lodge Estate Committee and CAAC that Holly Lodge will join the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum and Area – please see from our list of Affiliates attached (*Affiliates*) that all the relevant organisation in Holly Lodge are now affiliated to the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. We also took part in discussions between the Dartmouth Park Neighbourhood Forum, the Holly Lodge Estate Committee and CAAC and Swains Lane residents, as a result of which we agreed that the Dartmouth Park NF could include residents on both sides of Swains Lane (see the detail on the attached map of our area *Highgate Hi Res July 2012*).
6. We intend to work closely with neighbouring forums - or communities that decide not to have a forum – in developing our Neighbourhood Plan and co-operate over issues of mutual interest.
7. At the same time, **we contacted all the residents’ associations** across the proposed area (plus the City of London and English Heritage in the case of

Highgate Wood and the fringes of Hampstead Heath, and the Friends of Queens Wood) and asked them whether they wanted to be included in the Forum area. The current boundaries are the result of the agreements reached in those negotiations. Please note in particular that Fordington Road residents (who might equally have chosen to be in Muswell Hill or East Finchley) are affiliated to the Highgate NF at their request. Also that we have a representative resident of the The Miltons area on our Committee, in the absence of any functioning residents' association in that particular part of our Area.

8. We are a relevant body to make this application under the terms of the Neighbourhood Forum Regulations and the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations because:

- a) Our membership is open to everyone who lives or works in the area and to Councillors
- b) We have more than 21 members (as of August 2012, we have 150)
- c) We have a written Constitution (attached *HNF Constitution updated 120712*)
- d) We have been established to promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of our area
- e) We have a membership drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area
- f) We have membership drawn from different sections of the community in the area.
- g) Please see the Statement in our accompanying *Application for designation as a Neighbourhood Forum under the provisions of the Localism Act 2012* for more details and evidence on the above points.

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Chair, Highgate Neighbourhood Forum
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