

Application for redesignation as a Neighbourhood Forum under the provisions of the Localism Act 2012:

Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

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1 History, adoption of Plan and purpose

The Forum applied for and was granted designation as neighbourhood forum in 2012. The area straddles two local authorities both of whom have been very helpful in enabling the Forum to work over the past 5 years to prepare a detailed plan for adoption which was successfully achieved in July 2017 by way of a public referendum.

The Forum wishes to be redesignated for a further five years, and it wishes the existing neighbourhood area also to be redesignated for a further five years, to allow it to act on the contents of the adopted plan so as to help Highgate to be a vibrant place with a strong sense of community that protects its unique character and heritage, while embracing fresh ideas and beneficial change.

There are five sections of policies to support the purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Highgate area and to enable it to be a vibrant place with a strong sense of community that protects its unique character and heritage while embracing fresh ideas and beneficial change:

- Social and Community
- Economic Activity
- Traffic and Transport
- Open Spaces and Public Realm
- Development and Heritage

Social and Community policies:

1. SC1 addresses Highgate's housing needs: prioritising affordable housing, particularly to allow 'downsizing' and to provide products aimed at first time buyers
2. SC2 lists the Forum's priorities for spending Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) monies (these were voted on by the community during consultation on the draft plan).
3. SC3 protects the area's allotments and encourages the creation of more "communal garden land".

Economic Activity policies:

These address the needs of Highgate's three commercial cores: Highgate Village, Archway Road and Aylmer Parade. They analyse each in turn and provide policies to encourage the vitality and viability of each.

Traffic and Transport policies:

These promote sustainable development, control the movement of heavy goods vehicles, minimise the impact of traffic, reduce the negative impact of parking on Highgate and prevent further dropped kerbs and cross-overs.

Open Space and Public Realm policies:

- Protect views and settings of our major open spaces
- Protect trees and mature vegetation
- Designate 11 protected “Local Green Spaces”, including our allotment sites, Southwood Lane Wood and the Holly Lodge Gardens. The Independent Examiner said “this policy will give significant benefit to the community and will assist nature conservation”.
- Sets out “Highgate’s Green Grid” (mapped ecological corridors)

Development and Heritage policies:

There are 11 policies which set out to encourage development that seeks to preserve and, wherever possible, enhance the unique and historic character of Highgate. These range from detailed policies on matters such as roof extensions and refuse storage to measures to enhance the conservation areas and protect the environmental health of residents.

The Neighbourhood Plan also identifies five Key Sites that are likely to see development proposals during the lifetime of the Plan and so the community wishes to make sure it has influence on how these sites might be developed.

Next Steps

The committee is committed to ensure that Highgate benefits from the opportunities offered by the Localism Act and has access to the powers and funds offered by the ongoing role of the Forum.

Meetings have already taken place with both councils to develop our working relationships and learn about other initiatives that might benefit the area. In particular we are keen to ensure that the councils continue to work together providing joined-up policies and processes that work for the area as a whole including issues around parking and transport.

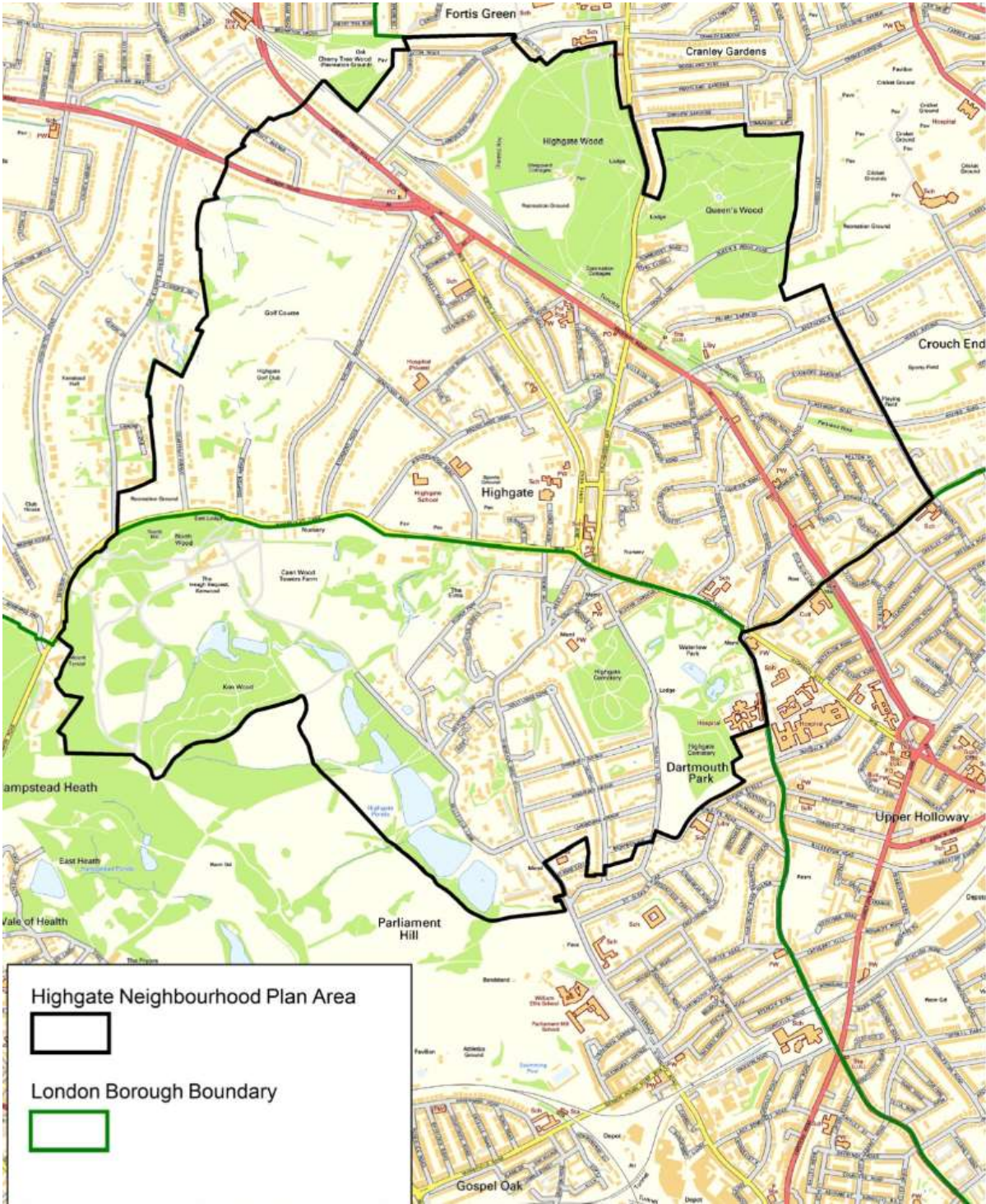
The committee, more details of which are set out below, are currently working up plans to put specific initiatives from among those in the plan into action e.g. campaigning on air quality, signage, more bike parking stations and cycle routes, lobbying for new east-west buses, tree monitoring, developing a tourist strategy for Highgate that will attract visitors to our great cultural organisations, pubs and green spaces and support our local businesses.

The vision is to re-invigorate our high streets with a diverse range of shops and businesses which can provide most of our day-to-day requirements. Available CIL money will be used on projects prioritized by the community.

Newsletters are published to ensure that the community is fully aware of what is going on and has the opportunity to consult on the areas in which it is interested. The plan is to allow local involvement in the projects undertaken by the Forum.

2 Area Plan

Please see plan of the relevant area to be covered by the designation which was finalised after consultation with neighbouring community groups and residents' groups within the Area



3 Committee members

The Forum is required to have a minimum of 21 individuals and include one individual in each of the following categories: lives in the area; works in the area; and is an elected member.

Martin Adeney

Simon Briscoe

Sarah Butterworth (works at Highgate School)

Chris Galley

Antony Grossman

Michael Hammerson

Ian Henghes

Andrea Horth

Katherine Ives (works at Lauderdale House)

Maria Jennings

Maria Kramer

Louise Lewis

Martin Narraway

Neil Perkins

Alicia Pivaro

Allan Rapley

Peter Walton

Richard Webber

Our local elected Councillors are also automatically members of the Committee. Currently they are:

Camden:

Cllr Sally Gimson

Cllr Oliver Lewis

Cllr Sian Berry

Haringey:

Cllr Liz Morris

Cllr Bob Hare

Cllr Clive Carter

Membership of the Forum has been drawn from different parts/places in the neighbourhood area and from different sections of the community including representatives who are heavily involved in various key local activities such as Highgate School, Lauderdale House, the Friends of the Highgate Bowl, the Holly Lodge Estate, Highgate Synagogue, Highgate Society, Miltons Residents Association, Waterlow Park Committee, Ponds Square Residents Association, the Highgate CAAC

Each of the members who is not an ex-officio member has been elected at the various AGMs and details of their relevant experience were circulated to members before the relevant votes. The last AGM took place in May 2017

Fuller biographies of all the members are set out in Appendix 1.

4 Constitution

A copy of the current constitution is attached to this application. At next year's AGM the objects of the Forum will be amended to make it clear that the Forum future objections are focused on implementation, monitoring and potential review of the Plan.

Whilst not intended to be a specific term of the constitution, the Committee propose to provide a yearly summary of how it is progressing against the contents and policies of the Plan.

The minutes of all our general and Committee meetings and a general explanation of the Forum and our activities are all made available on the website.

5 Membership and Affiliates

Membership of the Forum is open to all individuals who live or work in the area and also to elected members representing the area. We have no membership fees and are have recruited members from across the geographical area and from different sections of the community. We currently (November 2017) have more than 800 people on our mailing list

Residents are also kept in touch with Forum activities via affiliates of whom there are currently 43 - all local organisations are free to affiliate to the Forum, sign up for our newsletter, engage with the committee and otherwise take part in the forum's

activities. Appendix 2 contains a list of the Affiliate groups that have participated in the Forum's activities – as the list evidences they reflect a host of different resident associations for residents living in all types of housing tenures (both private and council) in both Boroughs as well as residential home, business association, faith groups as well as specific groups such as the Harrington Society for the disabled. Over the past five years we have made great efforts from the beginning to be as inclusive of all groups within our community as possible – the Forum wishes everyone to feel included in the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum

We publicise forthcoming events via our web site, our database of members (to whom we send regular updates), our affiliates (who represent thousands of people across our Area) and through our local media.

We have twitter and facebook handles which are popular access tools for members.

6 Subgroups

We have a structure of sub groups or working teams to address particular issues or deliver particular projects. As we evolve post the Plan adoption we are looking to further develop these groups and to ensure that we have a wide participation of residents and businesses.

At present we have sub-groups addressing issues of Traffic and Transport, monitoring planning applications and adoption of the Plan by the councils, and Community initiatives. We also have a working team progressing the idea for more small playgrounds in the area and another looking at the Highgate Overground Station.

Importantly we are also developing ways of working with other key groups in the area to ensure the community is maximising its resources and organisations are not replicating activity.

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Appendix 1

Martin Adeney has lived in the area for over forty years with his family. A former journalist, he ran a public relations consultancy from Highgate. He is Chair of the Trustees of the Friends of the Highgate Bowl, a charity set up in 2014 to acquire land in the Bowl to keep it as open land. He is a former Chairman of the Kingsley Place and Somerset Gardens Residents Association. He was a founder member of the Forum committee and has advised on communications and been active in the public consultation on the Plan.

Simon Briscoe has spent his professional life working with economic, social and business data in the civil service, banking, media and in start-ups. He has been on the Highgate Society Council and the Heath Sub Committee of the Heath and Hampstead Society. He is a trustee of FullFact which promotes accuracy in public debate. He was deputy chair of the HNF for two years, co-leading the HNF transport group and helping out with the Forum's data gathering and analysis.

Sarah Butterworth is Assistant Head, Community Partnerships Director, Highgate School. Following a first career which saw Sarah based both in New York and London, leading challenging local and global projects in the marketing and communications sector, Sarah's second career took her back into education, where she had started out as an unqualified teacher straight out of university. She now leads Highgate School's Chrysalis project, providing engaging educational opportunities to pupils in over 40 schools across London and project manages the development of a new state sixth form in Tottenham. Sarah cycles up Highgate Hill every day from her home in Tufnell Park and has a long association with Highgate village, having spent time staying with close friends on Southwood Lane each year for the ten years before she moved back to London.

Chris Galley has lived in The Miltons with his family since 2013. He has been actively involved in the community since he joined the area, and, along with his wife, set up his road's Neighbourhood Watch as a way to get neighbours talking. As a father to a toddler, and with his wife expecting #2 in the summer, Chris is particularly excited to work with Haringey on the Parkland Walk playground. He is also keen to continue the HNF's work around Highgate air quality and traffic issues in the Miltons caused by the new Archway lay-out. Chris splits his time between looking after his daughter and being a statistician/sports analyst.

Antony Grossman is a solicitor with nearly 30 years' experience of real estate related work and a resident of Sheldon Avenue for the past 6 years having previously lived in the Hampstead Garden Suburb conservation area. He is a member of the Highgate CAAC and has had significant experience of dealing with Haringey Planning issues. He has been the chair of the Sheldon Avenue Tree and Amenity Sub-Committee and is a trustee of one of the largest social care charities in the country. Two of his children go to school in Highgate village.

Michael Hammerson is a Chartered Surveyor and qualified Archaeologist, and was Planning Policy Officer for the Civic Trust. He is a Vice-President of the Highgate Society, was Chairman of its Environment Committee for over 20 years and still writes the Committee's quarterly reports in its magazine, remains active on its Planning Group, and also monitors applications for works to trees. He has served on the Forum's Committee

since its inception, sitting on its groups looking at Planning and Open Space aspects of the Neighbourhood Plan. He carries out a long- term ecological survey in Highgate Wood, sits on the Hampstead Heath and Highgate Wood Consultative Committees, is a local historian, has produced a historical booklet for Highgate Wood and has recently published two local history books, on early photographs of Highgate and the earliest known collection of photographs of Hampstead Heath.

Ian Henghes is a visual communications specialist and was the founder of a Soho video facilities company. He has since headed an interactive design division, and been Producer of a wide range of projects especially in the heritage and arts sectors. Ian now primarily works in online (web) development, and enjoys a range of activities including photography and teaching children ICT and film skills. He is also a Trustee of the British Holistic Medical Association. Locally Ian is helping to shape the new Waterlow Park Committee, is active in The Highgate Society, and involved with Transition Highgate. Ian also currently serves on the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum committee, and has made the website as well as setting up questionnaires, preparing maps, and taking many photographs.

Andrea Horth has lived in Highgate for 22 years. An active participant in Highgate and St Michaels' school life, she lends her professional communication skills to producing websites for organisations such as Friends of the Highgate Bowl and local businesses. She is enthusiastic about regenerating the High Street, helping it to match the needs and aspirations of the Highgate community. Andrea is eager to support the work of Highgate Neighbourhood Forum in making the most of the amenities Highgate enjoys, both to improve residents' experience of living here and to attract visitors to the area.

Katherine Ives has worked in Highgate at Lauderdale House since 1998, where she is Director having guided the organisation through a £2.5million refurbishment. Over the years she has felt privileged to be part of the committed and active Highgate community. She has produced theatre and cabaret shows at Upstairs at the Gatehouse, has been involved with the Waterlow Park Trust Advisory Group since its inception and last year created the local 'Breakfast Network' of Highgate venues and organisations. Katherine started out as a solicitor in the City and West End, and having 'served' 8 years decided arts management was a more interesting career. She is on the Board of Pursued by a Bear Theatre Company and has recently stepped down from the board of Musical Theatre Network for whom she was a key player in obtaining regular funded Arts Council status. She is excited at the potential the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum offers for bringing together arts, cultural, educational and heritage organisations and local businesses to benefit Highgate and improve the lives of local people.

Maria Jennings has lived in Highgate for over twenty years with her family. A housing professional with a career in local government, she has a special interest in housing energy efficiency and conservation. She is a former Chair of Hornsey Housing Trust and former trustee of Camden Women's Aid. She is a member of Central Hornsey & District Allotment Society and has maintained a family allotment at the Shepherds Hill site for many years. Living within the Highgate Conservation Area she instigated and successfully applied for the Tree Preservation Orders to protect the Hornbeam, Beech and Horse Chestnut trees on the brow of Shepherds Hill that were under threat.

Maria Kramer has lived in Highgate for ten years. Maria was a partner and co-managed a medium size architecture practice for more than a decade before setting up her own studio. She is interested in public art and public space and has completed many projects highgateneighbourhoodforum.org.uk in this area. She teaches at Westminster University and does research on housing. She is also a proud allotment owner in the area.

Louise Lewis has lived in Highgate for over 10 years. She loves the area and the

atmosphere and is keen to preserve the best aspects and enhance it where she can. She is an active member of the Friends of Waterlow Park. She has led the Community and Social Group, arranging, the Christmas Shop Window Trail and meetings of the Pub Club. She has been involved in promoting cycling in the HNF area and has met up with cycling groups to get ideas. She is a member of Highgate CAAC. She has been involved with litter picks and guerrilla gardening. She was involved in producing the Neighbourhood Plan and is playing her part in organising the Referendum. If the Plan is adopted, she would like to continue her work preserving and enhancing the area and its community. She is particularly interested in Trees and Open Spaces.

Martin Narraway has lived on the Holly Lodge Estate for 23 years. A mostly retired Chartered Engineer, he spent much of his career associated with Africa, developing breweries and distilleries both in terms of hardware and operating practises. He is currently the Chair of the HLE CAAC and a member of the HLE Committee. He was sat on the HNF Committee since October 2014 and last year served as Vice Chair.

Neil Perkins is a qualified Accountant and Corporate Treasurer who has been involved with a variety of organisations including the set up of The National Lottery and, more recently, The Health Lottery. He has been the Forum's Treasurer since its inception, and has also sat on its Open Spaces action group. He has lived in Pond Square for 25 years and is Chairman of the Pond Square Residents' Association

Alicia Pivaro has lived in Highgate for over ten years. After training as an architect, she has spent the last 30 years working in the field of architecture and urbanism in several key roles at organisations including the Arts Council, RIBA and the Architecture Foundation and as an independent cultural producer and writer. Her career has focused on initiatives that engage the public in issues about the built environment and supporting community involvement, including Architecture Week. She is currently researching and an advocate for the importance of community-led regeneration and community gardens, teaching architecture at the University of Westminster and involved in local initiatives including the Forum, Made in Highgate, Friends of Highgate Bowl and St Michaels School outdoor learning strategy. She also works as an artist and photographer exploring the relationship between nature and the urban environment.

Allan Rapley After falling for Highgate some years ago he and his family moved into the area and established a live-in Veterinary Clinic in the High St. As a business owner and resident he is keen to see sustainable, considered development in N6, whilst retaining the character we all enjoy. He is a fervent protector of green open spaces and always looking to improve our environment.

Peter Walton has lived in Highgate for 73 years and his parents and grandparents lived here before him. He is one of 8 members of his family to have attended St Michael's Primary School. His career has been in teaching, then in the British Council, the BBC, and highgateneighbourhoodforum.org.uk now as an independent TV, radio, and audio-book producer. He has been involved in movements to protect and develop Highgate since playing a role in the action to stop the Archway Road becoming a motorway. He is a member of almost all the local amenity and support groups and especially the HLSI and the Highgate Society. His most recent intercessions have been on behalf of the Highgate Bowl and against the ugly gate erected on Pond Square. He is particularly keen on preserving and improving our open spaces, on limiting through traffic in the village, and on the regeneration of the High Street.

Richard Webber has lived in Highgate for 32 years, first in Highgate Avenue, then in Broadlands Road and now in Bisham Gardens, and has been involved in community affairs only for last ten of these. His longest standing campaign has been to persuade TfL

to relocate the terminus for the 271 bus. His main other contribution has been to write, illustrate and publish a series of ten booklets, each describing a self-guided walk in the area between Camden Town, Alexandra Palace and Hampstead Garden Suburb. This has been supplemented by a history of the Highgate Society, probably the most comprehensive and authoritative account of planning and transport issues in N6 over the past 50 years.

Appendix 2

Affiliated Organisations

Residents' associations

Bisham Gardens Residents Association
Brookfield Mansions Freehold Ltd
Cholmeley Lodge Residents Ltd
Cromwell Area Residents Association
Fitzroy Park Residents Association
Fordington Road Residents Association
Goldsmiths Court Residents Association
Highgate Residents Association (Highgate Estate)
Highpoint Management Board
Holly Lodge Estate Committee
Kingsley Place and Somerset Gardens Res Assoc
The Miltons Residents Association
Northwood Hall Residents Association
Pond Square Residents Association
Southwood House Estate Residents Company
Southwood Lane Residents Association
Southwood Park Residents Association
Summersby Road Residents Association
West Hill Park Management Co Ltd
Hillcrest Residents Association
Wembury Area Residents Association

Action groups and amenity societies

Fitzroy Park Allotments Association (Camden)
Friends of Highgate Library
Friends of Parkland Walk
Friends of Queens Wood
Friends of Waterlow Park
Harington Scheme
Highgate Allotments (Haringey)
Highgate Business Circle
Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee
Highgate Cemetery Trust
Highgate Choral Society
Highgate Literary and Scientific Association
Highgate Safer Neighbourhood Panel (Haringey)
The Highgate Society
Highgate Village Business Association
Holly Lodge Conservation Area Committee
Hornsey Historical Society
Kenwood Estate (English Heritage)
Kenwood Ladies' Pond Association
Transition Highgate
Waterlow Park Trust Advisory Group

Faith groups

Highgate Synagogue
Murugan Hindu Temple
St Michael's Church
United Reformed Church

Arts and community centres

Holly Lodge Community Centre
Jacksons Lane
Lauderdale House

Schools

Channing School
Highgate Primary School
Highgate School
St Michael's Primary School

Care homes and supported housing

Hill Homes Association
Mary Fielding Guild

