

THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988

Registered Charity Number 1093134



33rd ANNUAL REPORT

2020-21

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 2021

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 Clare Birks, Mary Hogben, Darian Mitchell and Helen Warner, who had been co-opted in 2019-20, were elected as Trustees at the Annual General Meeting. Michael Jubb from the Battersea Society also joined us as Trustee at that Meeting.

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

Apart from the pandemic, the biggest news of the year from the Government was the Planning for the Future White Paper. London Forum made a comprehensive response, summarized in the second edition of our *Insights* newsletter. A large groundswell of opposition has arisen to the principle of effectively giving planning permission automatically in the new 'Growth Areas' through a plan that would itself have to be written in a shorter period, with less time for community input. There is also strong resistance to the increased housing targets and to making them far more binding on boroughs. The Government's current proposals on targets would, by some calculations, require 97,000 homes per year in London – a figure not even achieved in the 1930s peak for new build homes of approximately 80,000 per year when more land was made available for development.

The Government also created a new Use Class E, subsuming several previous use classes including offices and shops, with the result that local authorities will no longer be able to restrict changes among those uses. Many are concerned about the potential loss of cohesion on high streets. We worked with a coalition of 27 national bodies to campaign against these proposals.

The Government also consulted on a draft National Model Design Code and consequent changes to the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Government introduced new Permitted Development Rights (PDRs) by creating a new Class MA to allow the conversion of properties in Use Class E (Commercial, Business and Service) to Use Class C3 (Residential) in many

circumstances. That has led to concerns about potential loss of social infrastructure, facilities and services. PDRs were also introduced for upward development on a range of types of buildings under various conditions. The Government also introduced restrictions on councils' ability to use Article 4 directions to limit the effect of such PDR.

During the year, London Forum responded to an unprecedentedly large number of Government and other consultations and calls for evidence. Key responses are published for members to consider in the 'What We've Said' section of the web site. They were made on the following topics:

- Use Class and PDR Technical Consultation
- 5G masts consultation
- Input to HCLG Committee on Permitted Development
- MHCLG revised NPPF and NMDC consultation
- Transport Select Committee on zero emission vehicles and road pricing
- London Plan supplementary guidance document drafts
- Supporting housing delivery and public service infrastructure consultation
- Homes for All Londoners draft guidance
- Draft Historic England Advice Note - Listed Building Consent
- HCLG Committee Call for Evidence - MHCLG proposed planning changes
- 'Planning for the Future' consultation
- Business rates review
- Transport Regulatory Review
- Proposed introduction of a broad new town centre use class

Members were provided with information on the web site News/Updates section and by events to explain some of the many different proposals above.

In the last year we have also responded to consultations by the Government on air transport and aviation tax, pressing for a considerably more environmental approach than that proposed by the Government. As a result of the pandemic, there is considerable uncertainty over growth in air transport; but at the very least the case for Heathrow runway expansion has been called further into question through the decline in air travel over the last 18 months.

"The Ultra Low Emission Zone, aimed at discouraging polluting vehicles, is due to be extended in late October 2021 up to (but not including) the north and

south circular roads. We have broadly welcomed this in the interest of improving air quality but acknowledge members' concerns at TfL's reluctance to consider making minor exemptions at the boundary. It remains to be seen what the practical effects are, which we shall be watching closely.

The Mayor and Assembly

The London Plan was finally adopted in March 2021 after further alterations at the direction of the Secretary of State, which took more than a year to resolve. The last, in December 2020, reaffirmed an approach in Local Plans to the location of tall buildings with a Policy D9 which local authorities can apply. The adopted Plan also includes a provision permitting loss of sunlight and daylight to existing residents that would have been considered unacceptable under previous policies. London Forum will be pressing for that provision to be amended in the next version that the Minister has proposed be prepared soon to be in general conformity to the latest NPPF.

Supplementary Planning Guidance, which London Forum notified to members, and was commented upon by some, will be published in Autumn 2021 to guide implementation of some London Plan policies. The most significant is 'Homes for all Londoners' which introduces a design coding methodology for densification of London's suburbs and development of small sites.

The Government and the Mayor spent much of the year in negotiations over the emergency funding required to keep London's public transport in operation during the pandemic. Further detail is given in the Transport section below. The Mayor has also committed to conduct a feasibility study into driverless trains on some lines. It remains to be seen whether that would be economic without the expensive installation of platform side doors – some of which would require new train sets.

The Mayor continued with his Streetspace programme to improve conditions in roads for pedestrians and cyclists. Borough funding was available. Members found some Low Traffic Neighbourhoods and other schemes acceptable but others were unsatisfactory and some were removed or modified.

The Mayor issued drafts of five substantial volumes of housing design guidance.

The call-in process by the Mayor for developments continues to result in boroughs being overruled in their intended decision. The Assembly Planning and

Regeneration Committee is investigating this and evidence was given to them by London Forum.

The Assembly committees that cover subjects important to London Forum and its members are tracked by members of the Forum's Planning, Environment and Transport committee. We have given evidence regularly to the Assembly.

Borough Councils

Positive responses were received from borough Councillors responsible for planning and Development Directors to London Forum's six point charter on 'Safeguarding the Public Voice in Planning' for on-line planning committee meetings.

After an examination of the web sites of all boroughs for ease of access to planning committee work and meeting schedules, a template of best practice was sent to Councils.

London Forum has continued to emphasise the importance of making online participation possible for those who find it impossible or inconvenient to attend planning and other committee meetings owing to the pandemic.

We were disappointed that the Government did not extend the period during which planning meetings could be held virtually. The Government cited lack of Parliamentary time for such an extension. A survey of our members showed strong support for a hybrid system in which the public could participate virtually or in person.

The reactions of senior borough planners were given in events that London Forum held on Government policy changes, including concern about their resources and skills for the Local Plan work to be done.

The results of the London Boroughs Healthy Streets Scorecard were drawn to members' attention for any local engagement required with their Council. Ten boroughs benefitted from the High Streets Task Force support and funding.

London Forum is monitoring the state of the impact of the High Streets Task Force and Local Plan revision in boroughs. It is important that they have policies to take advantage of the delegation of responsibilities in the March 2021 London Plan, particularly on tall buildings, as above, and for controlling densification of the suburbs.

Transport

It has been a lean year for consultation and progress. COVID-19 has restricted the scope for consultation, and has extended the life of the GLA and hence the Assembly Transport Committee by a year, which many members did not want.

The Williams Review into the future of the railways was commissioned in 2018 and was due to report before the WHO declared a pandemic. Its recommendations – for franchising concessions along the lines of London Overground in place of handing over a service to a private sector company for 7-15 years, and a simplified fare structure – were widely trailed ahead of the report.

Most of the year's agenda for London on transport was there last year. Waiting for a decision on Hammersmith Bridge, waiting for the Williams Review, reviewing progress or the lack of it on Crossrail, and noting with continued incredulity the decreasing plausibility of the justifications produced by HS2 Limited for what they are doing.

The Williams Review eventually reported, and flexible ticketing has been introduced with carnet tickets for people working from the office on a less regular basis. The discounts in many cases are minimal and London Transport fares are not included because the existing capping system leaves no scope for the carnet that would not create anomalies in existing fares or cut them to such an extent as to undermine the government's determination to make the fare paying passenger meet the cost of COVID-19.

Williams has also resulted in replacing the franchising regime by one of concessions, bringing all of the National Rail services into line with London Overground. Decisions on fares and timetables revert to the government.

The Greater London Assembly now receives regular reports on Crossrail, and accountability is clearer now that it is the sole responsibility of TfL. Trains are being tested on the central section and there is optimism that there will be no further delay beyond the most recent promise (first half of 2022). Whether costs can be contained within the new budget is more doubtful. Covid, and the requirement for engineering expertise for HS2, has put further pressure on costs.

Some sort of plan for Hammersmith Bridge has emerged, but the Forum and others will have to keep campaigning as the quantum of funding required continues to change and is far from secure.

With the government blocking many of the Mayor's proposals, scope for raising revenue is severely limited. In October the Forum called for an early introduction of road pricing, sensitive to factors including distance travelled and level of demand, to replace the congestion charge.

The main battle for the coming year will be how to sustain public transport at a level that encourages its use until the “new normal” can be established. The decision to maintain services during the worst of the pandemic was commendable, but only if local and national government continues to hold its nerve. The encouragement given to Low Traffic Neighbourhoods was part of the plan to ensure that public transport was not compromised by a growth in private cars and delivery vans, but the requirement to implement first and consult later proved controversial and councils did not always share the agenda of the Government. Where schemes have not been abandoned, consultations are now taking place and the Forum regards the success of these as crucial to the project, for which there is further funding within the latest agreement between DfT and TfL. Pushing Crossrail2 and the Bakerloo line extension into the long grass is disappointing but greater dismay would arise if the comprehensive service (particularly buses) we now have were to be lost.

Member Societies

During the year we welcomed the Fentiman Road & Richborne Terrace Residents' Association, Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum, Northwood Residents' Association, the South Woodford Society, and West Hampstead Gardens & Residents' Association, as new members.

Communication with members has moved online for the period of the pandemic. The London Forum communicates regularly with its members through a range of media, including frequent email bulletins, our 2-3 monthly digital newsletter *London Forum Insights*, Open or Zoom 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.

Five issues of *London Forum Insights* were produced in the year under review. The switch from the hard copy *NewsForum* was made partly in response to printing problems at the start of lockdown, but mainly because we felt the need

to advise members of changes that affect them and their localities in a more timely manner than a thrice-yearly newsletter permits. *Insights* has carried a number of articles by officers of member societies and external contributors, and we will try to find space for these wherever possible.

Obtaining second signatures on cheques at the start of lockdown proved challenging for some members. Nevertheless, all are now fully paid up for 2021. This was much appreciated by the Treasurer and Membership Secretary.

Open Meetings

During the pandemic all of our meetings have been conducted via Zoom. Attendance has been strong, with over 50 representatives of members at nearly all of those meetings. Topics have included Design Codes, the Planning White Paper, London's High Streets after COVID-19, and Principles of Urban Design.

The event on High Streets organized by our Trustee Clare Birks featured Ian Harvey, Chief Executive of Civic Voice, and Emma Robinson, Barnes Town Centre Manager. After Clare had provided background and perspective, Ian Harvey called for civic societies to take action to save local high streets. Emma Robinson described the problems being faced in Barnes and the potential solutions being considered.

We held an event on the Planning White Paper, with invited speaker Christopher Katkowski QC, one of the Secretary of State's advisors who helped to write the Paper. Mr Katkowski emphasised that community engagement would be of the essence in plan making, and that there would be full rights to object and comment at all stages. Many in the audience were not convinced.

On March 4th we held a Zoom event on Design Codes, with speakers from Urban Design London (UDL), the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and the boroughs of Brent and Hounslow. Design Codes are prominent in the recently-published London Plan. Good character appraisal is fundamental; it should be practical in focus, looking at the present and the envisioned future. Design is more than, for instance, the position of windows but is rather how a building fits in with its place.

We also organized a workshop on urban design, run by The Glass-House Community Led Design on 24th June with 29 representatives of member Societies participating. We had hoped for a higher turnout, and we will be

assessing the way forward; it is clear that any changes in the planning system will require more active participation by the community in design.

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.

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 twelve 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.

Peter Eversden continued as a member of the London Sounding Board which reviews issues that are of concern in the capital.

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, London Living Streets, New London Architecture, Future for London, Reclaim London, the London and the Wider Southeast Planning Network, 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.

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 2021

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 £8,386 (2020 £8,696) with £3,700 of this sum arising from the imputed donation the Forum received through a waiver of rent. Income included £300 paid by members to attend the workshop organised by the Forum on June 24, 2021 and operated by The Glass-House.

Subscription income was £4,170 (2020 £4,071) which is a new high thanks to new members joining. Donations from society and individual members was slightly higher than in 2020 and this generosity is much appreciated.

Expenses for the year were £5,709 (2020 £7,045). The decrease in the year arises from the combined effect of a lower implied rental, a much reduced insurance premium and lower IT maintenance costs but offset by the fee paid to The Glass-House, the operator of the workshop.

The net outcome for the year resulted in a surplus of £2,677 (2020 £1,651) and this has been added to the Forum's unrestricted fund.

The balance sheet of the London Forum at 30 June 2019 shows total net assets of £38,974 (2020 £36,297) held in cash and interest bearing bank 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 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

23rd August 2021

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

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 30 June

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Income from			
Donations:			
Membership subscriptions		4,170	4,071
Member meetings		-	325
Other donations		3,894	4,218
Charitable Activities:			
Member meetings		300	-
Investments		22	82
Total income		8,386	8,696
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter		-	995
Member meetings		1,041	423
Support costs	2	4,668	5,627
Total expenditure		5,709	7,045
Net incoming resources for the year		2,677	1,651
Reconciliation of funds			
Unrestricted fund brought forward		36,297	34,646
Unrestricted fund carried forward		38,974	36,297

Balance Sheet as at June 30

		2021	2020
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	-	-
Current assets			
Investments		36,828	31,806
Cash at bank and in hand		3,159	4,491
Debtors		259	-
Total Current assets		40,246	36,297
Total assets		40,246	36,297
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		1,272	-
Net current assets less current liabilities		38,974	36,297
Total assets less current liabilities		38,974	36,297
Represented by			
Unrestricted Fund		38,974	36,297

Approved by the trustees on 18th August 2021
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 and communicates with them on relevant matters using a variety of media and through workshops and meetings.

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.

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:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Shared Office	3,700	4,075
IT expenses	298	830
Insurance	96	336
Memberships & Subscriptions	363	264
Other	79	122
Total	<u>£4,668</u>	<u>£5,627</u>

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

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	2021		2020	
	Amount Reimbursed	Number of Trustees	Amount Reimbursed	Number of Trustees
Event provisions	-	-	£423	3
Conference attendance	-	-	£60	1
Telephone	-	-	-	-
Software and IT	£116	2	£87	1
Copying and stationery	-	-	-	-

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

4. Fixed assets

The Forum does not currently have any fixed assets to report.

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.

Unrestricted fund	Designated	Undesignated	Total
Balance brought forward at 1 July 2020	£4,055	£32,242	£36,297
Net incoming resources for the year	-	£2,677	
Transfers	£(78)	£78	-
Balance carried forward at 30 June 2021	£3,977	£34,997	£38,974

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: rebuild the website and databases; subsidise member workshops; fund studies into matters of common concern; and actively publicise the work of London's civic groups.

The trustees 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 need.

In the opinion of the trustees, the current level of reserves is appropriate.

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 2021.

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: 17th August 2021

THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

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Barnet Society
Battersea Society
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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
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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
Fentiman Rd and Richborne Ter
Residents Assn
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
Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum
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

LONDON FORUM MEMBERS

Lee Manor Society
Lodge Lane N12 Residents
Association
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
Northwood Residents Association
Norwood Society
Old Chiswick Protection Society
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
South Woodford Society
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 Conservation Area
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 London Forum Insights, a regular online 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:

The Planning White Paper

Online planning meetings

The new Class E combining offices and shops

New Permitted Development Rights

FORUM Open Meetings have addressed

The Planning White Paper

London's High Streets

Design Codes

Urban Design

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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