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25/11/21

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Dear Ms Reid,

Re: Statement about Formation of new forum and a new Neighbourhood Area– West Holland Park Forum

A) Statement of how the West Holland Park Neighbourhood Forum meets the conditions contained in section 61F of the Act

It is stated in our Constitution – see attached that the express purpose [of the NF] is to promote or improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the neighbourhood, but this is better illustrated by a more in-depth explanation of the activities of our members reflecting the character of the area as follows:

Economic Wellbeing

Roads - flooding

In our area Upper Addison Gardens became unpassable due to surface flooding in heavy rain this year as the sewer water surged up through the street gullies and flooded the houses in Upper Addison Gardens. We have written to CEO of Ofwat, RBKC Flood Officer- Patricia Cuervo, RBKC MP- Felicity Buchan and copied in countless others including Jonathan Wade requesting an urgent review of why Counters Creek Flood Alleviation Tunnel was cancelled. We are continuing to Lobby all parties to find the final solution to prevent West Holland Park flooding ever again as we have done since 2007, thereby keeping the roads useable and the Economy moving. We think this example illustrates our promotion and shows how our actions contribute to improving the economic well being of the area.

Social Wellbeing

Social Housing

We have recommended in an e mail dated 6th April 2021 to deputy leader of RBKC, Kim Taylor-Smith that 2 social housing units (8 & 12 Hansard Mews, W14) that RBKC was unaware that it owned and has not been used for the last 10 years be brought back into service, which he is looking into

"We are currently going out to tender to bring them back into service " KTS

A Hansard Mews resident had to produce a Land Registry Certificate proving RBKC owned 12 Hansard Mews as the property was being used as a Crack Den before RBKC took finally understood RBKC owned it and boarded it up years ago and it remains boarded up to this day.

Our members continue to protect by visual monitoring by physical observation and in the case of our Vice Chairman, Nick Tubbs Private CCTV Monitoring these properties from illegal occupation, drug dealing, drug use, graffiti and anti- social behavior and reporting breaches to the appropriate parties including the Metropolitan Police, RBKC Housing & RBKC Graffiti.

We think this example illustrates our promotion and shows how it improves the Social Wellbeing of the area.

Leisure

We have submitted a Local Green Space application for the Local Plan to RBKC to Protect our local green from Development for housing which is used for recreation (walking for elderly and infirm, bicycle riding, bird watching and dog walking). We think this example illustrates our promotion and shows how it improves the Social Wellbeing of the area.

Public Safety

Crime reduction with a co-operative approach of the union of the streets within the neighbourhood area and the Metropolitan Police including private CCTV in Hansard Mews in both directions frequently used by Police to monitor crime paid for by our Vice Chairman who's company office is in Hansard Mews. Our members provide a local private neighbourhood watch network covering Elsham Road to keep crime drug dealing down.

We think this example illustrates our promotion and shows how it improves the Social Wellbeing of the area.

Environmental Wellbeing

Air Quality

We have asked one of our Councillor's, Cllr Charles O'Connor to increase the number of trees by suggesting Holland Road be lined with Trees He arranged a public consultation on it, this would increase Air Quality.

We have submitted a Local Green Space Application in the Public Consultation for the Draft Local Plan to protect the air quality by stopping the development of housing on our local green thereby preventing the reduction of density of trees and plants on the green. The Forum is a member of Open Spaces Society, and its committee members are members of the Kensington Society and Norland Conservation Society. Jonathan Wade has confirmed receipt.

We have got agreement from Terry Oliver RBKC Director for Cleaner, Greener and Cultural Services for funds to be made available to enhance the green which could include building a planter on roadside of the green forming a green screen which could increase Air Quality. Please find attached a petition to put a planter on the green north of Hansard Mews signed by 200 approx. residents and rate payers dated 2019.

We think these examples illustrates our promotion and shows how it improves the Environmental Wellbeing of the area.

Biodiversity

We have submitted a Local Green Space application for the Local Plan to RBKC to Protect our local green from Development for housing and therefore protect existing Biodiversity by protecting the wildflowers and flowering magnolia trees from being removed by Development and allowing the bees and other pollinators to continue pollinating the plants on the green and designated green corridor located beside the green.

We think this example illustrates our promotion and shows how it improves the Environmental Wellbeing of the area.

B) Its membership is open to:

i) individuals who live in the neighbourhood area concerned

Our members and Committee members are made up from the residential streets within our Neighbourhood Area Map, – see below list

Our members are from all the streets in the Neighbourhood Area Map from Commercial and Residential, some are private owners, and some are social rented

Please see below Committee Members names and addresses

Mr Dominic Woods 29 Lower Addison Gardens, W14 8DQ (Chairman)
Mr Nicholas Tubbs [REDACTED] (Vice Chairman)
Paul Irving [REDACTED]
Rosamond Rose [REDACTED]
Bella Pollen [REDACTED] Secretary)
Ann Gylman, [REDACTED]
Chris Bown [REDACTED]
Benjamin Pearce-Higgins [REDACTED]
Raj Jagdev [REDACTED]
Francesco Chiarini [REDACTED]
Yeran Chiarini [REDACTED]
Jennie Boyce [REDACTED]
Halina Harbuz [REDACTED]
Rachel Attwell [REDACTED]
Valerie Lockey [REDACTED]
Lorna Parker [REDACTED] Treasurer)
Francesca Livingstone [REDACTED]
Bibi Flynn [REDACTED]
Alex Fish [REDACTED]
Kate Quill [REDACTED]
Chanan Lall [REDACTED]
Anna Kordys [REDACTED]

ii) individuals who work there:

Our members and Committee members are made up from the office street within our Neighbourhood Area Map, indeed 2 of our Hansard Mews members including our Vice Chairman, Nick Tubbs are in Offices in Hansard Mews.

iii) individuals who are elected members of a London Borough Council

Our Ward Councilors Cllr Charles O'Connor, Cllr Jonny Thalassites and Aarian Areti have all been invited

C) Its membership includes more than 21 individuals each of whom live or work in the area or an elected representative.

Please see list above.

The West Holland Park Forum has more than 21 Committee Members, a Chairman (Dominic Woods), a Vice-Chairman (Nick Tubbs), Secretary (Bella Pollen) and Treasurer

(Lorna Parker). Its membership varies between Approx 200 (pre pandemic) and currently is about 80. All Committee members live or work in the Neighbourhood Area.

Statement explaining why the area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area

The area boundaries were selected using infrastructure of a major road to the North, railway line to the West and waterway to the East as follows:

The boundaries of the Neighbourhood Area have developed over a long period from the 2007 floods and the 2010 Holland Road Flood Alleviation Scheme.

There is a natural boundary of the railway line to the West. There is a natural boundary of a major Road of Holland Park Avenue to the North. There is a natural boundary of a buried river (Counters Creek) to the East. The buried river and railway join close together at Russell Gardens being the end of Elsham Road to the South.

The West Holland Park Neighbourhood Forum is/ will be the “relevant body”.

The map

Chris Turner of RBKC did a map of our area - see attached.

Contact details

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Please accept this statement and confirm acceptance that RBKC accepts we are a Forum and a Neighbourhood Area.

We look forward to your earliest response.

Regards,

Dominic Woods

Chairman