

THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988
Charity Registered Number 1093134



31st ANNUAL REPORT

2018 - 2019

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2019

**Notice is given to members that the
AGM of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies
will be held on**

Thursday 3rd October 2019, 6pm for 6.30pm

at

The Gallery

Alan Baxter and Coombs

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

AGENDA

- 1. Welcome and introduction**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM of Tuesday 30th October 2018**
- available at <http://bit.ly/2Gux4vY>
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Financial Report**
- 5. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2018-19**
- 6. Appointment of Honorary Independent Examiner**
- 7. Election of Officers and Trustees**
- 8. Any Other Business**

After drinks and light refreshments,

James Murray

**Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development
at the GLA will address the meeting,
followed by questions and discussion.**

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 page 24 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 2019

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 the Forum has had a new Treasurer, Stephen Speak of the Kew Society, only the fourth in the thirty-one years since we were formed by the Civic Trust. That might be something of a record, except that we have had only two chairmen over that period. This remarkable continuity is a great strength, provided it does not lead to stagnation, and to prevent this there has to be continuing new blood among the trustees. This has been achieved only in part, and member societies are urged to nominate new trustees, and members for the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee.

Government and legislation

There has been little new legislation on planning matters during the year, but the Government has implemented by statutory instrument some of the deregulation measures which had been proposed in 2017/8. Ministers changed in 2018/19, but the general thrust of policy did not. The Forum has objected strongly to the introduction of further permitted development rights which would adversely affect London, but have nevertheless been imposed on the whole of England.

The Government has not abandoned its damaging policy of allowing conversions of offices to residential accommodation without control of design or the developer contributions for infrastructure and affordable housing that would have been required through a planning application. The fact that the housing support system and high cost of private rented accommodation forces people to live in the resulting seriously sub-standard homes is highly regrettable.

A review undertaken under the auspices of the Town and Country Planning Association, and chaired by Lord Raynsford, contained a perceptive critique of the planning regime, and proposed a substantial overhaul; sadly, it does not seem to have made much of an impression on Ministers. The London Forum has been working with the TCPA on their other projects on delivery of affordable homes and on increasing community participation in both plan making and decision taking.

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Recommendations are expected in September 2019.

The Building Better, Building Beautiful Commission might help make the Government realise the need to keep local people fully involved with the construction of new homes and the improvement of places.

The Letwin Review of build-out rates issued its final recommendations to increase the mix of tenures and developers on large sites.

The Forum has been doing what it can to keep in touch with Ministers and Members of Parliament, through direct approaches and co-operation with Select Committees and with All-Party Parliamentary Groups, including those sponsored by Civic Voice and by the London Society. But, although All-Party Parliamentary Groups enable information and ideas to be shared, they are of limited value because a disappointingly small number of MPs actually attend. The Chairman and John Myers met with the Housing Minister, Kit Malthouse, to express the Forum's position.

The Forum welcomed the court decision that telephone kiosks whose prime purpose was to place advertising panels on High Street pavements needed planning permission. This brought them back within the control of local planning authorities; and this was confirmed by an amendment to the permitted development regulations. Such kiosks are generally little more than advertising hoardings which can adversely affect local amenity and can dangerously increase pavement clutter in areas of heavy footfall.

The Forum contributed to several reviews during the year. Peter Eversden was invited to contribute to the Bridget Rosewell review of Public Inquiries and sought consideration of a Third Party Right of Appeal for communities. However, her terms of reference covered only the inquiry process itself. In response to the 'Tailored Review of Historic England' the Forum emphasised the need to provide Historic England and boroughs' conservation departments with adequate resources.

Peter Eversden and Andrew Bosi attended the Community session of the Labour Planning Commission held in Brent.

The Mayor and Assembly

The slow progress of the draft New London Plan (NLP) has occupied most of the year. There were 94 sessions of the Examination-in-Public, at 89 of which the Forum (Michael Bach and Peter Eversden) played an active part at the invitation of the Inspectors. The Inspectors' report is expected later in 2019 and, subject to the Secretary of State's approval of the Mayor's response, the Plan will be adopted in 2020 – not long before the next mayoral and assembly

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elections. The Secretary of State indicated that there would need to be an early review, in part because there has been a new National Planning Policy Framework since the draft London Plan was prepared.

The Forum continues to have profound concerns about some of the policies in the draft NLP, including the presumption in favour of approval on small sites (other than in conservation areas), which can override borough policies and may result in highly inappropriate development. Boroughs (or neighbourhood forums) may need to adopt policies incorporating design codes if this risk is to be averted.

The Forum was concerned about the untested adoption of a design-led approach to optimising the density of development, decoupling the density of development from the accessibility of the site. We were also disappointed by the change in the tall buildings policy.

The problem that “Verified Views” for planning applications can be misleading because they are taken with wide angle camera lenses was raised at the NLP examination.

The Forum strongly regrets the way the Mayor has overridden decisions by borough councils on various developments. Planning policies seem not to be interpreted accurately by his staff.

The Forum has established good relations with the committees of the Assembly, and contributes constructively to their scrutinies; members of the Forum’s committees are taking responsibility for monitoring different assembly committees.

Borough Councils

The Forum has continued to support the efforts of member societies to curb the growing number of cases where borough councils, in the understandable pursuit of income in these straitened times, have allowed parts of parks, which should be for the use and enjoyment of everyone, to be used exclusively by commercial organisations. Finsbury Park has been an egregious example of this.

Peter Eversden has attended RTPI meetings on delivery by local authorities of low cost rent homes.

Consultations

Responses were made to many consultations by the Government, the Mayor, and Transport for London. In particular, the Forum made a response

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to the Aviation 2050 consultation, to the Ministry for Housing, Community and Local Government's planning reform consultation, and to the Mayor emphasising the kind of London that Londoners want, with development that is appropriate to the location and ensures 'win-win' outcomes for the community. These can be found in the 'News/What we've said' page of the LF web site.

Transport

Andrew Bosi and others have kept a close watch on what is happening and is being proposed in this area, which is of vital importance to Londoners. The opening of the Elizabeth Line (Crossrail 1) and the electrification of the overground line from Barking to Gospel Oak have been subject to serious delays.

Although we welcome the encouragement of cycling, the Forum believes that dedicated cycle routes may often be more appropriately located off main roads, to minimise conflict with bus passengers and pedestrians. The Forum has found some of the specific proposals for cycle superhighways deeply unsatisfactory.

An agreed solution to the problems of the congested and polluted Oxford Street has yet to be found, but we welcome initiatives to reduce traffic that are taking place in the City and Camden.

Faced with declining bus usage and a serious financial situation Transport for London consulted on a large number of bus service reductions early in 2019, and implemented most of them despite objections by London Forum and communities.

Noise from the Underground, much of which was introduced by the replacement of wooden sleepers with concrete ones, continues to get worse in many places.

The Chair of HS2 has admitted that, as the Forum has long feared, the project as currently defined would be likely to cost some £30 billion more than the current budget of approximately £55 billion; as we expected a review has been called.

Member Societies

During the year we welcomed Hillgate Village Residents Association, the John Innes Society, the Pembridge Association and the St John's Wood Society as new or returning members.

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The London Forum strives to represent the interests of its member societies and to communicate with them on relevant matters. The thrice-yearly production of Newsforum, regular Open Meetings, the Forum's website and the Chairman's use of Twitter are basic to this. The 2018 Survey produced much useful information on priorities; it was discussed at the 2018 Annual General Meeting and is being followed up.

Updates from London Forum associates and organisations of London-wide significance are regularly sent to members. The website is being constantly improved, though a major upgrade will shortly be necessary to improve maintainability. Newsforum continues to be widely read and well received. Important articles in 2018/19 addressed the London Plan, the National Planning Policy Framework (including design considerations and density), HS2 and Euston, environmental standards and Brexit, and air pollution. Newsforum also contains numerous articles about activities in individual member societies to inform and inspire other member societies.

The Forum conducted a very well-attended meeting on Broadening the Membership Base, which produced a number of interesting and practical ways in which member societies could expand their membership and effectiveness. The Forum intends to hold events exploring such ideas in more detail during the coming year.

The Chairman and Michael Bach are frequently invited to attend meetings of member societies, and speak. This is a valuable way of establishing two-way communication.

Members largely paid their 2019 subscriptions promptly and this was much appreciated by Paul Thornton, our membership secretary.

The category of what used to be called associate members is disparate and somewhat confusing; a task for 2019/20 will be to clarify and regularise the position of the many organisations, in the public, private and charitable sectors, with which we cooperate, either regularly or on a case-by-case basis.

Open meetings

The Forum continues to hold open meetings to which member societies are invited and which other interested people may attend. These are made as topical as possible, and sometimes therefore only short notice of them can be given. An innovation has been to advertise some open meetings on Eventbrite; that has widened the reach of the Forum and has attracted new attendees.

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The September 2018 subject was the Future of London's Town Centres with speakers Rob McNicol Principal Strategic Planner, GLA, and Will French of Save Ealing's Centre.

At the AGM in October 2018 there was a wide-ranging discussion of the implications of the Survey of Members that had been carried out in 2018.

The November 2018 open meeting on Better Urban Design examined the question how design policies and codes could be used to create places and homes people want. It heard from Ben Derbyshire, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, Yolande Barnes, Chair of the UCL Bartlett Real Estate Institute, Sue Vincent, Head of Learning at Urban Design London (UDL) (and a Camden Councillor), and Nicholas Boys-Smith of Create Streets.

In January 2019 the open meeting on Viability was led by John Wachter (the Team Manager) and Charles Solomon (the Expert Adviser) of the Viability Team at the Greater London Authority. They explained how they would perform viability assessments as necessary on cases that were referred to the Mayor, and would support boroughs, so that their provision of affordable housing was maximised.

The March 2019 open meeting was entitled 'Considerate Construction', and members heard Tony Pidgley, Chairman of Berkeley Group plc; Jonathan Wade, Head of Spatial Planning at the Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea; and Lucian Smithers, Director of Pocket Homes, describe how developers could best work with the local community and minimise disruption.

There were three speakers at the June Open meeting on Improving the Public Realm:- Adam Harrison, Cabinet Member for transport and the environment at Camden Borough Council; David Harrison, from LB Islington and London Living Streets; and Maria Curro, Project Manager at the Department of the Built Environment, City of London Corporation. Full reports of open meetings are to be found in Newsforum.

London Forum collaboration with other bodies

Civic Voice will be ten years old in 2020. The Forum is pleased that Civic Voice is achieving much better recognition by the Government and greatly welcomes its efforts to make planning more collaborative and less confrontational. The Forum takes an active part in Civic Voice's regional

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forums. Paul Bedwell's contribution to the open meeting 'Broadening the Membership Base' was much appreciated.

The Forum has continued to work closely with Historic England, especially in the context of the London Plan, and welcomed its representatives to a meeting of the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee. We are in touch with the wider heritage sector through Heritage Alliance, on whose Planning Committee Michael Hammerson represents the Forum. Protection and enhancement of London's heritage, especially conservation areas and the many listed and locally listed buildings in London, is of fundamental concern to the Forum, its members and Historic England.

The Forum has maintained and strengthened its links with a wide range of other organisations such as the National Planning Forum, Urban Design London, the Royal Town Planning Institute, the Campaign for Better Transport, London's academics in LSE, UCL, and elsewhere, 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, Living Streets, New London Architecture, Future for London, Reclaim London, and Centre for London.

The Chairman's standing invitation to the New London Sounding Board (comprising architects, developers, consultants and boroughs) provides opportunities to meet and influence opinion formers.

Appreciation for Alan Baxter

The Forum warmly thanks Alan Baxter & Coombs for their continuing invaluable 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 2019

In preparing the 2019 annual report and accounts the Forum's trustees have applied the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), together with Update Bulletin 1 (collectively the "SORP") with certain exemptions permitted for smaller charities. The adoption of FRS102 and the SORP represents a change in policy that requires inter alia the value of office and meeting facilities generously provided by Alan Baxter & Coombs be recorded in the accounts and for the 2018 accounts to be restated.

Gross income for the year was £8,697 (2018 restated £8,207) with approximately half of this sum arising from the imputed donation the Forum receives through a waiver of rent. The increase in income over 2018 is mainly due to the higher value attributed to the rent donation.

Subscription income was £3,837 (2018 £4,019). All, except one, of the 2018 society members had paid their agreed subscription by the 2019 year end and so the reduced income this year is attributed to the value of "catch up" subscription payments received in the prior year. Donations by society and individual members was more than three times higher than in 2018 and such generosity is much appreciated.

Expenses for the year were £6,422 (2018 restated £6,291) but, when the impact of the rent increase is excluded, operational costs in 2019 were slightly lower.

The net outcome for the year resulted in a surplus of £2,275 (2018 £1,916) 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 £34,646 (2018 £32,371) wholly represented by cash and 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.

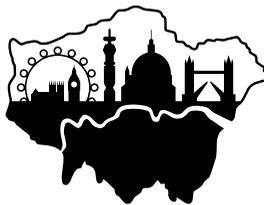
Statement of the executive committee's responsibilities for financial statements

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
17 September 2019

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Charity Registration Number 1093134



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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June

	2019 Total Funds	2018 Total Funds (Restated)
Note	£	£
Income from		
Donations:		
Membership subscriptions	3,837	4,019
Other donations	4,826	4,173
Investments	34	15
Total income	8,697	8,207
Expenditure on		
Charitable activities:		
Newsletter	957	944
Support costs	5,465	5,347
Total expenditure	6,422	6,291
Net incoming resources for the year	2,275	1,916
Reconciliation of funds		
Unrestricted fund brought forward	32,371	30,455
Unrestricted fund carried forward	34,646	32,371

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Balance Sheet as at June 30

		2019 Total Funds	2018 Total Funds (Restated)
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	0	0
Current assets			
Investments		29,224	24,003
Cash at bank and in hand		5,422	8,445
Total Current assets		34,646	32,448
Total assets		34,646	32,448
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		0	77
Net current assets less current liabilities		34,646	32,371
Total assets less current liabilities		34,646	32,371
Represented by			
Unrestricted fund	5	34,646	32,371

Approved by the trustees on 17 September 2019
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 Bulletin 1 (collectively the "SORP") has been applied with exemptions as permitted for smaller charities.

For comparative purposes the accounts for 2018 have been restated to apply the SORP retrospectively. This restatement increases both income and expenditure by £3,975, but does not change the surplus previously reported.

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, communicates with them on relevant matters and publishes the Newsforum.

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 Pay Pal in non-interest bearing accounts in the name of the Forum. Investments are deposits that generate an income return.

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e. 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. 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>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Shared Office	4,200	3,975
IT expenses	444	692
Insurance	336	336
Memberships & Subscriptions	264	245
Other	221	99
Total	<u>£5,465</u>	<u>£5,347</u>

The Shared Office charge is a notional expense representing 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:

<u>Expense type</u>	<u>2019</u>		<u>2018</u>	
	<u>Amount Reim-bursed</u>	<u>Number of Trustees</u>	<u>Amount Reim-bursed</u>	<u>Number of Trustees</u>
Telephone	£36	1	£36	1
Software	£101	1	£0	0
Copying and stationery	£122	1	£0	0

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

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4. Fixed assets

Cost of office equipment

At July 1 2018	1,276
Additions	-
At 30 June 2019	<u>£1,276</u>

Depreciation of office equipment

At July 1 2018	1,276
Charge for the year	-
At 30 June 2019	<u>£1,276</u>

Net Book Value

At July 1 2018	0
At 30 June 2019	<u>£0</u>

5. Reserves

The reserves are comprised solely of an unrestricted fund which includes a portion designated by the Executive Committee for maintaining and improving the information technology systems.

<u>Unrestricted fund</u>	<u>Designated</u>	<u>Undesignated</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance brought forward at 1 July 2018	4,442	27,929	32,371
Net incoming resources for the year	0	2,275	2,275
Transfers	(300)	300	-
Balance carried forward at 30 June 2019	<u>£4,142</u>	<u>£30,504</u>	<u>£34,646</u>

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. During the next 12 months the trustees expect to use some of the reserves to fund a rebuild of the London Forum website and databases. 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 expenditure until alternative arrangements are made. 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 2019.

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
Address: 68 Elfort Road, London, N5 1AZ
Date: 3 August 2019

THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

Patrons

Alan Baxter CBE
Professor Tony Travers

Vice-Presidents

Tony Aldous, LLB, FRSA
Marion Harvey, MBE, BA, MSc, FRSA
Judy Hillman, MA, FRSA
Helen Marcus

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2018-19

Trustees

Peter Eversden MBE Chairman
Bedford Park Society

Paul Thornton Vice-Chairman and
Membership Secretary
Amwell Society

John Myers Honorary Secretary
Camden Civic Society

Michael Bach Chair Planning
Environment & Transport Committee
Kensington Society

Stephen Speak Honorary Treasurer
Kew Society

Peter Pickering Minutes Secretary
Finchley Society

Andrew Bosi
Islington Society

Diane Burrige
Highbury Community Association

Michael Hammerson
Highgate Society

Oliver Bennett
Wimbledon Society

Ian McInnes
Dulwich Society

PLANNING, ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

Michael Bach (Chair)
Andrew Bosi
Michael Coupe
Peter Eversden
Verina Glaessner

Michael Hammerson
Rosemarie MacQueen
Daniel Instone
Peter Pickering

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Amwell Society
Angel Association

Balham Society
Barnet Residents Association
Barnet Society
Battersea Society
Beckenham Society
Bedford Park Society
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
C.A.S.C.H. (Crouch End)
Charlton Society
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
Earl's Court Society
Enfield Society

Finchley Society
Forest Hill Society
Friends of Battersea Park
Friends of Greenwich Park
Friends of Jubilee Gardens
Friends of St George's Gardens
Fulham Society

Gidea Park and District Civic Society
Greenwich Society

Hackney Society
Hadley Wood Neighbourhood
Planning Forum
Hammersmith & Fulham Historic
Buildings Group
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
Hillgate Village Residents
Association

Isleworth Society
Islington Society

John Innes Society

Kensington Society
Kew Society
Kingston-upon-Thames Society
Knightsbridge Association

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Ladbroke Association
Ladywell Society
Lee Manor Society
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
Norwood Society

Old Chiswick Protection Society

Paddington R.A.C.T.
Paddington Waterways and
Maida Vale Society
Peckham Society
Peckham Vision
Pembroke Association
Penge Forum
Pinner Association
Positive Plumstead
Putney Society

Richmond Society

Seven Dials Trust
South East Bayswater Residents
Association

Southgate District Civic Trust
St. Marylebone Society
St. John's Wood Society
Stamford Brook Residents
Association

Stanmore Society
Strawberry Hill Residents
Association
Streatham Society
Sutton Civic Society
Sydenham Society

Telegraph Hill Society
Tewkesbury Lodge Estate
Residents Association
Thorney Island Society
Tottenham Civic Society

Vauxhall Society
Victoria Drive Conservation Area
Residents Association

Waltham Forest Civic Society
Wandsworth Society
Westcombe Society
West Chiswick and Gunnersbury
Society

West Hampstead Amenity and
Transport Group
Westminster Society
Wimbledon Society
Woolwich & District Antiquarian
Society

York House Society

LONDON FORUM ASSOCIATES

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

Adams Loxton Partnership Ltd
Age Concern London
Alan Baxter Ltd
Association of North Thames
Amenity Societies

Bio Regional Development Group

CPRE London Branch
Campaign for Better Transport
Coin Street Community Builders

Environmental Law Foundation

Frederick Stafford Planning
Friends of Islington Museum
Friends of the Earth London Region

Generation Rent
Georgian Group
Groundwork Foundation

HACAN (Heathrow Association
for Control of Aircraft Noise)
Heritage Alliance

Islington Archaeology & History
Society

Learning Through Landscapes
Living Streets
London Cycling Campaign
London Green Belt Council

London Parks & Gardens Trust
London Planning & Development
Forum
London Voluntary Service Council
London Wildlife Trust
London & Middlesex
Archaeological Society

Open House London
Open Spaces Society

Planning Aid for London

RIBA London Region
Ramblers (Inner London)

SAVE
Society for Protection of
Ancient Buildings

Town and Country Planning
Association

TravelWatch
Trees for Cities
Twentieth Century Society

Urban Design Group

Victorian Society

Wandle Industrial Museum
West London River Group

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 Newsforum, a regular 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 Mayor's draft New London Plan, and its Examination in Public
- Government aviation strategy and plans for the 3rd runway at Heathrow
- Plans to cut back on Central London bus services
- The Draft National Planning Policy Framework

FORUM Open Meetings have addressed

- Better Urban Design
- Waste and Recycling
- Development Viability
- Green Spaces and Biodiversity
- Broadening the Membership Base

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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