

THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988
Charity Registered Number 1093134



26th ANNUAL REPORT

2013 - 2014

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2014

Notice is given to members that the

AGM of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

will be held on

Tuesday October 14th 2014, 6pm for 6.30pm

at

The Gallery

Alan Baxter and Associates,

77 Cowcross Street, London, near Farringdon Station, EC1M 6EL

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and introduction - Alan Baxter**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM of 15 October 2013**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Financial Report - Subscription rates for 2015**
- 5. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2013-14**
- 6. Election of Honorary Independent Examiner**
- 7. Election of Officers and Trustees**
- 8. Any Other Business**

**After the AGM there will be drinks and light refreshments
followed by an**

Open meeting for Members

Freddie Gick Chair of Civic Voice

will give an update on Civic Voice activities, focussing in particular on the creation of a national network of volunteers during the First World War four year centenary period, to conserve First World War memorials, and how societies can get involved

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 24 of this report.

Organisation structure

The London Forum is administered by the Executive Committee of up to 15 trustees, which meets quarterly. 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 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 2014

The highlight of 2013 was the celebration of London Forum's 25th anniversary with a series of successful events including a Reception hosted by the Mayor at City Hall. These have all been reported in Newsforum.

The most significant event of 2014 was the appearance of the Mayor's 'Further amendments to the London Plan' which the Forum studied in preparation for the Examination-in-Public in the autumn of 2014.

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The most important feature of this was the forecast increase in the population of London, above that which was the basis of the 2011 London Plan, and the way in which the revised Plan will tackle it; the Forum is far from convinced that the Mayor's proposals are sound.

A very worrying feature this year was the revelation of the large number of tall buildings approved or in the course of getting approval to be built along the Thames. The Forum has taken an active part in alerting member societies to these developments with meetings and reports in Newsforum. There has also been mounting concern during the year about the loss of pubs. Both issues were the subject of well-attended open meetings.

Other issues that continued to be of particular concern during the year were basements, which several inner London boroughs have struggled to bring under planning control, and the setting of the World Heritage sites of the Tower and Westminster, which has been wilfully ignored by the Government and by the Mayor, in permitting inappropriate tall buildings nearby.

The Forum has continued to be very sceptical of the need for the massive and disruptive Thames Tideway Tunnel as a solution to the sewage problems of the capital, believing that there are alternative ways of dealing with the problem, such as that pioneered in Philadelphia.

Legislative changes

The Government's drive to relax the planning system has continued during the year. It seems to see the system as a constraint on growth and on the provision of housing, rather than a democratic way of reconciling different objectives and ensuring that we leave to our descendants a London to be proud of. The Forum has been tireless in putting the case for proper planning; it has been listened to courteously, but, like the many other concerned bodies trying to modify these changes, has had little success.

The Forum presented written evidence to the Select Committee on the National Planning Policy Framework, and Michael Bach attended some of its sessions. He joined other national civic society representatives in compiling a draft response to the Government's questions on proposals for Permitted Development.

The Mayor and Assembly

The London Forum Chairman Peter Eversden continued during the year as a member of the Mayor's Outer London Commission, concerned particularly with the town centres of the outer boroughs. The Commission's report informed the London Plan alterations. The London Assembly Planning Committee issued a final report into its investigation into the Future of London's Town Centres.

The Forum also participated in several of the scrutinies conducted by committees of the Greater London Assembly, including Police & Crime, Transparency, Upgrading the Underground and the 2012 Transport Legacy, New River Crossings and World Heritage sites, though the local and European elections meant that there were no active scrutinies in the last few months of the year of this report. The Forum attempted to get the Waterways Scrutiny widened beyond moorings. The Forum also responded to the Select Committee inquiry into operation of Greater London Authority Act, and, with Dave Morris and others, gave evidence to the Assembly Planning Committee on Neighbourhood Planning.

Michael Bach and Michael Edwards (of the Bartlett School of Planning at University College London) were invited to give evidence to the Planning Committee of the Assembly. The London Assembly's Environment Committee launched an investigation into London's green spaces and their value for biodiversity.

The Forum was concerned that the Density Matrix in the London Plan was being regularly ignored both by boroughs and by the Mayor, who had permitted far more than the 5% of developments to exceed its upper limits. The Authority seemed to be operating in accordance with the old Livingstone London Plan rather than the current one. The personnel remained the same, and appeared to be intent on continuing with those policies unless they were stopped.

The Forum was also concerned at the Mayor's use of his call-in powers. The Mayor had called in a number of planning applications from boroughs, and permitted what they were likely to refuse. He was not only calling in applications and over-riding boroughs' decisions, he failed to order refusal of schemes which did not conform to policies in the London Plan, such as the 910 flats by Chiswick roundabout. However he has changed his stance on the "buy to leave" problem. In March the London Assembly called on the Mayor to set out clear criteria to define the circumstances under which he would exercise his call-in power.

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The Forum judged that the untrammelled freedom to convert offices to residential was likely to prove disastrous, and much regretted that the four London boroughs who were granted a judicial review of the Secretary of State's decision not to exempt them from the relaxation, then lost their case.

The Forum raised lack of clarity, possibilities of challenge, and variation amongst boroughs on the Community Infrastructure Levy at the GLA review of infrastructure.

Consultations

The Forum's Planning and Transport Committee looked systematically at all the consultations initiated by the Government and by the Mayor and his subordinate organisations (such as Transport for London) including those on Supplementary Planning Guidance notes, and assessed those which warranted study and comment. Among those on which the Forum commented were the Mayor's draft housing strategy, air quality; waste; noise; the congestion charge; 20mph speed limits; a possible Marine Conservation Zone; the draft Traffic Signs and General Directions 2015; the GLA Act; Further Amendments to the London Plan; improved River Crossings and the Heritage provisions of the Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Act.

The Forum was involved in the preparation of Opportunity Area Planning Frameworks and plans for areas including Earls Court, Euston, Southall, Park Royal and Old Oak Common.

A response was made to Sir Terry Farrell's independent review of Architecture and the Built Environment and to the Changes to English Heritage and their plans for a survey for all Grade II listed buildings.

Transport

Andrew Bosi took the lead on transport matters in the Planning and Transport Committee, and regularly circulates his Friends of Capital Transport email Newsletter on transport in the capital.

He has criticised in particular the effect on central London of the government's plans for High Speed 2; the Forum believes that if it goes ahead, Old Oak Common would be a much better London terminus than Euston.

The 'Boris Bus' - intended as a successor to the Routemaster - has design deficiencies, and loses its *raison d'être* when there is no guard.

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Though the Forum welcomes the increase in cycling in London in recent years, some of the proposals to encourage it have unwelcome side-effects, and the Forum is watching over these.

Dick Allard continued his oversight of freight in London. Though of crucial importance, it is not given any policy priority by the GLA, and various initiatives over the years have petered out. The Forum is watching carefully the ideas for new river crossings east of Tower Bridge.

Proposals for expansion of airport capacity in London (including the Mayor's idea of an airport in the Thames estuary) continued to be made and discussed during the year, but no positive proposals are likely to emerge until after the 2015 General Election.

Communications

London Forum has redesigned its membership leaflet, using colour for the front panel. The redesigned Website has been a great success. The number of followers of the Chairman's tweets is increasing with over 1,200 entries in London Forum's Twitter site. By March this year there were over 300 regular followers and many more checking on the items.

Three editions of Newsforum were circulated, two by post as hard copies and one in PDF form by email. It continues to attract appreciative comments from member societies.

The link to Planning in London magazine is now sent out to members regularly.

London Forum collaboration with other bodies

Michael Hammerson continues to attend meetings of the London Historic Environment Forum.

Helen Marcus continues as a trustee of Civic Voice but will step down in October.

Michael Bach has done some work on Shops to Residential for Civic Voice; in his view the dangers were more for smaller shops and parades than for large ones. He had also attended a useful Civic Voice meeting on the subject of Community Assets with a presentation by a lawyer.

Other groups the Forum worked with during the year were the Centre for London, Future for London, New London Architecture, Urban Design London, Just Space, the London Tenants Federation, the London Planning and Development Forum, and the Campaign for Better Transport.

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The Open Spaces Society regularly updates London Forum on issues of concern.

Events attended and talks given by the Chairman and other committee members

The Chairman attended the Communities and Local Government Select Committee questioning of witnesses on the GLA Act, and the Select Committee questioning of Nick Boles. London Forum had discussions with Roberta Blackman-Woods MP, Shadow Communities and Local Government Minister for the Labour Party, on changes being made to the planning system.

In February the Chairman attended a TCPA conference with borough representatives on the subject of the Mayor's draft housing strategy. The GLA invited him to support their discussions with sub-regional borough groups on the altered London Plan and he arranged with Just Space a meeting on that subject at City Hall for all civic and community groups.

He gave a talk to the newly formed East End Preservation Society, attended Civic Voice meetings with Regional representatives, and a meeting at the House of Commons to try to save Planning Aid for London from closing. He was involved in many meetings about the need for the Thames Tideway Sewer Tunnel.

The Chairman has been involved in the proposals for putting the Hammersmith A4 flyover into a tunnel and reclaiming land, a project the Mayor now supports.

Several conferences were attended by trustees at the New London Architecture (NLA). Peter Pickering attended and reported on *Development Economics: Making Regeneration Stand up in the Era of CIL*; and the NLA Conference on Tall Buildings in June. Helen Marcus attended a TCPA Round Table about equality and housing at the House of Commons. Diane Burrige attended a discussion on immigration hosted by the Evening Standard in the Guildhall. Bill Linskey advised the Peckham Society about a Neighbourhood Forum for Peckham.

Several meetings were held by the Chairman, Michael Bach and Michael Hammerson with the Assembly Member Nicky Gavron who chairs the Assembly's Planning Committee, and with whom London Forum has worked since before the GLA, in LPAC.

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Events for London Forum's members - Open Meetings

There was another packed programme of open meetings in the Gallery during the year on a wide variety of topical subjects. In addition to the AGM on 15th October 2013 six open meetings were held, as follows:

2013

July: The development of London's rail system with speaker Geoff Hobbs Head of Planning, London Rail at Transport for London; **September:** a talk by Tony Travers; the AGM on 15th **October** celebrated London Forum member societies' achievements over 25 years; **November:** The Changes in Planning Policy with John Lett of the GLA and the Walter Bor Media Awards.

2014

January: Climate Change and Energy efficiency with speakers Murad Qureshi, chairman of the London Assembly's environment committee and Dr Mayer Hillman, Senior Fellow Emeritus at the Policy Studies Institute; **March:** Saving local facilities and the use of the Asset of Community Value process focussing on Pubs with speaker Dale Ingram, an historic buildings and planning consultant; **April:** 'Planning Chaos' with John Allen, Assistant Director (Planning & Regulatory Services, London Borough of Hackney; **June:** Tall Buildings, in conjunction with the Historic Buildings Committee of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society (LAMAS) as part of the Festival of Architecture with speakers Rowan Moore, Jon Finney LAMAS Historic Buildings and Conservation Committee Chairman, and Robert Ayton, the Head of Design at the City of Westminster Central Area Team.

We are much indebted to our Patron Alan Baxter for the use of the Gallery.

Committee and Officers

We were deeply saddened to hear of the deaths of Sir Richard MacCormac and Harley Sherlock. Sir Richard was President of London Forum until late last year when he stepped down due to illness. Harley's long association with London Forum included chairing the Planning and Transport Committee for many years and then becoming a Vice President. They will be greatly missed.

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Haydn Mylchreest has stepped down as a trustee and as membership secretary. He has done a superb job in getting membership records into a comprehensive format for inclusion from Summer 2014 in London Forum's web site. He has built close relationships with many societies and carried their key news items into the Newsforum's Round the Societies report. Diane Burridge has generously agreed to take over from him.

Much thought has been given during the year to the London Forum Business Plan.

Membership

We warmly welcome new member West Hampstead Amenity and Transport Group.

London Forum continues to receive generous extra donations from societies in addition to their membership fees. This year extra donations have come from Enfield Society, Gidea Park and District Civic Society, Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group, Hammersmith Society, Harrow Heritage Trust, Paddington Waterways & Maida Vale Society, South East Bayswater Residents Association, Stamford Brook Residents Association, Thorney Island Society, Tottenham Civic Society, Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents Association, Westcombe Society, and also from two individual members.

We are most grateful for this additional support of our members and thank them warmly.

The Forum has helped member societies and local people with a number of important local issues, for instance the plans for the Vauxhall gyratory, which seem to threaten the newly-built bus station.

A moderate degree of interest was shown during the year in several parts of London (particularly Highgate) in the neighbourhood planning provisions of the Localism Act, and Michael Bach and Peter Eversden have spoken at conferences.

The Chairman sends regular General updates by email alerting members to issues of interest or concern. These have included: Town Centres, Personal Alcohol Licences, Draft SPGs on Sustainable Design and Construction, and on Control of Dust and Emissions during Construction and Demolition, proposed sell off of the Land Registry, proposals for Public Libraries, Sir Terry Farrell's Call for Evidence for his review of Architecture and the Built Environment, commissioned by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport, Pocket Park funding - part of the Mayor's London's Great

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Outdoors programme, Airports Commission consultation on aviation noise September 2013, London Dashboard & London Datastore monthly updates from GLA, and many other updates on Twitter or the web site.

Members are increasingly informing us of their own responses to government consultations and of their activities. We acknowledge and appreciate members' feedback which guides the work of London Forum and provides news for 'Round the Societies' pages in Newsforum. The work of member societies complements the activities of the Forum Committee and influences local services, planning, policies and decisions.

Amongst those we have received are:

Teddington Society comments on rail services and CR2; Culverley Green Residents' Association Aviation Noise discussion paper; The Ladywell Society response to the Permitted Development Change of use consultation; a comment from the Wimbledon Society on diesel.

Society activities have included: West Hampstead Amenity and Transport Group (WHAT) celebration of its 40th anniversary with an exhibition in the local library. Soho Society invited London Forum to its 40th anniversary celebration; Richmond Society held a photo competition for young people on their local environment and street scene. Camden Civic Society continue their highly successful competition for young people.

Appreciation for Alan Baxter

London Forum warmly thanks Alan Baxter and Associates for their continuing invaluable and generous support in providing office and meeting space, facilities, and valuable networking opportunities with other organisations.



Finances for the year to 30 June 2014

Total income for the year was £4,306, little changed from last year (£4,426). Subscription income remains the principal source of revenue for the Forum. This is virtually unchanged from last year. Bank interest remained low with interest rates on all types of accounts continuing to fall.

Expenses for the year were £3,479 (2013: £4,597).

The net financial outcome for the year was a small surplus of £827 (2013: shortfall of £171).

The balance sheet of the London Forum at 30 June 2014 remains strong. Total net assets amounted to £23,952, almost wholly cash and deposits (2013: £23,125).

Risk management

The major risks to which the London Forum is exposed, as identified by the trustees, are reviewed regularly, and the trustees are satisfied that suitable action is being 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 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

1st September 2014

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2014

	2014	2013
Note	£	£
Incoming resources		
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>		
Subscription income	3,585	3,610
Donations	621	558
Investment income – deposit interest	100	258
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Total incoming resources	4,306	4,426
<i>Resources expended</i>		
<i>Cost of charitable activities</i>		
Newsletters	2,045	1,578
Public meetings & events	0	675
Support costs	1,434	2,344
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Total resources expended	3,479	4,597
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Net incoming/(outgoing) resources for the year	827	(171)
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General fund at beginning of year	23,125	23,296
General fund at end of year	23,952	22,125
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Balance Sheet at 30 June 2014

		2014	2013
		£	£
	Note		
Fixed assets-tangible assets	4	19	38
Current assets			
Investments – bank deposits		18,959	18,863
Cash at bank and in hand		4,974	6,123
		<u>23,933</u>	<u>24,986</u>
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within 1 year			
Creditors & accruals		0	1,899
		<u>23,933</u>	<u>23,087</u>
Net current assets			
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>23,952</u>	<u>23,125</u>
Funds			
General fund	5	<u>23,952</u>	<u>23,125</u>

Approved by the trustees on 1st September 2014
and signed on their behalf by

P. Eversden – Chairman

A.S. Allen – Hon Treasurer

Notes to the financial statements for the year ended 30 June 2014

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 2013	1,276
Additions	-
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At 30 June 2014	<u>1,276</u>
 <i>Depreciation of office equipment</i>	
At 1 July 2013	1,238
Charge for the year	19
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At 30 June 2014	<u>1,257</u>
 <i>Net book value</i>	
At 30 June 2014	<u>19</u>
At 1 July 2013	<u>38</u>

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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 2013	2,917	20,208	23,125
Net incoming resources for the year		827	827
Transfers	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward at 30 June 2014	<u>2,917</u>	<u>21,035</u>	<u>23,952</u>

The trustees are satisfied that the reserves are sufficient to finance the existing level of activities, and to support business plans for the foreseeable future.

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Bankers

CAF Bank
COIF Deposit Fund
Lloyds TSB
Scottish Widows Bank

Independent examiner

S Baddeley
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London W4

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 2014, which are set out on pages 14 to 18.

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 and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts under section 43(2) of the 1993 Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, and
- to state 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

1st September 2014

THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

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Barnet Society
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Bexley Civic Society
Blackheath Society
Brixton Society
Bromley Civic Society
Brompton Association
Camberwell Society
Camden Civic Society
Carshalton Society
C.A.S.C.H. (Crouch End)
Charlton Society
Chelsea Society
Chislehurst Society
City Heritage Society
Clapham Society
Crystal Palace Community Association
Crystal Palace Foundation
Culverley Green Residents Association
Dulwich Society
Duncan Terrace Residents Association
Ealing Civic Society
Ealing Fields Residents Association
Earl's Court Society
East Dulwich Society
Enfield Society
Finchley Society
Forest Hill Society
Friends of Battersea Park
Friends of Brockwell Park
Friends of Greenwich Park
Friends of Jubilee Gardens
Friends of Richmond Park
Friends of St. George's Gardens
Fulham Society
Gidea Park and District Civic Society
Greenwich Environment Forum
Greenwich Society
Hackney Society
Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group
Hammersmith Community Trust
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
Hyde Park Estate Association
Isleworth Society
Islington Society
John Innes Society
Kensington Society
Kew Society
Kingston-upon-Thames Society
Knightsbridge Association
Ladbroke Association
Lambethan's Society
Lee Manor Society

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Lewisham Environment Trust
London Society

Marylebone Association
Metropolitan Public Gardens
Association

Mill Hill Preservation Society
Mortlake and East Sheen Society
Muswell Hill & Fortis Green
Association

Netherhall Neighbourhood
Association
New Barnet Community
Association

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

Penge Forum
Pinner Association
Putney Society

Richmond Hill Terrace Residents
Association
Richmond Society

Seven Dials Trust
Smithfield Trust
Soho Society
South East Bayswater Residents
Association

South End Green Association
Southgate District Civic Trust
St. John's Wood Society

St. Mary Cray Action Group
St. Marylebone Society
Stamford Brook Residents
Association
Stanmore Society
Strawberry Hill Residents
Association
Streatham Society
Sutton and Cheam Society
Sydenham Society

Teddington Society
Telegraph Hill Conservation Society
Tewkesbury Lodge Estate
Residents Association
The Environment Trust
Thorney Island Society
Tottenham Civic Society
Twickenham Society

Victoria Drive Conservation Area
Residents Association

Waltham Forest Civic Society
Wandsworth Society
West Hampstead Amenity and
Transport Group

Westbourne Neighbourhood
Association

Westcombe Society
Westminster Society
Wimbledon Society
Woolwich & District Antiquarian
Society

Worcester Park Residents
Association

York House Society

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Over the years the London Forum has enjoyed the support of many professional and commercial organisations, some of whom are Associate Members.

Adams Loxton Partnership Ltd
Age Concern London
Alan Baxter and Associates
Association of North Thames
Amenity Societies
Bio Regional Development Group
CPRE London Branch
Campaign for Better Transport
Campaign for the Abolition of
Residential 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
HACAN (Heathrow Association
for Control of Aircraft Noise)
Highgate Conservation Area
Advisory Committee
International Design Eco Awards
Islington Archaeology & History
Society
Lambeth Public Transport
Committee
Lea Rivers Trust
Learning Through Landscapes
in London
Living Streets
London Cycling Campaign
London Green Belt Council
London Parks & Gardens Trust
London Planning & Development
Forum
London Research Centre
TravelWatch
London Voluntary Service Council
London Wildlife Trust
London & Middlesex
Archaeological Society
Muswell Hill Friends of the Earth
Open House London
Open Spaces Society
Planning Aid for London
RIBA London Region
Ramblers Association (Inner London)
Society for Protection of
Ancient Buildings
South London Link Travellers
Association
Sustainable London Trust
Town and Country Planning
Association
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, it has grown in strength and influence derived from the participation of over 130 local societies with a combined membership of tens of thousands of 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 has been 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. 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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Together we can make a better London