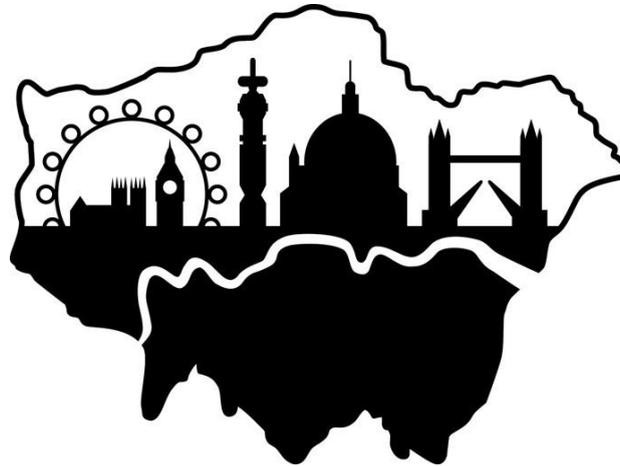


# **THE LONDON FORUM**

of Amenity and Civic Societies

**Founded 1988**

Registered Charity Number 1093134



## **32nd ANNUAL REPORT**

### **2019-20**



## 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 the final page of this report. The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### Organisation structure

The London Forum is managed by the Executive Committee of up to fifteen 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, Environment and Transport Committee, which reports to the Executive Committee. All the work of the London Forum, except for external IT contractors, is carried out by volunteers.

### *Review of the year ended 30 June 2020*

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.

### **Committee and Officers**

This year we have welcomed four new Trustees: Clare Birks, Darian Mitchell, Mary Hogben and Helen Warner. We would very much like to thank Helen Marcus, who has now moved out of London and has indicated her wish to step down as Vice President at this AGM. Helen has been working with London Forum for twenty-seven years and has worked tirelessly to produce countless editions of Newsforum; the permanent record of her work speaks for itself. We also gratefully acknowledge the contributions of Oliver Bennett, who retired as a trustee during the year, and Diane Burridge, who is retiring as a trustee at this AGM and who has made a superlative contribution to London Forum and to the organisation of Open Meetings over the years. We continue to have space for a few new trustees, and member societies are urged to nominate new trustees, and members for the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee.

### **Government and Legislation**

There had been little new planning legislation before the COVID-19 pandemic, when a flurry of new secondary legislation emerged in relation to use of pavements and other public spaces for outdoor seating areas for restaurants and other uses.

In January 2020, the Town and Country Planning Association's Raynsford Review issued a follow-up to its report entitled [Planning 2020 'One Year On' – 20th Century Slums?](#) London Forum welcomed its emphasis on better design and a planning system focused around the health and wellbeing of people and communities, with a clear policy commitment to meaningful public participation throughout the planning process.

The Forum was represented at several meetings of the Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission, advocating for community-oriented solutions. The Commission issued its final report on 30th January 2020. London Forum welcomed the report's recommendation of better community involvement to achieve better outcomes.

On 12th March 2020, the Government signalled its intention to carry out a radical overhaul of the planning system, with a White Paper to be published later

in the year, and its intention to take forward many of the Commission's recommendations, including giving communities a greater opportunity to influence design standards in their area.

The Government issued [guidance](#) for the way local authorities could conduct planning committee meetings online. That led London Forum to produce its own proposals for how that should be done in London, as covered in the sections below.

The Forum responded to the Historic England draft Advice Note 4 on Tall Buildings and to the Environment Bill inquiry in October 2019. It is unsatisfactory that the environment proposals have not made progress.

Criticism was made of the Government's proposals to relax regulations for sky sign-writing.

In its response to the consultation by the Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government on the proposal for 'First Homes' to be sold at a discount of 30% to the market price, London Forum pointed out that in London they would be unaffordable to most people and would use land which was needed for the types and tenures of housing that the Mayor had specified as being required to meet Londoners' needs.

The Forum has been doing what it can to keep in touch with Ministers and Members of Parliament, through direct approaches and co-operation with Select Committees and with All-Party Parliamentary Groups, including those sponsored by Civic Voice, by the London Society and by London Councils.

### **The Mayor and Assembly**

Following the examination of the draft New London Plan last year, a revised version was published in July. Many of the changes that London Forum had sought were included.

The report of the Inspectors on the plan published in October 2019 expressed concern about the £3 billion funding gap for infrastructure to 2050. They wrote also that harmful impacts could be caused by accommodating the higher housing targets within the urban fabric of London. They opposed the Mayor's policies for protection of Green Belt and Metropolitan Open Land. The building

of a large number of homes on windfall small sites was criticised as unrealistic and the Inspectors reduced the ten year housing target from 660,000 to 520,000.

The Mayor accepted some changes and issued an 'Intend-to-Publish' version of the Plan for consideration by the Secretary of State who demanded alterations after a long period of many months before responding. Negotiations were continuing when this report was prepared.

John Myers, a London Forum trustee, was a speaker at a GLA conference 'Homes for Londoners' in October 2019.

A drastically reduced budget for Transport for London was published in July 2020 with an appeal by the Mayor to the Government for funding assistance. The financial position of TfL could lead to delays in implementing the list of new transport schemes in the London Plan, and that could make unsustainable or defer some development in growth locations such as the 47 Opportunity Areas.

In May 2020 the Mayor published a ['Streetspace' programme](#) for improving conditions in roads for pedestrians and cyclists during the return to activity after the lockdown. Funding for it was made available to the boroughs.

London Forum gave evidence to the Assembly Planning Committee about Mayoral call-in of applications and the way the intentions to refuse schemes by Councils were being overturned almost every time. A subsequent meeting was held with the committee chairman, Andrew Boff AM, to discuss a development in LB Richmond. The Assembly scrutiny of call-in and public hearings continues. London Forum was invited also to that committee's hearing on the conduct of on-line planning committees by boroughs.

### **Borough Councils**

Before the COVID-19 lockdown commenced, meetings had been held with several boroughs about the need to revise their Local Plans to take advantage of the policies in the New London Plan, particularly for managing densification successfully. That liaison was paused to assess the implications of Government changes to the planning system.

As a follow-up to the 'Safeguarding the Public Voice in Planning' initiative described in the 'Collaboration with other Bodies' section, London Forum wrote to all London boroughs with guidance on best practice in moving to online Planning Committee meetings. Six principles for their conduct, with emphasis on

community participation, were sent to Councils and were mostly accepted by them.

We provided each borough with a template for how best to signpost and describe Coronavirus-induced changes to planning processes on their website and ensure straightforward access to committee agendas. The extensive correspondence with borough officials and elected representatives indicates that this was welcomed by many.

The ways in which boroughs implemented the Streetspace programme were inconsistent. They also implemented some 'Safer Neighbourhoods' with restricted vehicle access and closed some roads to allow for wider pavements and to deter car traffic. This led to an open meeting for our members which identified a number of issues to be resolved. London Forum has asked for full public consultation before temporary changes are made permanent.

### **Transport**

Prior to COVID-19 the Forum responded to a number of consultations and made other representations which are likely to be revisited once the permanent changes caused by the pandemic become clearer. One issue which is not affected is that of Hammersmith Bridge. We wrote to the then chair of the GLA Transport Committee about the anomaly in the rules which make it easier to fund new bridges than repair existing ones.

That Committee's review of infrastructure, and of the need to attract people back to buses, were based on pre-pandemic conditions. We expressed support for mixed development, and for the Piccadilly resignalling scheme which seems to us to offer the best value for money of any major scheme capable of completion within the next four years.

We expressed support also for completing Crossrail; for the Croxley Green scheme (we responded to Hertfordshire County Council's transport strategy because it has implications for London); and for the Bakerloo line extension. The chances of any of these schemes coming to fruition in the next five years is minimal given the financial crisis that besets TfL and the Government's intention to focus funding outside London. Crossrail is sufficiently advanced to be completed, although the completion date seems further away than ever.

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Shortly before the lockdown, the Government published a report on decarbonising transport intended to inform the now postponed 26th Session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. It was the most positive endorsement of public transport since the early years of John Prescott. Within weeks the Government was urging people to use their cars in preference to public transport, in order to curtail the spread of COVID-19.

We responded to a consultation on a review of transport regulations, although it too was overtaken by events. A key section concerned micro-mobility vehicles, but the pandemic led the Government to pre-empt the consultation and introduce trials of e-scooters. We believe they should be confined to the carriageway, limited in speed and required to follow safety guidelines, but it is difficult to see how this could be achieved in practice without licensing, which would be expensive for the user and would raise questions about why it did not apply to cycling, at a time when the government at all levels sees cycling as fundamental to socially distanced travel and to tackling obesity.

Finally, we have continued to monitor HS2 and the Oakervee review, and to support the Camden Society in its continued efforts to mitigate the effects of the much-disliked scheme. Transport priorities may be stood on their head, but HS2 has an unshakeable momentum of its own.

### **Member Societies**

During the year we welcomed the East Greenwich Residents Association, Lodge Lane N12 Residents Association, Mapesbury Residents Association, Queen Anne's Gate Residents Association and Romford Civic Society as new members.

The London Forum communicates regularly with its members through a range of media, including frequent email bulletins, our thrice-yearly newsletter Newsforum and its successor London Forum *Insights*, Open Meetings and the Twitter feed. Our website is continually updated with information and comment about matters of London-wide significance in the News/Updates section. Newsforum's popular Spotlight series showcased the activities of the Charlton Society, Belgravia Residents Association and Gidea Park & District Civic Society.

Following an initial meeting in early 2019 on the theme of Broadening the Membership Base, the Forum held a follow-up event on member societies' use of social media in November 2019. Henry Clay of the Richmond Society and

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Clare Birks of BermondseyStreet.London (and now a London Forum trustee) showed the way, and a number of participants made their debut tweets in the course of the event.

To contact a younger demographic, the speakers encouraged societies to employ media that young people use in their everyday lives.

Since the COVID-19 lockdown began, all communication with members has moved online. Newsforum has been replaced with the shorter but more frequent [London Forum Insights](#), and Zoom meetings have been held with members.

Members paid their 2020 subscriptions promptly and this was much appreciated by Membership Secretary, Paul Thornton.

## Open Meetings

Topics for these have included the transition to virtual Planning Committee meetings across all London boroughs and the national and London-wide programmes to support the reallocation of 'streetspace' to support social distancing and changes to modes of travel as lockdown is eased. These on-line events are made as topical as possible, and sometimes therefore only short notice of them can be given, although they have been well attended.

At the AGM in October 2019 there was a discussion after the Chairman's report. We were pleased to welcome four volunteers to become Trustees, who were subsequently co-opted by the Executive Committee. The invited speaker, Deputy Mayor for Housing James Murray, was taken ill at short notice, but the Chairman gave a presentation based on Mr Murray's prepared remarks and led the discussion afterwards.

The December 2019 Open Meeting was on the topic of a changing London, particularly the need to densify land use and for boroughs to plan for required development to be defined. The event was organised jointly with CPRE London. The three speakers were Alice Roberts of CPRE London, George Saumarez Smith of ADAM Architecture and our Chair Peter Eversden who showed slides about zoning for different types of development and renewal in LB Croydon provided by Steve Dennington, Head of Spatial Planning in that borough. The meeting considered the New London Plan, the report of the Inspectors following the Examination in Public, and the amendments made by the Mayor.

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The January 2020 meeting covered community participation in planning. The speakers were Ben Rogers of the Centre for London; Daisy Froud, an expert facilitator of community participation; Koen Rutten of the Town and Country Planning Association; and Ian Harvey, Executive Director of Civic Voice. There was broad agreement that community participation in planning should be improved.

The Open Meetings were summarised in [Newsforum](#).

The March 2020 event on healthy streets, traffic reduction and air pollution was postponed due to the pandemic, and the Forum moved to hosting online meetings for members. The first was entitled 'What can my Society do to help in the current crisis?' and was held on 9th April.

On 23rd April, the second online meeting covered the topic of sustaining public participation as borough planning committees move online. Member societies were asked to complete a survey on what their borough was doing to ensure public participation. As a result the Forum circulated six principles for online participation, and many boroughs confirmed that they would comply with those principles.

The online meeting on 21st May 2020 assessed members' experience with online planning participation in their boroughs. The results were summarised in a [London Forum report](#).

The 4th June 2020 online meeting was on the subject of the Mayor's 'Streetspace' programme. The speakers were William Bradley, who works with the GLA's Walking and Cycling Commissioner, and Cllr Adam Harrison of Camden Council, who presented on Camden's West End Project. There was a report in [London Forum Insights](#).

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

London Forum continues to collaborate with many organisations with which we share common goals. Civic Voice, the national organisation for the civic movement, has contributed to our meetings and newsletters, and we are active participants in the Civic Voice Regional Forum.

Following the COVID-19 lockdown, London Forum collaborated with Just Space, the Campaign to Protect Rural England (London), Friends of the Earth and the Town and Country Planning Association on a campaign to Safeguard the Public

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Voice in Planning. Six principles were devised for that purpose which resulted in correspondence and a Zoom meeting with the Chief Planner at the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Our Trustee Michael Hammerson continues to sit on the Planning Committee of the [Heritage Alliance](#), an umbrella group for over 150 heritage-related organisations to advocate the social, educational and financial importance of the heritage sector to the country. It regards the progressive weakening of the planning system as a major problem for protecting heritage. Over the past six months its efforts have been focussed on the problems generated by COVID-19 for the heritage sector, attending regular meetings with the Minister and providing advice to help the sector weather the crisis. With other national bodies, it has had some success in persuading the Government to review the differential VAT treatment on new buildings versus repair and restoration.

Other organisations with which we maintain active links include the National Planning Forum, Urban Design London (UDL), the Royal Town Planning Institute, Town and Country Planning Association, the Campaign for Better Transport, TravelWatch, Historic England, London First, many of London's academics in LSE, UCL, and elsewhere, London Councils, Generation Rent, the London Tenants Federation, the London Planning and Development Forum, CPRE (London), Just Space, the London Society, London Friends of Green Spaces Network, Living Streets, New London Architecture, Future for London, Reclaim London, the London and the Wider Southeast Planning network, London Living Streets, and Centre for London.

Events held by those organisations are attended when possible by London Forum's committee members and reports of the events by the organisers are made available to members. The UDL events on streetspace were very useful.

### **Appreciation for Alan Baxter**

The Forum warmly thanks Alan Baxter & Coombs for their continuing vital support in generously providing office and meeting space, facilities, and networking opportunities with other organisations, and for their continuing close interest in the Forum's work and wellbeing.

## Finances for the year to 30 June 2020

In preparing the annual report and accounts the Forum's trustees have applied the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), together with Update Bulletins 1 and 2 (collectively the 'SORP') with certain exemptions permitted for smaller charities.

Gross income for the year was £8,696 (2019 £8,697) with approximately half of this sum arising from the imputed donation the Forum received through a waiver of rent.

Subscription income was £4,071 (2019 £3,837) which is a new high thanks to new members joining and all, except one, of last year's members continuing their membership. Donations by society and individual members were slightly higher than in 2019 and this generosity is much appreciated.

Expenses for the year were £7,045 (2019 £6,422). The increase in the year arises from meeting expenses and higher IT costs somewhat mitigated by a lower implied rental.

The net outcome for the year resulted in a surplus of £1,651 (2019 £2,275) and this has been added to the Forum's unrestricted fund.

The balance sheet of the London Forum at 30 June 2020 shows total net assets of £36,297 (2019 £34,646) wholly represented by cash and deposits.

## Risk management

The major risks to which the Society is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are regularly reviewed and the trustees are satisfied that appropriate action has been taken to manage those risks.

### *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 Forum and of the income and expenditure for the year then ended. In preparing those 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

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

On behalf of the Executive Committee.

Peter Eversden, Chairman  
19th August 2020

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies  
Charity Registration Number 1093134

## Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June

	Note	2020 £	2019 £
<b>Income from</b>			
Donations:			
Membership subscriptions		4,071	3,837
Member meetings		325	N/A
Other donations		4,218	4,826
Investments		82	34
<b>Total income</b>		<b>8,696</b>	<b>8,697</b>
<b>Expenditure on</b>			
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter		995	957
Member meetings		423	N/A
Support costs	2	5,627	5,465
<b>Total expenditure</b>		<b>7,045</b>	<b>6,422</b>
<b>Net incoming resources for the year</b>		<b>1,651</b>	<b>2,275</b>
<b>Reconciliation of funds</b>			
Unrestricted fund brought forward		34,646	32,371
Unrestricted fund carried forward		36,297	34,646

## Balance Sheet as at June 30

		2020	2019
	Note	£	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Tangible assets	4	0	0
<b>Current assets</b>			
Investments		31,806	29,224
Cash at bank and in hand		4,491	5,422
Total Current assets		36,297	34,646
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>36,297</b>	<b>34,646</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		0	0
<b>Net current assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>36,297</b>	<b>34,646</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>36,297</b>	<b>34,646</b>
<b>Represented by</b>			
Unrestricted Fund		36,297	34,646

Approved by the trustees on 19th August 2020  
and signed on their behalf by:  
P. Eversden - Chairman  
S. Speak - Hon. Treasurer

## 1. Accounting policies

### *a. Basis of accounting*

The financial statements have been prepared on an accruals basis under the historical cost convention as a going concern and in accordance with FRS102. The Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), together with Update Bulletins 1 and 2 (collectively the 'SORP') has been applied with exemptions as permitted for smaller charities.

### *b. Income and expenditure*

Income is recognised when received, or when there is certainty of receipt. Income received in advance is carried forward and expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

The SORP expects costs to be allocated between meeting charitable objectives and fund raising activities, together with their respective management and administration. Where the direct attribution of costs is not possible, apportionment is applied based on the estimated effort accorded to each activity.

### *c. Services provided*

The Forum has regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. It represents the interests of its member societies, communicates with them on relevant matters and publishes the Newsforum.

In pursuing its charitable objectives, the Forum benefits from various skills and services provided without charge by committee members and friends of the London Forum. The benefit received from general volunteers is not recorded in the accounts because it is not practical to estimate its value.

### *d. Cash and investments*

Cash consists of petty cash and funds held at banks and at PayPal in non-interest bearing accounts in the name of the Forum. Investments are deposits that generate an income return.

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### *e. Fixed assets*

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years, but the Forum does not currently have any fixed assets to report.

## **2. Resources expended**

The Forum does not employ any staff nor pay any employee benefits. The Independent Examiner does not charge a fee for his examination of the accounts.

The Forum's support costs in furtherance of its charitable objectives are as follows:

	<b>2020</b>	<b>2019</b>
Shared Office	4,075	4,200
IT expenses	830	444
Insurance	336	336
Memberships & Subscriptions	264	264
Other	122	221
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5,627</b>	<b>£5,465</b>

The Shared Office expense is a notional charge to represent the value of facilities provided to the Forum by Alan Baxter & Coombs.

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### 3. Transactions with members of the Executive Committee

No trustee or related party received any remuneration for services as a trustee or in any management capacity during the year. Some trustees have been reimbursed for their out of pocket expenses with the value and number of trustees involved as follows:

Expense type	2020		2019	
	Amount Reimbursed	Number of Trustees	Amount Reimbursed	Number of Trustees
Event provisions	£423	3	-	-
Conference attendance	£60	1	-	-
Telephone	-	-	£36	1
Software and IT	£87	1	£101	1
Copying and stationery	-	-	£122	1

There were no transactions between the Forum and a related party.

### 4. Fixed assets

The trustees resolved at their meeting on October 29, 2019 to dispose of an old printer and computer. These had not been used for many years and were fully depreciated. Accordingly, the Forum does not currently have any fixed assets to report.

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### 5. Reserves

The reserves consist solely of an unrestricted fund which includes a portion designated by the Executive Committee for improving the information technology systems.

<b>Unrestricted fund</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Undesignated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Balance brought forward at 1 July 2019	£4,142	£30,504	£34,646
Net incoming resources for the year	-	£1,651	£1,651
Transfers	£(87)	£87	-
<b>Balance carried forward at 30 June 2020</b>	<b>£4,055</b>	<b>£32,242</b>	<b>£36,297</b>

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. The trustees expect to use some of the reserves to fund a rebuild of the London Forum website and databases. The trustees also recognise that loss of the office, storage and event space currently provided by Alan Baxter & Coombs would require use of the reserves to fund this expenditure until alternative arrangements are made. In the opinion of the trustees, the current level of reserves is appropriate.

# London Forum Report of the Independent Examiner

## **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 2020.

### **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

Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Bankers

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Date: 20 August 2020

## 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  
Helen Marcus

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2019-20**

#### **Trustees**

Peter Eversden MBE • Chairman  
*Bedford Park Society*

Andrew Bosi  
*Islington Society*

Paul Thornton • Vice-Chairman and  
Membership Secretary  
*Amwell Society*

Diane Burridge  
*Highbury Community Association*

Stephen Speak • Honorary Treasurer  
*Kew Society*

Clare Birks  
*BermondseyStreet.London*

John Myers • Honorary Secretary  
*Camden Civic Society*

Michael Hammerson  
*Highgate Society*

Michael Bach • Chair Planning  
Environment & Transport Committee  
*Kensington Society*

Mary Hogben  
*Finchley Society*

Peter Pickering • Minutes Secretary  
*Finchley Society*

Darian Mitchell  
*Amwell Society*

Helen Warner  
*Westcombe Society*

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

Michael Bach (Chair)  
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Michael Coupe  
Peter Eversden  
Verina Glaessner

Michael Hammerson  
Rosemarie MacQueen  
Daniel Instone  
Peter Pickering  
Jason Leech

## 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.London  
Bexley Civic Society  
Blackheath Society  
Brentford Community Council  
Brixton Society  
Bromley Civic Society  
Brompton Association  
Camden Civic Society  
Carshalton Society  
CASCH  
Charlton Society  
Chelsea Society  
Chislehurst Society  
City Heritage Society  
Clapham Society  
Covent Garden Community  
Association  
Culverley Green Residents  
Association  
Docklands History Group  
Dulwich Society  
Ealing Civic Society  
Ealing Fields Residents Association  
Earls Court Society  
East Greenwich Residents  
Association  
Enfield Society  
Finchley Society  
Forest Hill Society  
Friends of Battersea Park  
Friends of Greenwich Park  
Friends of Jubilee Gardens  
Friends of St Georges Gardens  
Fulham Society  
Gidea Park and District Civic Society  
Greenwich Society  
Hackney Society  
Hadley Wood Neighbourhood  
Planning Forum  
Hammersmith and 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  
Hillgate Village Residents Association  
Isleworth Society  
Islington Society  
John Innes Society  
Kensington Society  
Kew Society  
Kingston-upon-Thames Society  
Knightsbridge Association  
Ladbroke Association  
Ladywell Society  
Lee Manor Society

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Lodge Lane N12 Residents  
Association

London Society

Mapesbury Residents Association

Marylebone Association

Metropolitan Public Gardens  
Association

Mill Hill Preservation Society

Mortlake with East Sheen Society

Muswell Hill and Fortis Green  
Association

Netherhall Neighbourhood  
Association

New Barnet Community Association

Norwood Society

Old Chiswick Protection Society

Osterley & Wyke Green Residents  
Association

Paddington Residents Active  
Concern on Transport

Paddington Waterways and Maida  
Vale Society

Peckham Society

Peckham Vision

Pembridge Association

Penge Forum

Pinner Association

Positive Plumstead

Putney Society

Queen Annes Gate Residents  
Association

Richmond Society

Romford Civic Society

Seven Dials Trust

South East Bayswater Residents  
Association

Southgate District Civic Trust

St Johns Wood Society

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 Residents  
Association

Thorney Island Society

Tottenham Civic Society

Victoria Drive CA Residents  
Association

Waltham Forest Civic Society

Wandsworth Society

West Chiswick and Gunnersbury  
Society

West Hampstead Amenity and  
Transport Society

West Hampstead Gardens and  
Residents Association

Westcombe Society

Westminster Society

Wimbledon Society

Woolwich and District Antiquarian  
Society

York House Society

# ABOUT THE LONDON FORUM

**The LONDON FORUM** engages civic and amenity societies and like-minded individuals concerned with protecting and improving the quality of life in London. Since its foundation in 1988, the Forum has grown in strength and influence, and now has over a hundred member societies representing tens of thousands of Londoners. The Forum's core activities include:

**Representing** members on national and London-wide issues to influence policies on planning, environment, transport and infrastructure

**Regularly** surveying our members to ensure that we know their views and concerns

**Responding** to key consultations, draft strategies and policy documents which affect London and Londoners

**Publishing Newsforum**, a regular newsletter which informs members and provides a platform for their views

**Organising** regular open meetings on topics of importance to members, addressed by leading guest speakers Informing members about legislation and policy developments via our website, email and Twitter

## **The FORUM aims to**

Influence planning policy

Give local issues a bigger voice Provide expert information

Give members a London-wide perspective

Play a proactive role with Government, the Mayor and GLA Assembly Committees

## **Priority concerns include**

Safeguarding heritage assets

Suburban housing densification

Protection of green spaces

Resisting tall buildings in the wrong places

## **In the recent past the Forum has responded to the following:**

Changes to the Mayor's draft New London Plan

MHCLG 'Planning Reform' document

Heathrow expansion and Aviation Strategy 2050

Proposals on skywriting

## **FORUM Open Meetings have addressed**

Improving the Public Realm

Broadening the Membership Base

The New London Plan

Community Participation

## **LONDON FORUM Membership**

**Full membership** is open to amenity and civic societies within Greater London. Full members have voting rights to nominate and elect trustees to the London Forum Executive Committee, and to decide the direction of its policies and activities. Individuals who support the Forum's goals are welcome to apply for **individual membership**.

The London Forum welcomes enquiries from organisations (including businesses) that share our goals but are not eligible for full membership, and would like to explore an **Associate** relationship with us.

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