

THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988

Charity Registered Number 1093134



21st ANNUAL REPORT
2008 - 2009

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2009

**Notice was given to members in
Newsforum Summer 2009
and in an e-bulletin that
the AGM of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies
will be held on Tuesday October 20th 2009.**

**The AGM will commence at 5pm,
one hour earlier than usual,
so please arrive in good time at**

The Gallery

**Alan Baxter and Associates,
77 Cowcross Street, London
near Farringdon Station, EC1**

AGENDA FOR 21st LONDON FORUM AGM

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Minutes of the AGM of 15th October 2008
3. Chairman's Report
4. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2008-2009
5. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner
6. Election of Officers and Trustees
7. Any Other Business

After the AGM at 6:30pm there will be a

Celebration Party

with guests for

London Forum's 21st Anniversary

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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Constitution

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies is an unincorporated association founded in 1988 and was 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 20 of this report.

Organisation structure

The London Forum is administered by the Executive Committee of up to 15 trustees, which meets quarterly. The trustees serve for a period of three years and 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 2009

The year saw continuing changes by Government to the planning system, plus its proposals for Heathrow and for community empowerment, although a Bill to contribute to the latter is making slow progress in Parliament.

Government, GLA and the London Plan

The Forum responded to several consultations by the Mayor for his preparation of new strategies and guidance to replace those of his predecessor. The Forum pressed the GLA to provide better protection and effective use of

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our waterways in a proposed guidance document by the Mayor.

A meeting was held with GLA officers to discuss the revision of the London Views Management Framework guidance and recent input has been made to the new draft version.

The Forum has been involved in the GLA's latest Housing Capacity Study and Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment projects. Retrofitting existing homes for climate change and energy efficiency was raised with the GLA and there are now targets for achieving that in the Mayor's latest proposals.

London Forum's chairman, Peter Eversden, was invited by the Mayor to be a member of his Outer London Commission investigating the needs of the outer boroughs for economic development and improved quality of life. An interim report was published by the Commission for consideration in the preparation of the new London Plan, the consultation draft for which is due in October 2009.

Community participation

There has been little evidence of effective use of the powers for Local Petitions and Councillor Calls for Action which we welcomed for ensuring a response by boroughs and potentially better scrutiny.

Comments were made on the Communities in Control White Paper and meetings were held with the Government Office for London on its proposals. We await the outcome for the working of societies with boroughs from the associated Bill now before Parliament. That will include better information, consultation and management of developers' financial contributions, the use of 'Planning for Real', further funds for Planning Aid, further RTP1 education programmes and a planning bursary scheme for more local authority resources and skills.

Both the Civic Trust and the London Forum were refused grants under the Government's new Empowerment Fund for organisations involved in developing community engagement in planning. It seems that support is intended only for networks like LVSC of voluntary organisations supporting disadvantaged people.

The Civic Trust

The then chairman of the Civic Trust, Philip Kolvin, gave a talk following London Forum's AGM in 2008 and was positive about what could be

achieved by community action. He accepted that the Civic Trust had not delivered all the services that societies had expected. Even so, the demise of the Civic Trust came as a surprise in April 2009 when it went into administration. London Forum is working with people in a small Civic Society Initiative (CSI) group which is conducting research, debates and workshops to clarify the range of activities of the civic movement and the services societies would need from any new national organisation that could be established. An event was held for our members to discuss those points with the CSI leader, Tony Burton. The Summer 09 issue of Newsforum was delayed to give full coverage of the Civic Trust and the CSI.

Planning and development

Assistance was given at an inquiry for a riverside location in Brentford and the appeal was refused. It emphasised the problems of lack of context sensitivity and excessive housing density that communities have encountered many times in development proposals for key sites. Such schemes overload the local infrastructure, they are not sustainable and they lack the private amenity space, play space and privacy for those who live in them.

Suggestions were made to civic and community groups in Ealing for participation in the Arcadia 'Penny Whistle' inquiry for which the decision is awaited. Following refusal after inquiry for a development alongside Kew Bridge, local groups were supported in negotiations for a new design by a different architect.

Both Crystal Palace Park and Gunnersbury Park have proposals for building new homes on their edges to raise funds to improve the parks. Reservations were expressed at the loss of both Metropolitan Open Land and trees and to the change in appearance of the parks and effect upon the setting of listed buildings.

London Forum supported other national associations' negative comments on the Killian/Pretty review of the planning system which is seeking further speeding up of the development process. We are concerned about the further extensions of permitted development rights introduced by the Government for lofts, basements, drives, extensions and micro-generation equipment.

Borough Local Development Frameworks are late in preparation and show inconsistent approaches across local authorities. One member society has written its own Town Centre Action Plan and others were urged to ensure spatial planning in their locality is being approached properly.

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Response was given by Michael Bach to the PPS6 revisions consultation at the end of 2008 on Planning for Town Centres. The London region had the highest proportion of conforming schemes but a few slipped through the system, an example being the latest proposal for Battersea Power Station which would rely too much on retail. By May 2009 another consultation was launched by the Government on PPS4, for combining all national planning policy on economic development in urban and rural areas and town centres (PPS6) into one. The new PPS documents are reduced in length and have simplified policies, backed by guidance. They are not as easy as the PPGs they replace for civic societies to understand and apply, which we have made clear in our responses.

The consultation draft of PPS15 which is to replace PPG15 and PPG16 may, it is feared, weaken heritage protection. An emphasis on the significances of historic assets will introduce a new approach to development control.

The initiatives by English Heritage to reduce the number of historic buildings at risk and to have good management of conservation areas were welcomed. Appraisals of such areas and listed building definitions may need to be amended by updating definitions of significance to ensure protection under PPS15, if it is implemented as proposed.

The Forum is concerned that, after ten years' work by English Heritage and many heritage-related groups, the long-promised Heritage Protection Bill has not been introduced.

On behalf of our members, London Forum expressed grave concern about new procedures introduced in April 2009 for 'householder' appeals, whereby the rights of local authorities and third parties to make further submissions to Inspectors have been withdrawn, while the appellant retains the right to do so. Further, if a local authority fails to advise third parties of the original application, any right to comment is lost. We fear that such an arrangement could be open to abuse by appellants.

Transport

Discussions were held with the Assembly's Transport Committee on the issues that it and the London Forum agree upon for the revised version of the Mayor's Transport Strategy and for the implications of the Mayor's decision not to proceed with certain travel projects due to lack of funds. Improvements in delivering interchange facilities at Clapham Junction and Vauxhall were pursued.

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TfL was asked to replace posters at Underground stations claiming that there are now “less delays”.

Evidence was given to the Assembly study of local noise from station tannoy. Improvements have been made but announcements have increased in frequency now on the whole network and by station staff using microphones. Further requests have been made for these to be better controlled.

Questions were put to the Mayor about the specifications of new Underground trains, with emphasis on the need to reduce internal noise. Peter Eversden attended meetings of the Campaign for Better Transport London Group, looking at light rail options, transport in Opportunity Areas, 20mph schemes, Oxford Street congestion, reshaping bus services, shared space, carbon reduction, Thames crossings, cycling and promoting sustainable transport.

London Forum continued its critical approach to the Government’s plans for Heathrow airport expansion. We do not accept that a case has been made for the third runway. There are short haul flights taking up slots at the airport which challenge its role as an international and long haul airport. It is not thought that BAA and the Government had agreed the best use of airports in the South East to ensure the needs of business travellers are best met without exceeding environmental limits. The sale of Stansted Airport is likely to introduce changes in its accessibility and services which could reduce the need for expansion at Heathrow.

The ending of the Cranford Agreement for flights from Heathrow, without public consultation, has caused more aircraft noise for communities that were protected previously. Concerns about more flights over the capital include the noise impact on schools, businesses and homes that have hardly been affected in the past. We support the Mayor, the Assembly and Heathrow Association for the Control of Aircraft Noise in their challenges on how pollution, noise and road congestion will be managed within acceptable limits if the airport is expanded. At the same time, we understand some members’ criticism of our opposition to the doubling of flights at Heathrow.

The Forum had supported the previous Mayor’s policy for 20mph zones but Boris Johnson has said they should be only in those residential areas where there have been accidents. Hackney, Camden and Lewisham boroughs had hoped for GLA funding for borough-wide 20mph restrictions except on major roads but that seems now to be unlikely.

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The requirement for a 'London Lorry' for local deliveries has been stressed in negotiations with the TfL Freight Policy unit and in London Forum's comments on the Mayor's proposals in 'Way to Go' for his new Transport Strategy.

Membership, communications and events

At the AGM in October 2008 members approved some minor changes to our Constitution and increases in subscriptions at a future date, which we did not need to implement this year.

Martin Jones of Highbury Fields Association was elected as a Trustee at the AGM in October 2008. David Lewis and Harley Sherlock are now Vice Presidents. David stepped down from the Executive Committee due to other commitments, so there have been too few Trustees this year and not enough people on our Planning & Transport committee. Requests for support have been issued to societies. Without adequate resources, the London Forum would have to reduce some of its activities and projects and we hope members will be able to help us with nominations of experienced people.

The results of London Forum's 2008 survey of members were published and the results were discussed at an open meeting and used to adjust our priorities. They have been offered also to the Civic Society Initiative as a snapshot of issues for community groups in the capital.

Articles in Newsforum during the year covered the demise of the Civic Trust, changes in planning law, the achievements of the Seven Dials Trust, the Mayor's new planning powers, proposals for Heathrow, Green Belt protection, flooding, the Cultural Olympiad, Planning Aid service, Parliament Square restoration, Crystal Palace Park, Clean Air in London and the Forum's concerns about new tall buildings which are being allowed on the South Bank and would affect views and World Heritage sites.

Email bulletins have been issued to members on consultations, changes and key topics of interest requiring members' attention. They included the Community Infrastructure Levy, third sector participation in Local Strategic Partnerships and the Local Area Agreement Indicators adopted by boroughs. There was a major update bulletin to members on the Assembly responses to the Mayor's statements of direction for his strategies, the latest GLA Economics statistics and Government consultations.

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The results of a survey of Year 5 children by Camden Civic Society on 'good and bad things locally' was publicised, with a suggestion that other societies might do the same.

London Forum Chairman, Peter Eversden

- spoke at a London Tenants Federation conference on the London Plan and LDFs.
- gave support, with the Just Space Group, to Community Engagement Network representatives in Dalston for participation and response to their Area Action Plan in Hackney's LDF.
- was invited to talk on LSP/LAA processes and Community and Core Strategies at a South Bank University conference on Democracy and Empowerment for community development activists.
- joined Andrew Barry-Purssell of the London Plan team, in giving a talk to London Civic Forum member groups on the revision of the London Plan.
- met with Hammersmith & Fulham Council officers and local amenity groups on Thames Water's proposals for a new sewer under the Thames from Hammersmith to Becton in East London. There are concerns about the impact on riverside locations of over sixty construction sites, some of them large, over an eight year period. The plans are being monitored through officers in London Councils.
- met with Trees for Cities, boroughs and the GLA on the Mayor's 10,000 trees planting project and the opportunities for community participation in the planning.

London Forum Events were held for members

- to discuss the problems in borough preparation of Local Development Frameworks. March 2009
- to hear and discuss the Transport for London (TfL) proposals for revision of the Mayor's Transport Strategy.
- to examine the Mayor's policies for priority parks and open space management and the subsequent guidance for borough officers and Councillors was welcomed. It should enable local groups to achieve better planning for open space provision and maintenance.
- to deliver and discuss the results of the survey of members

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Michael Bach and Peter Eversden wrote articles for 'Planning in London' magazine on the Mayor's approach to planning and on his pledges and priorities.

The Sustainable Communities Act was assessed to give members advice on how to use it and an article about it was written for the last Civic Trust magazine.

We warmly welcome Haringey Federation of Residents Associations as new members.

We acknowledge and appreciate the work of member societies which influence local services, planning, policies and decisions and for members' feedback which guides our activities and provides news for 'Round the Societies' pages in Newsforum.

The London Forum is very appreciative of the office space and facilities provided by Alan Baxter and Associates and for donations that some member societies made.

Financial Report for the year to 30 June 2009

Total income for the year was £4,598, 33% below last year's level. This was due principally to the ending of the Civic Trust grant during the year. Subscription income is the principal source of revenue for the Forum. This was down 8% on last year but this is actually rather good news! Last year's subscription income was boosted by a much greater level of late subscription income than this year's, showing that the Forum is further improving the time it takes to collect its subscriptions. This year the Forum benefitted from earned income from charitable activities of £803.

Expenses for the year were £2,452, 71% below last year's level but on a more comparable level with earlier years. This is principally due to the cost of two major items of expenditure- the periodic survey of members and the building of the Forum's website – falling into last year.

The balance sheet of the London Forum continues to be very strong with net current assets, primarily cash and deposits, amounting to £20,824 in comparison with £18,879 last year. The financial strength of the Forum will be helpful in supporting its future development for the benefit of its members.

Risk management

The major risks to which the London Forum is exposed, as identified by the trustees, have been reviewed during the year and the trustees are satisfied that action is being taken where appropriate 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 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 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

September 17 2009

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2009

	2009	2008
	£	£
Incoming resources		
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>		
Subscription income	2,290	2,480
Donations	414	683
Grant from Civic Trust	500	2,500
Investment income – deposit interest	591	1,160
Earned income	803	
Total incoming resources	<u>4,598</u>	<u>6,823</u>
Resources expended		
<i>Cost of charitable activities</i>		
Newsletters	1,183	1,193
Survey of members	-	2,019
Website development	-	3,780
Public meetings & events	187	214
Support costs	1,082	1,271
<i>Governance costs</i>	-	-
Total resources expended	<u>2,452</u>	<u>8,477</u>
	Note 2	
Net in/(outgoing) resources for the year	2,146	(1,654)
General fund at beginning of year	19,016	20,670
General fund at end of year	<u>£21,162</u>	<u>£19,016</u>

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Balance Sheet at 30 June 2009

		2009	2008
		£	£
Fixed assets-tangible assets	Note 4	338	137
Current assets			
Debtors & prepayments		-	10
Investments – bank deposits		19,669	21,220
Cash at bank and in hand		1,403	2,482
		<u>21,072</u>	<u>23,712</u>
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within 1 year			
Creditors & accruals		248	4,833
		<u>20,824</u>	<u>18,879</u>
Net current assets		<u>20,824</u>	<u>18,879</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>£21,162</u>	<u>£19,016</u>
Funds			
General fund	note 5	<u>£21,162</u>	<u>£19,016</u>

Approved by the trustees on 17 September 2009
and signed on their behalf by

P Eversden – Chairman
AM Coleman – Hon Treasurer

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2009

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

	£
<i>Cost of office equipment</i>	
At 1 July 2008	750
Additions	450
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At 30 June 2009	1,200
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<i>Depreciation of office equipment</i>	
At 1 July 2008	613
Charge for the year	249
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At 30 June 2009	862
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 30 June 2009	338
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At 1 July 2008	137
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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 at 1 July 2008	4,249	14,767	19,016
Net incoming resources for the year	-	2,146	2,146
Transfers	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward at 30 June 2009	<u>4,249</u>	<u>16,913</u>	<u>21,162</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the reserves are sufficient to finance the existing level of activities. It is hoped to increase the level of activities of the London Forum in future years and a further assessment of the adequacy of reserves will be made when the implications of those proposals can be evaluated.

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Report of the Independent Examiner to the Executive Committee of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

I report on the accounts of The London Forum for the year ended 30 June 2009, which are set out on pages 12 to 16.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit responsibilities of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 ("the Act") does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

S Baddeley FCA

Chiswick

17 September 2009

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 Brockley Society
 Brompton Association
 C.A.S.C.H. (Crouch End)
 Camberwell Society
 Camden Civic Society
 Canonbury Society
 Carshalton Society
 Charlton Society
 Chelsea Society
 Chislehurst Society
 Chiswick Protection Group
 City Heritage Society
 Clapham Society
 Covent Garden Community Trust
 Crystal Palace Community Assoc
 Crystal Palace Foundation
 Culverley Green Residents Association
 Dulwich Society
 Duncan Terrace Residents
 Association
 Ealing Civic Society
 East Dulwich Society
 Eltham Society
 Enfield Society
 Finchley Society
 Finsbury Park Action Group
 Friends of Battersea Park
 Friends of Brockwell Park
 Friends of Clapham Common
 Friends of Great North Wood
 Friends of Greenwich Park
 Friends of Jubilee Gardens
 Friends of Peckham Rye Park
 Friends of Richmond Park
 Friends of St. George's Gardens
 Friends of Waterlow Park
 Fulham Society
 Gidea Park and District Civic Society
 Greenwich Environment Forum

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Hackney Society
Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group
Haringey Federation of Residents Associations
Hammersmith Community Trust
Hammersmith Society
Hampstead Garden Suburb RA
Harrow Hill Trust
Heath and Hampstead Society
Herne Hill Society
Highbury Fields Association
Highgate Society
Hyde Park Estate Association
Isleworth Society
Islington Society
John Innes Society (Merton)
Kensington Society
Kew Society
Kingston-upon-Thames Society
Knightsbridge Association
Ladbroke Association
Lambethan's Society
Lewisham Environment Trust
London Society
London Thames Gateway Forum
Marylebone Association
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Mill Hill Preservation Society
Mortlake and East Sheen Society
Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Assoc
Netherhall Neighbourhood Assoc
Newington Green Action Group
Northolt & Greenford
Countryside Park Society
Norwood Society
Old Chiswick Protection Society
Paddington R.A.C.T.
Paddington Waterways and Maida Vale Society
Pinner Association
Putney Society
Queen's Park Area R A
Richmond Hill Terrace RA
Richmond Society
River Thames Society
Save Environt of Alexandra Park and Palace

Seven Dials Trust
Smithfield Trust
Society for Protection of London Squares
Soho Society
South East Bayswater R A
South End Green Association
Southgate District Civic Trust
St. John's Wood Society
St. Mary Cray Action Group
Stanmore Society
Strawberry Hill R A
Streatham Society
Suncroft Residents Association
Sutton and Cheam Society
Sydenham Society
Teddington Society
Telegraph Hill Conservation Soc
Tewkesbury Lodge Estate R A
Thorney Island Society
Tottenham Civic Society
Tower Hamlets Environment Trust
Vale of Health Society
Vauxhall Society
Victoria Drive Conservation Area RA
Waltham Forest Civic Society
Wandsworth Society
Waterloo Community
Development Group
Westbourne Neighbourhd Assoc
West Green R A
Westcombe Society
Westminster Society
Wimbledon Park Heritage Group
Wimbledon Society
Worcester Park R A
York House Society

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Bio Regional Development Group
CPRE London Branch
Campaign for Better Transport
Campaign for the Abolition of 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
Georgian Group
Groundwork Foundation
Heathrow Association for Control of Aircraft Noise
Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee
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Lea Rivers Trust
Learning Through Landscapes in London
Living Streets
London Cycling Campaign
London Green Belt Council
London Open House
London Parks & Gardens Trust
London Planning & Dvpmnt Forum
London Research Centre
TravelWatch: London Transport Users Committee
London Voluntary Service Council
London Wildlife Trust
London & Middlesex Archaeological Society
Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth
Open Spaces Society
Planning Aid for London
RIBA London Region
Ramblers Association (Inr London)
Society for Protection of Ancient Buildings
South London Link Travellers Assoc
Sustainable London Trust
Town and Country Planning Assoc
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, for which the London Forum is the London Region Association, it has grown in strength and influence; derived from the participation of over 130 local societies with a combined membership of some 100,000 Londoners, plus around 50 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. It was a member of the development team of London Civic Forum that works with the GLA.

Supports

. . . . local community and civic societies and channels their views and concerns to other relevant London-wide groups.

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. Our most recent 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
 - parks, open spaces, sports fields and green belt
 - regeneration of local shops and town centres
 - good urban design
 - protecting Conservation Areas
 - retaining and developing local amenities
 - proliferation of licensed premises - the 24 hour society
 - personal safety
 - graffiti, litter and vandalism
 - lack of resources and cuts in borough front-line services
 - entirely different 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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