

# **THE LONDON FORUM**

## of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988  
Charity Registered Number 1093134



# **30th ANNUAL REPORT**

## **2017 - 2018**



# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2018**

Notice is given to members that the

**AGM of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies**

will be held on

**Tuesday 30th October 2018, 6pm for 6.30pm**

at

**The Gallery**

**Alan Baxter and Associates,**

70 Cowcross Street, London, (near Farringdon Station), EC1M 6EL

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome and introduction**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM of Tuesday 12th October 2017**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Financial Report**
- 5. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2017-18**
- 6. Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner**
- 7. Election of Officers and Trustees**
- 8. Any Other Business**

**After the AGM there will be drinks and light refreshments  
followed by**

**A presentation of the results of the  
2018 survey of members**

**and discussion of the implications of the survey results  
and the future work of London Forum on behalf on members**

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

#### Constitution

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies is an unincorporated association founded in 1988 and registered as a charity in 2002. It is governed by a constitution last revised in 2008. The aim of the organisation is the protection and improvement of the quality of life of people living, working in or visiting the area of Greater London. The objects of the London Forum can be summarised as the promotion and encouragement of:

1. High standards of planning, design, infrastructure and transport;
2. Conservation and heritage protection;
3. Improvement to the built environment, open spaces, waterways and amenities;
4. Knowledge of, and interest in, the aims of the London Forum by members, Non-Government Organisations and others;
5. Civic pride and community involvement;
6. Sustainable development.

Activities of the London Forum are summarised on page 24 of this report.

#### Organisation structure

The London Forum is administered by the Executive Committee of up to 15 trustees, which meets every two months. The trustees are elected at the Annual General Meeting by the voting members of the London Forum, which are amenity and civic societies in the Greater London area. Matters of detail are delegated to the Planning and Transport Committee, which reports to the Executive Committee. All the work of the London Forum is carried out by volunteers.

#### *Review of the year ended 30 June 2018*

Throughout the year the London Forum has continued to work steadily to support and inform its member societies; to keep the Mayor and the Greater London Assembly in no doubt of the central importance of the civic society movement; and to bring the special position and needs of London to the notice of the Government and of Members of Parliament.

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London Forum continues its focus on how London's environment can be improved for all its citizens, and how development can be made sustainable, taking into account London's needs for the right types of homes in the right places, without adverse impact on the locality.

### **Committee and Officers**

During the year the Forum recorded with great sadness the deaths of two key trustees, Derek Chandler and David Lewis. Their enormous contribution to the Forum's work has been recorded in the Newsforum. Bill Linskey (Membership Secretary) stepped down earlier in the year and Tony Allen (Treasurer) is retiring. Helen Marcus will retire as a trustee after 25 years of service to the London Forum. She has kindly offered to oversee production of the Newsforum in the short term until a new editor can be found. We thank them for their valuable contributions.

Approved as additional trustees at the 2017 AGM were Andrew Bosi of the Islington Society and John Myers of the Camden Civic Society. Oliver Bennett of the Wimbledon Society and Paul Thornton of the Amwell Society were subsequently co-opted on to the Executive committee. All are warmly welcomed. We have been most fortunate that John Myers took on Derek's role as Hon. Secretary, and Paul Thornton has become the new Membership Secretary; both have already made valuable and significant contributions to the work of the committee. 2018/9 will be embarked on with confidence. More volunteers as trustees and as members of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee would be much welcomed.

### **Government and legislation**

The spate of legislation on planning and housing seems, thankfully, to have come to an end, as other matters take centre stage, though provisions of last year's legislation are still being brought into force in phases. But the National Planning Policy Framework, which was first promulgated in 2012, was revised in the first half of 2018. The Forum regarded the consultation draft as a missed opportunity to produce a vision for the next decade, discussed its ideas with senior officials in the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and made a large number of suggestions for improvement. However, though the draft was tidied up and minor improvements made, the 2018 NPPF is still recognisably the 2012 one.

With a relatively new Housing Minister and a new Secretary of State, we are watching for further potential change in the area, including the Government's intentions about allowing upward extensions.

The review of build out rates by Sir Oliver Letwin issued its interim report, noting that division of sites among different tenures might increase build-out rates.

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The Forum has been doing as much as it can to keep in touch with Ministers (Ministers of Housing have been changing with bewildering rapidity) and Members of Parliament, through direct approaches and co-operation with Select Committees and with All-Party Parliamentary Groups. But there has been little activity during the year by Select Committees in our field except the CLG Committee and although All-Party Parliamentary Groups enable information and ideas to be shared, they are of limited value because a disappointingly small number of MPs actually attend.

Although there have been few new deregulatory measures during the year, the Government has not abandoned its damaging policy of allowing conversions of offices etc. to residential without any planning control; it has however grudgingly permitted local planning authorities to reinstate some control through Article 4 Directions, and the Forum is encouraging London boroughs to make use of this.

### The Mayor and Assembly

There has been much more activity on this front. After a number of useful consultation meetings in which the Forum played a full part Sadiq Khan produced a draft new London Plan which was significantly different from those of his predecessors. GLA workshops on each part were made available to the Forum's members. The timetable for comments was tight, and the Forum's Chairman and Mr Bach worked very hard with colleagues in January and February to prepare a large number of comments, amendments and proposed improvements.

The Mayor's team have produced a schedule of suggested minor changes to the draft London Plan which took better account of the responses received than had previous Mayors to responses on their draft plans. Discussion on all the important matters awaits the Examination in Public early in 2019. This is likely to be a difficult operation, because several of the features of the draft new plan are bound to be controversial - for instance, the increase in the requirement for new homes with intensified land usage, especially in the outer boroughs, and the abandonment of the previous density matrix and its replacement by a reliance on design.

Other features of the draft new plan, however, are more welcome, like the Mayor's insistence on more affordable homes - though that is leading him to overrule some refusals of planning permissions by boroughs. The current threshold at 35% for fast tracking of planning applications is too low.

Many of the Forum's concerns centre on whether the proposals in the plan can be delivered, particularly the large increase in the new housing requirement allocated to boroughs, and on what measures are needed to meet its aims and targets.

The Mayor produced also a number of Strategies - on Housing, Environment, Transport etc, on which the Forum has commented.

The Forum has established good relations with the committees of the Assembly, and contributes constructively to their scrutinies.

The Forum has continued to be concerned that the Mayor's Development

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Corporations, particularly that for Old Oak Common, can act outside democratic planning controls, and do not carry the community with them. Similar concerns apply to the planning for Opportunity Areas. The Chairman has continued to work with local residents' groups to counteract this.

The Forum was disappointed that the Mayor's attempts to improve Oxford Street for all have been blocked by Westminster Council. We had some concerns about the adverse impact on bus services, but this does not seem to have weighed heavily with the City of Westminster. It remains open to some change, and we hope that a way forward will be found. We welcomed, however, the abandonment of the misconceived Garden Bridge scheme.

Initiatives by the Mayor in the interests of walkers and cyclists have been generally welcomed, but the Forum is concerned that the Mayor does not always recognise that their interests sometimes conflict with each other and with those of bus throughput. The Forum has responded to several consultations relating to bus services.

### **Borough Councils**

There has been a proliferation of applications to install telephone kiosks on the pavement in areas where there is heavy footfall. The motive for this is less the provision of a public service (for most people use mobile phones rather than fixed installations) than to take advantage of the ease of getting permission for advertising panels if there is a telephone attached. Shopping streets in central London boroughs have been the especial focus of these applications. Where boroughs have felt able to refuse in the interests of reducing clutter and of public safety there have been numerous appeals. The Forum is encouraging all boroughs to keep these installations to a minimum.

The Forum has supported the efforts of member societies to curb the growing number of cases where borough councils, in the understandable pursuit of income in these straitened times, have allowed parts of parks, which should be for the use and enjoyment of everyone, to be used exclusively by commercial organisations.

The Forum is becoming concerned at the threats to London's town centres from, among other things, the growing preference of consumers to buy online and the increases in business rates. Borough Councils must address this.

### **Consultations**

Responses were made to many consultations by the Government, the Mayor, and Transport for London. As well as those mentioned elsewhere in this report the Forum made submissions to the Joint Committees on air pollution, to the paper 'Planning for the Right Homes in the Right Places', and to the Transport for London Ultra Low Emissions Zone consultation. These can be found in the 'What we've said' page of

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the LF web site. Contributions by member societies to the Forum's consultation responses are appreciated.

### Transport

Andrew Bosi and others have kept a close watch on what is happening and is being proposed in this area, which is of vital importance to Londoners.

The financing of Transport for London is of growing concern, and the Forum is making constructive suggestions.

Although we welcome the encouragement of cycling, we are concerned that making a significant part of main roads for the exclusive use of cyclists is inimical to the interests of buses and bus passengers.

We are not happy at the way in which High Speed 2 is being steamrolled through, and at the felling of mature trees near Euston, without proper consideration of the Old Oak Common alternative and the adverse impact on Ruislip.

Despite the cogent arguments against it which the Forum and others produced the Government announced its decision to permit a third runway at Heathrow. It remains to be seen how this decision will weather the inevitable challenges.

The Forum has sought the best route for the Bakerloo line extension, and the result of the consultation has been satisfactory. Piccadilly Line refurbishment has slipped again in timescale. Action has been sought, including by members, to reduce noise from the Underground, a lot of which was introduced by the replacement of wooden sleepers under rails by concrete ones.

Concern has been expressed at delay in completing the electrification of the Overground from Gospel Oak.

### Member Societies

We have warmly welcomed several new members in the past year: Barnet Residents Association, Brentford Community Council, Docklands History Group, Sutton Civic Society, Hadley Wood Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Positive Plumstead.

The London Forum is particularly grateful for the extra donations which many member societies continue to make in addition to their membership fees. (see Finance Report page 12)

The London Forum exists for the benefit of its member societies, and strives always to represent their interests and to communicate with them. The thrice-yearly production of Newsforum, bulletins by email, regular Open Meetings, the Forum's website and the Chairman's use of Twitter are basic to this. This year we have again conducted a Survey to establish what are members' priorities. Over half

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of societies replied and much useful information was produced. There will be a discussion after the AGM on 30th October on the survey results and they will be followed up in 2018/19.

The Chairman and Michael Bach are frequently invited to attend meetings of member societies, and speak. This is a valuable way of establishing two-way communication.

Updates from London Forum Associates, and other organisations of London-wide significance, are regularly sent to members. The website is being constantly improved and the difficulties experienced with the membership database have largely been overcome. Subscriptions for 2018 came in timeously; the co-operation of member societies in this is much appreciated. In the fairly near future it will however be desirable to bring the database and website up-to-date.

Newsforum is widely read and well received. Important articles in 2017/18 included ones about the new data protection requirements, the London Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework, parks, airport expansion, local authority deals with the private sector, conservation areas, Chislehurst commons, affordable homes, tall buildings, and High Speed 2. Its sections on member activities continue to tell all member societies what individual societies are doing - their problems and successes – to support networking.

Access to Planning in London magazine, an essential source of information, continues to be provided to members, as the Forum pays a group subscription.

### Open meetings

The Forum continues to hold open meetings to which member societies are invited and other interested people may attend. These are made as topical as possible, and sometimes therefore only short notice of them can be given and occasionally may even have to be cancelled because of the unavailability of speakers. Reports of open meetings are usually to be found in Newsforum.

In September Dominic Curran, Senior Housing Policy Officer at the Greater London Authority, came to discuss the Mayor's new draft Housing Strategy, which had been published the previous day.

At the AGM in November 2017, Tony Travers, Patron of the London Forum, gave a thought provoking and stimulating talk ranging over past and possible future developments in politics, planning, demographics and housing.

In January 2018 Darren Richards and six colleagues from the Greater London Authority came to discuss the Mayor's new draft London Plan and to answer members' questions. There was a lively discussion on various topics, including the removal of the density matrix, Opportunity Areas and the outer suburbs.

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In April 2018 there was a discussion of trees, green spaces and biodiversity with John Parker, Chair of the London Tree Officers' Association, John Massini of the GLA and Tony Leach, Chief Executive of Parks for London.

In May 2018 members heard from Councillor Champion of Islington Council, Andrew Richmond of the Greater London Authority and Bruce Bratley of First Mile, about waste and recycling.

### **London Forum collaboration with other bodies**

The Forum has continued to keep and strengthen its links with a wide range of other organisations such as Urban Design London, the Royal Town Planning Institute, the Campaign for Better Transport, Generation Rent, the London Tenants Federation, the London Planning and Development Forum, CPRE (London), Just Space, London Friends of Green Spaces Network, Heritage Alliance, Living Streets, New London Architecture, the Centre for London, Future for London, and Reclaim London. We each recognise that our remits are different, and we may not always agree on priorities.

Work has been done with HTA and the President of the RIBA, Ben Derbyshire, on 'Supurbia', a methodology for ways of achieving better use of land in outer London. The Forum is co-operating with the Town and Country Planning Association's review of the planning system, which the Association is concerned may no longer be fit for purpose. It has published an initial report from its full review, the Raynsford Review of Planning.

London Councils has been supported in its call for more powers and financial devolution to London and its boroughs that would enable them to build more affordable homes. The recommendations for that by London Forum's Patron, Tony Travers of the LSE, in the Finance Commission's recommendations to Government have been largely ignored.

The Forum is a paid up member of the National Planning Forum, thus keeping in touch with an extensive range of information and contacts throughout the country. The Chairman is a member of the New London Sounding Board comprising architects, developers, consultants and boroughs, which discusses key issues for the capital and seeks appropriate action. Working with these organisations helps the Forum to influence opinion formers.

Meetings of the regional representatives of Civic Voice were hosted by the Forum but continue now in Civic Voice's new Birmingham offices. The Forum continues to work closely with Civic Voice and to identify and pursue common issues.

Protection of the heritage, especially conservation areas and the many listed and locally listed buildings in London, is of fundamental concern to the Forum, its members and Historic England. Reduction in urban design and conservation

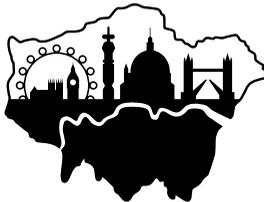
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resources in boroughs is a serious problem.

We have good links with Heritage Alliance, are represented on its Planning Group, and had a meeting recently with its Chief Executive to discuss how we can work together. We also have close links with Historic England, of which Rosemarie MacQueen is a Commissioner, and have a place on its London Historic Environment Forum.

### **Appreciation for Alan Baxter**

London Forum warmly thanks Alan Baxter and Associates for their invaluable support in generously providing office and meeting space, facilities, and valuable networking opportunities with other organizations, and for their continuing close interest in the Forum's work and wellbeing.



### ***Finances for the year to 30 June 2018***

Gross income for the year was £4,232. The increase over 2017 was driven entirely by higher subscription income (£4,019) resulting from a successful drive to reverse recent years of falling membership. This means that we once again have more than 100 active members of the Forum. We are grateful to the six societies who made additional donations totaling £198 to the Forum this year.

Bank interest remained low throughout the year, so that the real value of our reserves continues to fall.

Expenses for the year were £2,316.

The net financial outcome for the year was a surplus of £1,916.

The balance sheet of the London Forum at 30 June 2018 show total net assets of £32,371, almost wholly represented by cash and deposits.

### **Risk management**

The major risks to which the London Forum is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are reviewed regularly, and the trustees are satisfied that suitable action is being taken to manage those risks. We continue to maintain appropriate public liability and other insurance cover.

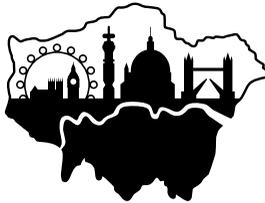
### **Statement of the executive committee's responsibilities for financial statements**

Charity law requires the Executive Committee to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the London Forum and of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Committee is required to select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently, make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent, and prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the London Forum will continue in business. The Executive Committee has responsibility for maintaining proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of the London Forum and

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enable it to ensure that the financial statements comply with charity regulations. It also has responsibility for safeguarding the assets of the London Forum and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

On behalf of the Executive Committee  
P. Eversden  
Chairman  
14 September 2018



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### The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

#### Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2018

	Note	2018 £	2017 £
Incoming resources			
Income resources from generated funds			
Subscription income		4,019	2,981
Donations		198	216
Investment income – deposit interest		15	57
Total incoming resources		<u>4,232</u>	<u>3,254</u>
Resources expended			
Cost of charitable activities			
Newsletters		944	1,051
Public meetings and events		0	0
Support costs		1,372	965
Total resources expended	2	<u>2,316</u>	<u>2,016</u>
Net incoming resources for the year		<u>1,916</u>	<u>1,238</u>
General fund at beginning of year		30,455	29,217
General fund at end of year		<u>32,371</u>	<u>30,455</u>

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### The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

#### Balance Sheet at 30 June 2018

		2018	2017
		£	£
Fixed assets – tangible assets	Note 4	0	0
Current assets			
Investments – bank deposits		24,003	23,199
Cash at bank and in hand		8,445	7,298
		<u>32,448</u>	<u>30,497</u>
Current liabilities – amounts falling due within 1 year			
Creditors & accruals		<u>77</u>	<u>42</u>
Net current assets		32,371	30,455
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>32,371</u>	<u>30,455</u>
Funds			
General fund	5	<u>32,371</u>	<u>30,455</u>

Approved by the trustees on 14 September 2018  
and signed on their behalf by

P. Eversden – Chairman  
A.S.Allen – Hon Treasurer

### Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2018

#### 1. Accounting policies

##### *a. Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. They have been prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards (including the Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities published in March 2005) and on a going concern basis. The London Forum is an unincorporated association founded in 1988 and became a charity in July 2002.

##### *b. Income and expenditure*

Income for the year is brought into the financial statements when received or when there is certainty of receipt. Income received in advance is carried forward. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The Statement of Recommended Practice on Accounting by Charities requires that costs be allocated between direct charitable expenditure, fund raising, and management and administration. For those categories of expenditure where direct attribution is not applicable, apportionment has been applied on the basis of the effort estimated to have been devoted to each activity.

##### *c. Fund accounting*

All of the London Forum's funds are unrestricted. The Executive Committee has designated a certain amount of the funds to be used for special projects.

##### *d. Subscription income*

Subscriptions are recognised when received.

##### *e. Services provided*

The Society benefits from the provision, without charge, of a variety of skills and other services by committee members and friends of the London Forum. The benefit is not reflected in these accounts since it is not regarded as practicable to estimate its value.

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### *f. Fixed assets*

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Fixed assets, which comprise office equipment, are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years.

## **2. Total resources expended**

There are no staff costs and the majority of costs comprises direct costs. The Independent Examiner does not charge a fee for his examination of the accounts of the London Forum.

## **3. Transactions with Members of the Executive Committee**

No trustee or person defined by Accounting Standards as "related to them" received any remuneration for services as a trustee or in a management capacity during the year or any reimbursement of expenses other than for expenditure incurred as agent for the London Forum.

## **4. Fixed assets**

Cost of office equipment	
At 1 July 2017	1,276
Additions	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2018	<u>1,276</u>
Depreciation of office equipment	
At 1 July 2017	1,276
Charge for the year	<u>-</u>
At 30 June 2018	<u>1,276</u>
Net Book Value	
At 30 June 2018	<u>0</u>
At 1 July 2017	<u>0</u>

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### 5. General fund

The general fund, which is unrestricted, contains an element of funds that has been designated by the Executive Committee for use in special projects:

	Designated	Undesignated	Total
Balance brought forward 1 July 2017	5,134	25,321	30,455
Net incoming resources for the year	0	1,916	1,916
Transfers	(692)	692	-
Balance carried forward at 30 June 2018	4,442	27,929	32,371

London Forum retains reserves to protect it from short term financial pressures and other risks, and to enable it to invest for strategic and operational purposes. In the opinion of the Trustees, the current level of reserves is not excessive.

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#### *Bankers*

CAF Bank  
COIF Deposit Fund  
Lloyds TSB  
Scottish Widows Bank

#### *Independent examiner*

P J Egan,  
Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers  
68 Elfort Road  
London N5 1AZ

### **Report of the Independent Examiner to the Trustees of The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies ('the Trust') for the year ended 30 June 2018.

#### ***Responsibilities and basis of report***

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

#### ***Independent examiner's statement***

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: Patrick John Egan

Relevant professional qualification: Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

Address: 68 Elfort Road, London, N5 1AZ

Date:

P J Egan,

22 August 2018

## THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

### **Patrons**

Alan Baxter CBE

Professor Tony Travers

### **Vice-Presidents**

Tony Aldous, LLB, FRSA

Marion Harvey, MBE, BA, MSc, FRSA

Judy Hillman, MA, FRSA

David Lewis MA, DPhil, FRSA

*died during the year*

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2017-18**

#### **Trustees**

Peter Eversden, Chairman  
*Bedford Park Society*

Derek Chandler, Honorary Secretary  
*Hampstead Garden Suburb RA*  
*died during the year*

John Myers Honorary Secretary  
*Camden Civic Society*

Michael Bach Chair Planning &  
Transport Committee  
*Kensington Society*

Tony Allen Honorary Treasurer  
*Chislehurst Society*

Bill Linskey Membership Secretary  
*Brixton Society*  
*resigned during the year*

Helen Marcus Editor Newsforum

Peter Pickering Minutes Secretary  
*Finchley Society*

Andrew Bosi  
*Islington Society*

Diane Burridge  
*Highbury Community Association*

Michael Hammerson  
*Highgate Society*

#### **Co-opted**

Oliver Bennett  
*Wimbledon Society*

Paul Thornton  
*Amwell Society*

### **PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE**

Michael Bach (Chair)

Dick Allard

Andrew Bosi

Derek Chandler

Michael Coupe

Peter Eversden

Verina Glaessner

Michael Hammerson

Rosemarie MacQueen

Daniel Instone

David Lewis

Peter Pickering

## LONDON FORUM MEMBERS

Amwell Society  
Angel Association

Balham Society  
Barnet Residents Association  
Barnet Society  
Battersea Society  
Beckenham Society  
Bedford Park Society  
Belgravia Residents Association  
Bermondsey Street Area  
Partnership

Bexley Civic Society  
Blackheath Society  
Brentford Community Council  
Brixton Society  
Bromley Civic Society  
Brompton Association

Camden Civic Society  
Carshalton Society  
C.A.S.C.H. (Crouch End)  
Charlton Society  
Chelsea Society  
Chislehurst Society  
City Heritage Society  
Clapham Society  
Covent Garden Community  
Association  
Crystal Palace Community  
Association  
Culverley Green Residents  
Association

Docklands History Group  
Dulwich Society

Ealing Civic Society

Ealing Fields Residents Association  
Earl's Court Society  
Enfield Society

Finchley Society  
Forest Hill Society  
Friends of Battersea Park  
Friends of Clapham Common  
Friends of Greenwich Park  
Friends of Jubilee Gardens  
Friends of St George's Gardens  
Fulham Society

Gidea Park and District Civic Society  
Greenwich Society

Hackney Society  
Hadley Wood Neighbourhood  
Planning Forum  
Hammersmith & Fulham Historic  
Buildings Group  
Hammersmith Society  
Hampstead Garden Suburb  
Residents Association  
Harrow Heritage Trust  
Harrow Hill Trust  
Heath and Hampstead Society  
Herne Hill Society  
Highbury Community Association  
Highbury Fields Association  
Highgate Society  
Hyde Park Estate Association

Isleworth Society  
Islington Society

Kensington Society  
Kew Society

## LONDON FORUM MEMBERS

Kingston-upon-Thames Society  
Knightsbridge Association

Ladbroke Association  
Ladywell Society  
Lee Manor Society  
London Society

Marylebone Association  
Metropolitan Public Gardens  
Association  
Mill Hill Preservation Society  
Mortlake and East Sheen Society

Netherhall Neighbourhood  
Association  
New Barnet Community  
Association  
Norwood Society

Old Chiswick Protection Society

Paddington R.A.C.T.  
Paddington Waterways and  
Maida Vale Society  
Peckham Society  
Peckham Vision  
Penge Forum  
Pinner Association  
Positive Plumstead

Richmond Society

Seven Dials Trust  
Soho Society  
South East Bayswater Residents  
Association

Southgate District Civic Trust  
St. Marylebone Society  
Stamford Brook Residents  
Association  
Stanmore Society  
Strawberry Hill Residents  
Association  
Streatham Society  
Sutton Civic Society  
Sydenham Society

Telegraph Hill Society  
Tewkesbury Lodge Estate  
Residents Association  
Thorney Island Society  
Tottenham Civic Society

Vauxhall Society  
Victoria Drive Conservation Area  
Residents Association

Waltham Forest Civic Society  
Wandsworth Society  
Westcombe Society  
West Chiswick and Gunnersbury  
Society  
West Hampstead Amenity and  
Transport Group  
Westminster Society  
Wimbledon Society  
Woolwich & District Antiquarian  
Society

York House Society

## LONDON FORUM ASSOCIATES

### ASSOCIATES

Over the years the London Forum has worked with and enjoyed the support of many professional and commercial organisations, some of whom are Associate Members.

Adams Loxton Partnership Ltd  
Age Concern London  
Alan Baxter and Associates  
Association of North Thames  
    Amenity Societies  
Bio Regional Development Group  
CPRE London Branch  
Campaign for Better Transport  
Campaign for the Abolition of  
    Residential Leaseholds  
Civic Design Partnership  
Coin Street Community Builders  
Crystal Palace Campaign  
Environmental Law Foundation  
Frederick Stafford Planning  
Friends of Islington Museum  
Friends of the Earth London Region  
Generation Rent  
Georgian Group  
Groundwork Foundation  
HACAN (Heathrow Association  
    for Control of Aircraft Noise)  
Heritage Alliance  
Highgate Conservation Area  
    Advisory Committee  
International Design Eco Awards  
Islington Archaeology & History  
    Society  
Lambeth Public Transport  
    Committee  
Lea River Trust  
Learning Through Landscapes  
    in London  
Living Streets  
London Cycling Campaign  
London Green Belt Council  
London Parks & Gardens Trust  
London Planning & Development  
    Forum  
London Research Centre  
TravelWatch  
London Voluntary Service Council  
London Wildlife Trust  
London & Middlesex  
    Archaeological Society  
Open House London  
Open Spaces Society  
Planning Aid for London  
RIBA London Region  
Ramblers Association (Inner London)  
SAVE  
Society for Protection of  
    Ancient Buildings  
South London Link Travellers  
    Association  
Sustainable London Trust  
Town and Country Planning  
    Association  
Trees for Cities  
Twentieth Century Society  
Urban Design Group  
Urban and Economic Development  
Victorian Society  
Wandle Industrial Museum  
West London River Group

## ABOUT THE LONDON FORUM

**The LONDON FORUM** helps civic societies, residents' associations and other community groups to work together to protect and improve the quality of life in London.

Since its foundation in 1988, under the auspices of The Civic Trust, it has grown in strength and influence derived from the participation of over 100 local societies with a combined membership of tens of thousands of Londoners, plus many Associate Groups and individual subscribers.

### **The LONDON FORUM . . . . .**

#### **Represents . . . .**

. . . . its members on London-wide issues, liaising with the Mayor's office and Greater London Authority Assembly members, national and local government, government agencies and bodies influencing planning, the environment, road management, transport and regeneration in London.

#### **Supports . . . .**

. . . . local community and civic societies, and channels their views and concerns to local and national government, and other relevant bodies.

#### **Responds to . . . .**

. . . . key consultation papers, draft strategies, reports, and other policy documents, as they arise, regarding London's ever changing issues and concerns.

#### **Publishes . . . .**

. . . . "Newsforum", a regular newsletter aimed at keeping member societies informed and providing a platform for their views and for mutual support. All major London professional and environmental groups, Borough Chief Executives and Leaders, the Mayor, GLA members and officers, London MPs and MEPs and the media receive copies.

#### **Organises . . . .**

. . . . meetings, events, seminars, award schemes and exhibitions on topics of importance to those who live and work in London and publicity for the achievements of its member organisations.

### **The LONDON FORUM's responses . . . .**

. . . . are based on surveys of member societies' views. These have shown a remarkable consensus on a range of London-wide issues. Feedback shows that the priorities are .....

- **strategic planning and control for sustainable development with context sensitivity and sufficient local infrastructure,**
- **development of an integrated London-wide public transport and traffic policy,**
- **efficient, safe and affordable transport, of adequate capacity,**
- **addressing issues related to ....**
  - traffic, rat-running and pollution
  - protection of parks, open spaces, sports fields and Green Belt
  - regeneration of local shops and town centres
  - good urban design
  - protecting London's Heritage and Conservation Areas
  - improving and developing local amenities
  - proliferation of licensed premises - the 24 hour society
  - graffiti, litter and vandalism
  - lack of resources and cuts in borough front-line services
  - widely varying standards of public engagement among London Boroughs

#### **Membership**

*Full Members* are civic and local amenity societies across London.

*Associates* are businesses and professional organisations London-wide and single interest groups.

*Individuals* can also join.

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**Together we can make a better London**