

# Hyde Park Paddington

## Neighbourhood Forum Application Form: Hyde Park and Paddington

Statements to comply with section 8 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012

### 1. Name of the proposed neighbourhood forum:

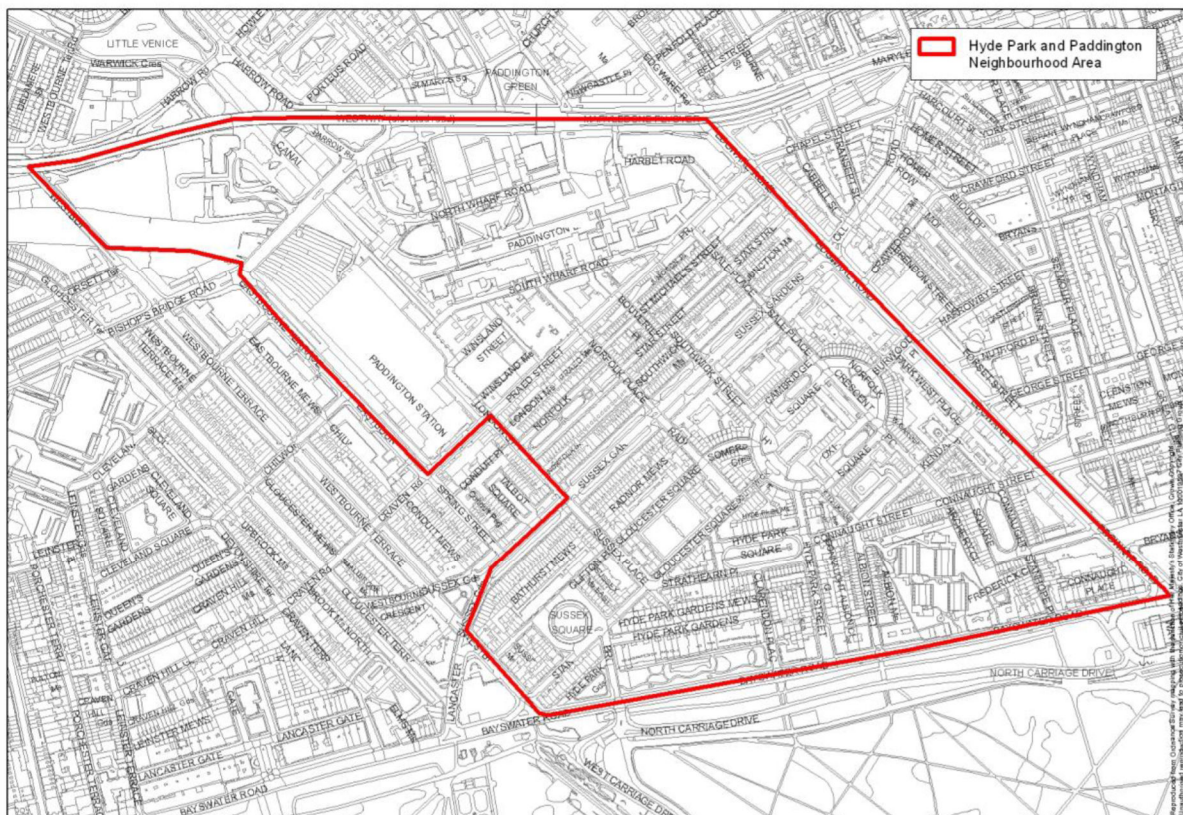
Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum

### 2. Written constitution:

See accompanying attachment.

### 3. Name of designated Neighbourhood Area

“Hyde Park and Paddington” and the area is identified by the boundaries in the designation notice of City of Westminster – see below:



#### 4. Contacts for proposed Neighbourhood Forum:

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#### 5. Authority to act on behalf of a neighbourhood area:

*Statement of compliance with section 61F(5) of the 1990 Act*

##### **Purpose, aims and aspirations**

The proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum will represent businesses, residents, organisations and elected members based in the local area. This area, the “Hyde Park and Paddington” business area has been designated by Westminster City Council (WCC) and is not governed by a parish council.

Formed in response to the Localism Act, the Neighbourhood Forum will seek to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of those living, doing business in and working in Hyde Park and Paddington. It shall address issues of local concern, including (but not limited to) the preservation and improvement of Hyde Park and Paddington (its environment, appearance, safety, security and amenities) and high standards of town planning, urban design and architecture.

The Neighbourhood Forum aims to give a voice to residents and representatives of businesses and organisations of the Neighbourhood and to reflect their aspirations and concerns, to promote Hyde Park and Paddington and, in collaboration with the City of Westminster and with other relevant organisations and individuals, to work to sustain and improve the area’s economy and environment and the quality of life and amenity of its residents, businesses and visitors.

By combining the forces of residents and representatives of businesses and organisations in the area, the Forum has a commitment to shape the vision for the future regeneration of this historic quarter of London and ensure it maintains its status as a prime location in the heart of Westminster.

The Forum will work within six key themes of: **transport, environment, culture, promotion, investment and partnership**. It will seek to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which:

- creates a “sense of place” while balancing the interests of the Paddington Opportunity Area with those of long-established communities (including the residential areas south of Praed Street and the important retail and leisure hubs of Praed Street, Edgware Road and Connaught Village);
- maximises the opportunities arising from transport enhancements. Paddington mainline and tube stations and soon the Elizabeth Line, provide a key transport hub for business and leisure travellers. The rail link with Heathrow airport affords Paddington an international status. The Neighbourhood Forum will provide a combined voice to embrace and respond to proposals that seek to enhance local accessibility and permeability, whilst protecting the area’s rich heritage;

- builds on the long standing close relationships between the resident amenity society (HPEA), the Church Commissioners, the metropolitan police, and the Royal Parks and business groups including Paddington Partnership, PaddingtonNow BID and the newly established Marble Arch BID, to promote the Hyde Park and Paddington area. Effective engagement with other key organisations in the area will be critical to developing the Plan. The Forum will consult with neighbouring amenity groups and organisations as appropriate in developing its Neighbourhood Plan and in responding to their own plans;
- addresses priorities highlighted by our membership to date, including improvements to the public realm, Praed Street, measures to deal with air quality and reducing anti-social behaviour.

The Forum will seek to influence planning and development in the Hyde Park and Paddington area in a positive and constructive manner.

A shadow steering group has been established to take all steps necessary to establish a Neighbourhood Forum (including drafting a constitution, promoting and consulting membership). It includes a mix of residents, businesses, developers, commercial concerns and organisations in the area. This group has consulted widely with the membership to gain support for this application to establish a Neighbourhood Forum.

The website and email are the primary means of communication for the Forum. The website provides details on how to join the forum, meeting notices, agendas and minutes, a poll to help identify priorities for the forum to consider and ancillary documents, including the constitution.

Two open community engagement meetings have been held to date, on 22 March and 22 June 2016, which included business and residential interests, both of which were publicised widely in the area including by email, flyers and local noticeboards.

Further information on how the Forum will be governed and operated is set out in the attached constitution document.

## **Membership**

The Neighbourhood Forum will encourage and actively seek as wide a representation of the local business and residential community as possible to represent as far as is realistic the range of people, organisations and businesses in the Neighbourhood.

Membership of the Neighbourhood Forum is open to:

- A. Residents who live in the neighbourhood;
- B. Representatives of businesses or organisations who operate from within the neighbourhood;
- C. Persons or organisations who own land or property in the neighbourhood, or their representatives or agents;
- D. Representatives from PaddingtonNow BID and Marble Arch BID.

Ward Councillors may also become members.

At the time of submission of this application, the proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum has 76 members, being 47 residential, 29 business representatives. The Resident Members represent different sub-neighbourhoods in the area and types of dwelling and include amenity group and community representatives. The Business Members represent the types

and sizes of commercial concerns and organisations who are based in or operate within the area. Please see accompanying list of current membership.

At our meeting held on 22 June 2016, the resolution to proceed with this application to the City of Westminster received unanimous support.

We strongly believe that establishing this Neighbourhood Forum will promote and enhance the economic and environmental well-being of those living in, doing business in and working in Hyde Park and Paddington.

We would like to invite Westminster City Council to designate our proposed Forum as the representative Neighbourhood Forum for the Hyde Park and Paddington business area.

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