

Application for Redesignation as a Neighbourhood Forum under the Provisions of the Localism Act 2011

Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum

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Introduction

Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum applied to Camden Council for designation as a neighbourhood forum in October 2013. On 21 February 2014 Camden approved the designation of the Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum. We, the residents and members of the business community in the Neighbourhood Area, hereby apply for redesignation as a Neighbourhood Forum under the Provisions of the Localism Act 2011, as from 21 February 2019.

Name of Forum

The name of the Forum now applying for redesignation as a Neighbourhood Forum under the Provisions of the Localism Act 2011 is Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum.

The Neighbourhood Area

The Camley Street Neighbourhood Area appears as a map on page 4 of the draft Neighbourhood Plan (see below), which accompanies this document. The Forum's website is at <http://camleystreet.org.uk>. The draft Plan, together with several associated documents, may also be consulted there.

Constitution

The constitution of the Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum accompanies this document.

Statement of Purpose of the Forum; Development of the Neighbourhood Plan

The Forum's draft Neighbourhood Plan proposes to transform the Neighbourhood Area adjoining the Regent's Canal and located between Camden Town and King's Cross into a mixed community providing: a range of industrial and commercial space; several hundred new dwellings; and new social and community infrastructure. The new industrial and commercial space will satisfy the needs of the current business occupiers, create additional space for new businesses, safeguard existing jobs and create new ones. The new dwellings will include as much affordable rented housing (rents set at one third of average St Pancras and Somers Town ward household income) as would be compatible with the financial viability of the Plan. The new community facilities and services

will support the existing and new industrial, commercial and residential communities. Development will utilise innovative and eco-friendly building design and technology, with green infrastructure integrated throughout.

The proposals, if adopted, will greatly enhance the quality of the Neighbourhood Area as a place to live and work.

Thus it should be clear that the Forum is established for the express purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area that consists of the Neighbourhood Area concerned.

The Forum has recently concluded a six-week statutory consultation on its draft Plan. The consultation ended on 13 January 2019. It yielded responses from 113 people and organisations. Of these, 38 were from residents of Elm Village, 62 from employees of the businesses, and 13 from interested organisations (including the London Borough of Camden and the Mayor of London). During the period of the consultation, when the draft Plan was on display, there were four staffed sessions (three at 5 Pancras Square and one at the Camden Garden Centre), when members of the Forum were available to talk to enquirers.

The Forum and the planning consultant advising it are now considering these responses, and will be making improvements to the Plan on the basis of them. The final Plan will then go to Camden Council, to be considered by an independent examiner. If the examiner approves the Plan, it will then go to a referendum at which all those on the electoral roll at addresses within the Plan area will be entitled to vote.

The Forum's Committee

The Forum's committee has 26 members:

Alex Smith, Alara Wholefoods (Chair)
John Richmond, Elm Village resident (Secretary)
Paul Tomlinson (Local ward councillor)
Helen Savva, Elm Village resident
John Hayes, Daily Fish (Treasurer)
Mario Raggio (IMS of Smithfield)
Tony Meadows (IMS of Smithfield)
Caroline Hogan (IMS of Smithfield)
Joanne Thompson (IMS of Smithfield)
Stuart Waller (Daily Fish)
Ahmed Waza (Richmond Laundries)
Yasin Waza (Richmond Laundries)
Christian Spencer-Davies (A Models)
Fabio Poupinha (Packshot)
Tejinder Bahra (Packshot)
Nick Burcombe (Booker)
Eve Dain (Fashot)
Maura Ryan-Dommergue (Elm Village resident)

Duncan Gregory (Elm Village resident)
Edward Lee (Elm Village resident)
Deedee Levine (Elm Village Resident)
Peter McGinty (Elm Village resident)
Maura Ryan-Dommergue (Elm Village resident)
David Royston-Lee (Elm Village resident)
Keith Olohan (Elm Village resident)
Farra Pedley (Elm Village resident)

Inclusivity and Communication

Membership of the Forum is open to all residents on the Elm Village estate, to the businesses adjacent to Elm Village, notably The Constitution pub and the Camden Garden Centre, and to the large group of businesses on the Camley Street/Cedar Way industrial estate. All these people and organisations have been kept in regular touch with the development of the Neighbourhood Plan over the last five years, either by paper mailing, email or at face-to-face meetings; all have been contacted about the six-week statutory consultation. The paper mailings have gone to the 600+ addresses on Elm Village, and – through the leaders of the businesses on the industrial estate – to the workers there. The Forum also holds a list of more than 200 email addresses of people who wish to be informed in that way. The Forum's website is another means by which people can stay in touch.

During an initial survey in 2015 seeking the views of residents and businesses on the possible development of a Neighbourhood Plan, about 60% of the 600+ residents and about 60% of those employed in the businesses responded to the survey.

All residents and businesses are invited to the Forum's AGM, held in the spring of each year. There is also a harvest party, hosted by Alara Foods and held in late September, to which everyone is invited and at which news of the development of the Plan has been communicated.

It should be clear from the number of responses to the draft Plan (see above) that the business and residential communities are well aware of the activities of the Forum.

Supporting Signatures

Accompanying this document is a list containing supporting signatures to this application, including the signatures of two Camden councillors for the St Pancras and Somers Town ward, in which the Neighbourhood Area lies.

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John Richmond, Secretary, CSNF
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