

Highgate Forum Re-Designation Application (15th January – 26th February 2018)

Consultation Statement

Where a respondent submitted the same comment to both Haringey and Camden Council's, that response has been logged once.

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1	Michael Hammerson	Please record this as my support for the re-designation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum for a further five years.	Support Noted
2	Claire McLean – Canals and Riverside Trust	Thank you for this recent consultation. I can confirm that as the Canal & River Trust has no land or waterspace within the Highgate area, we have no comments to make.	Noted
3	Tye Blackshaw	To whom it may concern, I am completely supportive of the proposal to redesignate the HNF as a Neighbourhood Forum, so that its members and volunteers can continue to work effectively for Highgate.	Support Noted
4	Gail Waldman	I support the re-application of the highgate Neighbourhood Forum.	Support Noted
5	Ruth Hazeldine	I wish to confirm that I regard it as essential that this important Forum continues in order to serve the interests of the residents of Haringey and of Highgate in particular. It has already done excellent work and I believe it is vital that it continues.	Support Noted
6	Susan Hall	I wish to submit my request that the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum be re-designated.	Support Noted

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7	Cara Jenkinson	<p>I would like to express my support for the HNF to be re-designated. The Forum has done great work in putting together the Neighbourhood Plan, and as a Highgate Society Council member and Highgate resident, I have every confidence in them.</p> <p>Membership is open to all in Highgate and the Forum is dedicated to improving the local area. The Forum has well over 21 members.</p>	Support Noted
8	Natural England	<p>Thank you for your email dated 15th January 2018 notifying Natural England of your Neighbourhood Planning Area.</p> <p>We would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources you may wish to use in developing your plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.</p> <p>Natural England's role</p> <p>Natural England is a non-departmental public body. Our statutory purpose is to ensure that the natural environment is conserved, enhanced, and managed for the benefit of present and future generations, thereby contributing to sustainable development. Your local planning authority should be able to advise you when we should be consulted further on your neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Planning policy for the natural environment</p>	Noted

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		<p>Neighbourhood plans present significant opportunities, but also potential risks, for the natural environment. Your proposals should be in line with the National Planning Policy Framework. The key principles are set out in paragraph 109: The planning system should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests and soils; <input type="checkbox"/> recognising the wider benefits of ecosystem services; <input type="checkbox"/> minimising impacts on biodiversity and providing net gains in biodiversity where possible, contributing to the Government's commitment to halt the overall decline in biodiversity, including by establishing coherent ecological networks that are more resilient to current and future pressures; 	
9	Highways England	<p>Thank you for your email dated 22 January 2018, advising Highways England of the above consultation.</p> <p>Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the SRN.</p>	Noted

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		<p>Within the area covered by the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum, there is no SRN. We have no objection to the redesignation of Highgate Neighbourhood Forum for a further five years. If you have any queries with our response, please do not hesitate to contact us.</p>	
10	Historic England	<p>Thank you for consulting Historic England in respect of the application to redesignate the Highgate Neighbourhood Development Forum.</p> <p>The Government through the Localism Act (2011) and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) has enabled local communities to take a more pro-active role in influencing how their neighbourhood is managed. The Regulations require Historic England, as a statutory agency, be consulted on Neighbourhood Plans where the Neighbourhood Forum or Parish Council consider our interest to be affected by the Plan. As Historic England remit is advice on proposals affecting the historic environment our comments relate to the implications of the proposal for designated and undesignated heritage assets.</p> <p>We are content for the Council to determine the redesignation of the Neighbourhood Forum, and acknowledge the considerable work that the Forum has undertaken in securing an adopted Neighbourhood Development Plan. The cross borough boundary of Highgate has enabled the application of common policies to help sustain and enhance the character and appearance of Highgates rich heritage and we therefore</p>	Noted

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		<p>consider the redesignation to be beneficial for the historic environment.</p> <p>If you wish to discuss any of the above observations please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	
11	Sabine Dembkowski	I am a resident of Highgate (24C Langdon Park Road) and impressed by the work of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. I am grateful for their dedication, thoughtfulness and time. I, therefore, support their re-designation.	Support Noted
12	Mark Blacklock	I am a resident of Haringey within the Highgate neighbourhood planning area and am writing to support the application of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum to be redesignated for a further five years. Since the Forum was established in 2012, it has done sterling work in consulting with residents and liaising with the Councils of Haringey and Camden to draw up the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan and help improve our area for the benefit of all who live here. I very much hope the Forum will be redesignated so it can carry on the good work.	Support Noted
13	Christopher Riley	<p>I would like to express my support of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum being re-designated.</p> <p>The continued good work of the Forum is an asset to Highgate and the Borough of Haringey.</p>	Support Noted
14	Adam Garfunkel	I want the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) re-designated as our neighbourhood forum.	Support Noted

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		<p>I am entirely satisfied that the HNF meets the legal tests for designation, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the HNF has indeed been set up for the express purpose of promoting or improving the environmental, economic and social wellbeing of the neighbourhood area - membership is open to all who live, work and carry out business within the area as well as elected members - there are definitely more than 21 eligible people who are members as well as elected members. <p>The work of the HNF is valuable and much needed and I support its work so far and wish it to continue to be our designated neighbourhood forum.</p>	
15	Natasha Sivanandan	<p>I write before the 26 February 2018 consultation deadline, to oppose the re-designation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum (HNF), which has applied to Haringey and Camden Councils to be formally re-designated as a neighbourhood forum. I am opposed to it because the HNF is not a representative body of the local area and very few people voted in the referendum on the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) in 2017. In addition, the HNP adopted in 2017, deliberately omits any provision for building social housing. It includes provision for affordable housing, (that is, up to 80% of market rates), which, given the extremely high prices in the Highgate area, are not affordable to many in Camden and Haringey and particularly black and ethnic minority people who tend to suffer both economic disadvantage and discrimination in</p>	<p>This application is for the redesignation of the Forum, and its scope is limited to the legal tests as to whether the Forum :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been set up for the express purpose of promoting or improving the environmental, economic and social wellbeing of the neighbourhood area • is open to all those who live, work and carry out business within the neighbourhood area as well as elected members • membership includes a minimum of 21 people who either live, work or carry out business within the neighbourhood area as well as elected members.

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		<p>housing, (Runnymede Trust, 16). The HNP therefore disproportionately disadvantages black and ethnic minority communities who are more likely to live in social housing. This policy is racially discriminatory contrary to the Equality Act 2010 because it is a policy which indirectly discriminates on the grounds of race or national or ethnic origin and is unlawful. For these reasons, I oppose the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum being re-designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for another five years.</p> <p>In addition, I would like to know if the two local Councils, carried out an Equality Impact Assessment on the 2017 HNP.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reasonable efforts have been made to secure a varied representative membership <p>Therefore the content of the Neighbourhood Plan and the omission of a social housing requirement is not relevant to the assessment of this application. It should be noted however that the Neighbourhood Plan was subject to several rounds of consultation, was the subject of examination and found sound and legally compliant by an Independent Planning Inspector, and was then subject to a referendum, for which 88% of those who cast a vote wished the plan to be adopted.</p> <p>The Councils are satisfied that the membership of the Forum is open and accessible to all residents and businesses in the area, and the evidence submitted shows that there is a broad membership base, which is representative of the population in the area. The Forum have demonstrated that they have made efforts to engage various groups and different sections of the community. There is no other evidence presented to demonstrate that this is not the case. A low turnout in a local referendum on a neighbourhood plan is not a reason to refuse re-designation.</p> <p>An EqiA was carried out on the Neighbourhood Plan.</p>

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16	Simon Pilling	I write in support of the application for redesignation by the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. Having followed the forum's work since its inception I believe that it satisfies the legal requirements/expectations of such a body, and has done good work for the community.	Support Noted
17	Susan Rose Chair of Highgate CAAC	Highgate CAAC wishes strongly to support the re-registration of the HNF. It has worked successfully to produce a neighbourhood plan and has fostered a much stronger sense of Community in the area. This is particularly necessary since the HNF area crosses the boundary with Haringey. A well-run body which covers the whole of the N6 district has particular local value.	Support Noted
18	Janice Morgan	Best thing that happened for Highgate to get Camden and Haringey working together and to know what we want to do in next 10 Years. Definitely support resignation	Support Noted
19	Christina Nolan	I support the redesignation Of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. They have done excellent work over their first five years, and their efforts to unify the Highgate area and enable a cross - borough approach to planning and other community issues is ground-breaking.	Support Noted
20	Barbara and Keith Smith	We are in support of the continuance of the Highgate Neighbourhood forum.	Support Noted
21	Phil Vasili	As a Camden resident I fully support The Highgate Neighbourhood Forum application to Haringey and Camden Councils to be formally re-designated as a neighbourhood forum , in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) and the Neighbourhood Planning regulations.	Support Noted

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22	William Britain	I'm responding to the redesignation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum (HNF). I very much support this. Given the cross border nature of Highgate split between Camden and Haringey the HNF plays a particularly useful role.	Support Noted
23	Harley Atkinson and Robbie Hill	We support the redesignation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum.	Support Noted
24	Siri Zanelli	I love in Highgate N6 and would like to express my support of the Nighbourhood Forum, I hope it continues to focus on Highate's issues across the council boundaries.	Support Noted
25	Anthony Baker	I support strongly the re-designation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. It meets all the legal tests, and in particular the Neighbourhood Plan is an impressive document which should continue to be taken into account in all planning decisions affecting Highgate.	Support Noted
26	Lawrence Simanowitz	This email is in response to the consultation about the re-designation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum. As a resident of Haringey, living on the boundaries of Highgate, I support the redesignation of this forum. It plays a much needed role in the community, enabling consultation and participation in important decisions about the future of the area. It has done an excellent job in the past, and there is still much to do, which is why we need it to be redesigned.	Support Noted

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27	Noel Park Labour Party Branch	<p>As a result of a motion passed at our last meeting, I write on behalf of Noel Park Labour Party branch before the 26 February 2018 consultation deadline, to oppose the re-designation of the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum (HNF), which has applied to Haringey and Camden Councils to be formally re-designated as a neighbourhood forum.</p> <p>The branch voted to oppose it because the HNF is not a representative body of the local area and very few people voted in the referendum on the Highgate Neighbourhood Plan (HNP) in 2017. In addition, the HNP adopted in 2017 deliberately omits any provision for building social housing. It includes provision for affordable housing, (that is, up to 80% of market rates), which, given the extremely high prices in the Highgate area, are not affordable to many in Camden and Haringey and particularly black and ethnic minority people who tend to suffer from poverty, economic disadvantage and discrimination in housing, (Runnymede Trust, 16). The HNP therefore disproportionately disadvantages black and ethnic minority communities who are more likely to live in social housing. This policy is racially discriminatory contrary to the Equality Act 2010 because it is a policy which indirectly discriminates on the grounds of race or national or ethnic origin and is unlawful. For these reasons, the branch opposes the Highgate Neighbourhood Forum being re-designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for another five years.</p>	<p>This application is for the redesignation of the Forum, and its scope is limited to the legal tests as to whether the Forum :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been set up for the express purpose of promoting or improving the environmental, economic and social wellbeing of the neighbourhood area • is open to all those who live, work and carry out business within the neighbourhood area as well as elected members • membership includes a minimum of 21 people who either live, work or carry out business within the neighbourhood area as well as elected members. • Reasonable efforts have been made to secure a varied representative membership <p>Therefore the content of the Neighbourhood Plan and the omission of a social housing requirement is not relevant to the assessment of this application. It should be noted however that the Neighbourhood Plan was subject to several rounds of consultation, was the subject of examination and found sound and legally compliant by an Independent Planning Inspector, and was then subject to a referendum, for which 88% of those who cast a vote wished the plan to be adopted.</p> <p>The Councils are satisfied that the membership</p>

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28	Peter and Mary Holtby	We wish to register our support for the <u>Re-designation of Highgate Neighbourhood Forum</u>	Support Noted