

# LONDON FORUM MEMBERS' SURVEY 2012

## Achievements and Challenges

**Closing Date for Survey –Friday June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012**

### Contact Details for Your Society or Group

Name of Society/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Name of respondent \_\_\_\_\_

Position in Society/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number \_\_\_\_\_

Contact email address \_\_\_\_\_

Web address of Society/Group \_\_\_\_\_

Borough(s) \_\_\_\_\_

### What your Society or Group has achieved in the last two years

Q1 What have been the most important achievements of your society/group over the last two years? Please tick as many of those below as are appropriate.

<b>Important Achievements in Your Area over the last 2 Years</b>	
Saving listed or other buildings	
Helping to prevent inappropriate development	
Environmental projects	
Improvements to Local Plan (e.g. LDF) and other local planning documents	
Tree planting/protection	
Conservation Areas – management/designation/improvement	
Traffic and /or transport improvements	
Protection of open space (inc playing fields, allotments ,local green spaces and Green Belt) and city greening	
Improvement of Local Authority consultation	
Regenerating town centre/high street	
Urban design and improvement of development schemes	
Improving pedestrian and cycling facilities	
Building relationships with school and youth groups	
Getting more recognition and publicity	
Exhibition/publication	
Involvement in setting up a Neighbourhood Forum	
Running events, public meetings	
Removal of street clutter	

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach additional details on a separate sheet labelled with question number as reference*

## The Issues, Problems and Challenges in Your Area Now

Q2 What are the most significant issues and challenges which your society or group has to deal with in your area now? Please tick **each** one as high, medium or low.

Most Significant Issues and Challenges Now	High	Medium	Low
Graffiti, vandalism and anti-social behaviour			
Decline of local shops in quality or quantity			
Traffic/road safety and congestion			
Cyclists and cycling			
Excess/inappropriate signs/street furniture/clutter			
Night time economy			
Lack of affordable housing			
High buildings			
High density housing development			
Basements and similar development			
Impact of alternative energy efficiency measures			
Developer – led planning briefs			
Open Space developments and management/loss			
Waste collection, recycling and waste management			
Loss of local amenities including pubs, post offices, GP surgeries, petrol stations, libraries, sports facilities			
Deterioration of local services and facilities			
Personal safety/street crime			
Public transport			
Noise from events			
Building relationships with schools and youth groups			

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

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## Running your society or group - Progress and Problem areas

Q3 What are the main progress and problem areas in running your society or group now?  
Please tick as many as are appropriate in each column.

Main Areas	Progress	Problems
Access to specialist advice		
A more active and involved committee		
A more active and involved membership		
A more locally representative membership		
Communications/newsletter/internet usage		
Recruitment of new, especially younger members		
Enough human resources for current needs		
Handling planning applications		
Funding		
Coping with/responding to consultations		
Working relationships with local councillors		
Working relationships with council officers		
GLA/Mayoral intervention in local affairs		
Working relationships with local stakeholders (businesses, health, police, retailers)		
Getting media publicity or media impact		

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach additional problems or progress topics on a separate sheet labelled with question number as reference*

Q4 Which of the following descriptions best describes your society or group?  
Please tick the **one** that applies most.

New and Energetic	Established and thriving	Established and ticking over	Established and struggling	None of these

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

Q5 Has your society or group taken a pro-active part (i.e. producing your own document), a very active part (e.g. appearing at examinations-in-public), an active part (e.g. conscientiously sending well thought-out responses to consultations), an occasional part, or no part, in the development of your local authority's plans (by whatever name or acronym they are currently known)? Please tick as appropriate.

Pro active part	Very active part	Active part	Occasional Part	No Part

Q6 How important to your society or group is membership of the London Forum-now and in the future? Please tick the one closest to your view for each time period.

Time Period	Extremely Important	Very important	Neither important nor unimportant	Not very important	Not at all important
Now					
In the future					

Why do you say that? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Q7 How useful to your society or group are the different benefits of membership of the London Forum? Please tick a box for **each** benefit.

Membership Benefits	Very Useful	Quite Useful	Not at all Useful
News Forum newsletter			
Bulletins and alerts by emails (e bulletins) or Twitter			
Meetings and events			
London wide strategic weight and influence for the sector			
Responding to London GLA/Mayoral consultations			
Responding to Government consultations			
Representing your society's or group's local concerns			
Media Award promoting better communications			
Initiation of amenity solutions			
Sharing successful experience			

Other (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

Q8 Does your society or group receive the London Forum 'newsforum' electronically?

Yes  No

Q9 How is 'newsforum' and the information in ebulletins and tweets from the London Forum circulated to members of your society or group? Are they not circulated at all, to committee members only or to all whose email address your society or group has? Please tick appropriate box.

Not circulated at all	To Committee members only	To all whose email address is known to your society or group

Q10 Does your society or group respond to consultation opportunities by the GLA/Mayor and/or Central Government? Please tick a box for each one.

Consultations	Frequently	Occasionally	Never
Central Government consultations			
GLA/Mayoral consultations			

Q11 How does your society decide which ones to respond to and which to ignore? Please write in.

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Q12 Does your society or group find commenting on planning applications on-line manageable?

Yes	No	Don't Know

Q13 Why do you say that? What problems are your society/group encountering? Please write in.

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Q14 Five main priorities were identified for the London Forum by member societies or groups for the last five years. How would you rate the success of the London Forum in progressing these priorities since then? Please tick a box for each priority.

London Forum Priorities	Very successful	Quite successful	Neither successful nor unsuccessful	Quite un successful	Not at all successful
Influencing planning policy					
Giving local issues a bigger voice					
Providing a London wide perspective					
Pro active role with the Mayor/GLA					
Protecting and safeguarding open spaces					

Q15 What should be the 5 main priorities for the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies in the next few years in relation to your society/group? Please write in.

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2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 \_\_\_\_\_  
4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 \_\_\_\_\_

*Please attach any extra comments on a separate sheet or sheets labelled with question number as reference*

### **About Your Society or Group**

Q16 Date of foundation of your society or group: Year \_\_\_\_\_

Q17 Is your society or group a registered charity? Yes  No

Q18 Is your society or group a member of Civic Voice? Yes  No

Why has your society or group decided this? Please write in.

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Q19 Is your society a member of a **local** organisation such as a..... ?

Forum  Federation  Group  Network

Please write in the name(s) of those organisations \_\_\_\_\_

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### **Income:**

Q20 Is income covering costs? Yes  No

Q21 Is a shortage of income limiting activities? Yes  No

(If yes: what is being done to remedy this?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Q22 Annual income levels Rising  Static  Falling

Q23 Have you increased your membership fees in the last 2 years or do you intend to in the next 2 years?

Last 2 years Yes  No  Don't know

Next 2 years Yes  No  Don't know

Q24 What is your scale of annual membership fees?

Individual please write in \_\_\_\_\_

Household please write in \_\_\_\_\_

Business please write in \_\_\_\_\_

Concessionary please write in \_\_\_\_\_

No membership fees charged \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership:**

Q25 Number of members (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please count household or family membership as two per address)

Q26 Number of business/corporate members (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

Q27 Number of youth members (please write in) \_\_\_\_\_

Q28 Membership levels: Rising  Static  Falling

Q29 What strategies do you have in place to increase membership? Please write in

\_\_\_\_\_

Q30 Estimated percentage of your members for which you have email addresses please tick the appropriate box:-

20%  40%  60%  80%  100%

**Committee:**

Q31 Membership: Are all committee places filled? Yes  No

Are all officer posts filled? Yes  No

Q32 Does your society or group have a particularly knowledgeable member in, (or do you co-opt specialists in), any of the following?

Accessing Knowledge	Planning	Transport	Environment	Traffic	Urban Design and Architecture	Licensing
Particularly knowledgeable member						
Co-opting specialists						

Q33 Is a shortage of skills/people limiting activities? Yes  No

Many thanks for helping with this very important survey. Please return this completed form by **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012** to:

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Alternatively, if you received this electronically, you can return it by email **by the same date** to :- [membership@londonforum.org.uk](mailto:membership@londonforum.org.uk)

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