

## Application for Re-Designation of the North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum May 2022.

***'The membership resolved at AGM on the 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to apply to the Royal Borough to be recognised as the Neighbourhood Forum for the North Kingston Designated Neighbourhood Area'.***

The North Kingston Forum (NKF) was [designated](#) by the Royal Borough on the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2017 as the Neighbourhood Forum for the North Kingston Neighbourhood Area. The designation lasts for a period of 5 years. During this time the NKF has held 3 major consultations with the North Kingston Community in the preparation of the draft North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan beginning in [2018](#) followed by [2019](#) and most recently in 2021, with the [Regulation 14 consultation](#) of the draft Neighbourhood Plan Pre-Submission version where 664 respondents gave their views representing over 1000 individuals.

The draft Submission version of the North Kingston Neighbourhood Plan will be submitted to the Royal Borough later in 2022 once it has been approved by the North Kingston community at an EGM as outlined at §10.3. of the North Kingston Forum Constitution: *"The Development Plan shall be submitted to the relevant authorities only once approved by a General Meeting of The Forum"*.

Additionally, we have held over 60 semi-open committee meetings since designation to discuss the development and delivery of the Plan based on community input.

1. The Name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum is 'the North Kingston Neighbourhood Forum'.
2. The approved Neighbourhood Area for which the North Kingston Forum would be designated is outlined in the Constitution:

*The Forum Area is defined as the land area approximately within the following borders:*

- *the river Thames (including the east bank) between the railway and the Northwest boundary of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames*
- *the Northern boundary of the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames*
- *the Richmond Park west boundary, Queens Road and Wolverton Avenue to the east, and the railway to the south*
- *the boundary which encompasses the combined area of the former Canbury ward and Tudor ward.*

The boundary of the Neighbourhood Area will not change in 2022 when the new ward boundaries are adopted.

3. The organisation identified as 'the North Kingston Forum' is the relevant body capable of being designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A copy of the Forum's Constitution is attached. It is believed that the NKF meets the conditions contained in section 61F95) of the 1990 Act on the following grounds:
  - The purpose of the NKF shall be to improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the North Kingston Forum Neighbourhood Area under the provisions of the Act.

- NKF membership comprises and is open to residents living in the Area, individuals working or carrying on business in the Area, local representative groups and Royal Borough councillors representing the Area. There are currently no membership fees.
4. A list of 31 people, all of whom reside or work in the Neighbourhood Area or are elected representatives and who are members of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum, have agreed to support the application. This includes their name, address any local interests and the qualifying category (resident, Councillor or business owner). They include, but are not limited to, a range of local organisations.
  5. Notification for the application for re-Designation was sent to the Forum membership by email, placed on social media (Facebook and Twitter), cascaded by local Residents' Associations and notices were placed around the Area on the few noticeboards still in use including Tudor library and Sainsburys Supermarket.
  6. The Neighbourhood Area is fortunate in having a number of well established Residents' Groups who cascade NKForum information and updates and are either directly represented on the current committee or have close links. The NKForum has a dedicated website with a wide range of information including monthly and General meeting [minutes](#), [FAQs](#), representation to [planning applications](#) and other important documents and information on our community consultations, the most recent being the Regulation 14 consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. Newsletters outlining important planning applications and other important issues both inside the Neighbourhood Area and in the adjacent Kingston Town Centre are sent to the membership by email and placed on social media, in addition to important National, Regional and Local planning updates.
  7. The North Kingston Forum is a non-political body but is grateful for the support it has received from the main political parties in the Area over the past 5 years. We are indebted to our MP Sarah Olney, who spoke about the importance of Neighbourhood Planning and community involvement in her Richmond Park constituency in the [House of Commons](#).
  8. Contact details of two members are as follows:

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