

THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988

Charity Registered Number 1093134



24th ANNUAL REPORT
2011 - 2012

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2012

Notice was given to members by e-bulletin that the

AGM of the London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies

will be held on

Wednesday October 17th 2012, 6pm for 6.30

at

The Gallery

Alan Baxter and Associates,

77 Cowcross Street, London, near Farringdon Station, EC1

AGENDA

- 1. President's welcome and introduction**
- 2. Minutes of the AGM of October 11th 2011**
- 3. Chairman's Report**
- 4. Financial Report**
- 5. Approval of Annual Report and Accounts for 2011-12**
- 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 discussion with members

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 2012

The year, like last, was characterised by Government initiatives and new legislation, dominated by the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Localism Act, both of which make far reaching changes to local government and planning procedure, presenting the civic society movement, not least in London, with major challenges.

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In the continuing economic crisis local authorities continue to reduce staff, close libraries and museums, and cut grants to voluntary organisations; many civic societies have been endeavouring to mitigate the harm this can do.

The new London Plan, in the development of which the Forum was a very active participant, was adopted, and consultation on minor alterations, largely to accommodate the NPPF, began. Michael Bach and Peter Eversden issued many papers, responses to DCLG and recommendations to members.

Major legislation

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

The Government has replaced the 25 Planning Policy statements by a single National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). The Forum and many other well-respected organisations were very critical of the original draft; a strong nationwide campaign was mounted. The Government took some notice, and the final version was a definite improvement. CPRE sought legal advice from John Hobson QC on the NPPF – a copy was emailed to members.

The Forum sent comments prepared by Peter Eversden and Michael Bach to the CLG Select Committee Inquiry. By September it became apparent that Inspectors appeared already to be referring to the draft NPPF, causing some controversy. Following protests, in answer to Ministers, Sir Michael Pitt, Chair of the Infrastructure Planning Commission said that the Planning Inspectorate had produced guidance “as a matter of normal procedure simply stating what always applies when draft policy is issued for consultation and to ensure common understanding for Inspectors.”

The Forum will be monitoring very carefully the decisions Councils make on applications and Inspectors make on appeals.

The Localism Act

The Localism Act was implemented. There is some interest on the part of a number of civic societies in using its provisions for Neighbourhood Forums and Neighbourhood Plans. DCLG has published a simple guide on the Localism Act: ‘Power shift to communities’; a guide to Neighbourhood Planning plus a consultation on Neighbourhood Plan regulations. The Forum will hold an open meeting in November 2012 at which experience can be shared and lessons learnt.

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Enterprise and Regulatory Reform Bill

Published in June 2012 it contains proposals to simplify heritage consents and “improve the regulatory framework for heritage” arising from the implementation of the Penfold Review of Non-Planning Consents. These include: merging conservation area consent back into the planning system; and making it easier to apply for a Certificate of Immunity from the listing of a building.

The Forum has been consistently critical of the Government's suggestions for relaxation of the Use Classes Order, which is one of the few instruments local authorities have to protect valued local shops [and perhaps facilities such as pubs].

Consultations

The Forum has kept abreast of the many consultation documents issued by the Government and by the Greater London Authority during the year, and has commented wherever justified in the interests of the civic and amenity societies in London.

These include a response to the Review of London Plan; Early Minor Alterations proposed for the London Plan which were caused by the publication of the Government's affordable rent model, the Localism Act and the NPPF; the Housing Strategy; the Safeguarded Wharves Review; London World Heritage Sites - Guidance on Settings Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG); London's Foundations SPG; All London Green Grid SPG; Additional East London River Crossings; Affordable Housing SPG; Environment and Waste Strategies.

Assistance has been given to the GLA on a Local Character and Context draft SPG.

Response was made to the consultation on Local Plan Regulations seeking to retain SPDs.

DCLG issued a consultation on 'How change of use is handled in the planning system'.

Planning and development

Many of last year's concerns are still with us. Basement development continues to be a serious problem in some areas, and the Forum arranged an open meeting on the subject.

Another concern is the obtrusive cabinets being installed without regard for the integrity of conservation areas for BT Openreach fibre optic broadband and UK

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Broadband 4G wireless services.

The Forum has been trying to get the Mayor's Planning Decision Unit to implement the density provisions of the 2011 London Plan, which requires densities to be optimised within the matrix) rather than the 2008 Plan, which required them to be maximised. This problem was discussed at a meeting with the Deputy Mayor, Sir Ed Lister.

The Mayor overruled Camden and gave permission on the Middlesex Hospital site, citing among his reasons the money that it would provide for Crossrail.

Town Team partnerships have been formed to seek for funding and three of the second round winners are in London and have been selected by the Mayor.

Transport

Dick Allard, for the London Forum, has continued involvement in all aspects of freight on the environment of London and the interests of Londoners.

Andrew Bosi publishes news on transport in the capital.

The Forum has collaborated with other organisations seeking to improve transport in London, including Travelwatch, the Campaign for Better Transport, HACAN, Living Streets and Airport Watch.

The Forum remained critical of the route proposed at the London end of HS2, the high speed rail route linking with Birmingham and beyond.

Thames Tunnel

The Forum is concerned about the proposal to construct an immense sewer under the Thames. London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham established a Thames Tunnel Commission in July 2011 to investigate the case and proposals of DEFRA and Thames Water for the construction of a new tunnel to collect sewer overflows into the Thames.

The Forum gave evidence to the Selbourne Commission on the proposed Tunnel and attended the launch of their report. Meetings are being held with Thamesbank and others to seek a Sustainable Thames Alliance and to explore the 'blue/greening' of London to handle storm rainwater which obviated the need of a Super Sewer in Philadelphia, USA.

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Civic Voice

Civic Voice, under the directorship of Tony Burton achieved a welcome degree of recognition from the Government and the wider public for its work, especially on the draft NPPF, but its subscription level continues to deter many London societies, and its internal decision-making procedures are not transparent. Helen Marcus remained a trustee and a valuable link with the Forum. It is to be hoped that in the future Civic Voice will take the opportunity to review its activities and do more to achieve its potential in representing the interests of all civic and amenity societies in England at an acceptable cost.

Communications Publicity Committee

The Forum established a Publicity Committee, in order to heighten its public profile.

The Twitter site @London_Forum has had over 500 tweets posted by the Chairman, Peter Eversden, to keep members informed. It has a lot of followers. More detailed information is issued to members by e-bulletin.

Comments by Forum committee members, and about Forum meetings are beginning to attract attention:

Andrew Lainton's blog quoted Michael Bach's warning in an article in Planning, August 2011, that the draft NPPF would weaken protection of the high street

The Forum's April open meeting on the NPPF and Localism was reported by Out-Law.com website who highlighted our suggestion that Neighbourhood Forums should concentrate on their Local Plan first. "Local neighbourhoods should seek to amend their Council's Local Plan using a Neighbourhood Forum, rather than embarking on a statutory Neighbourhood Plan process, the London Forum said."

Website

Following the destruction of our website due to a critical failure at the hosting company, a new website has now been built and went live in June 2012. It has improved communication with member societies and the wider world. It has a London News page covering Government, GLA and other feeds and also recent Twitter entries.

Newsforum

Three issues of NewsForum appeared during the year. All are now circulated by e-mail and two editions were printed and posted to members in the traditional and

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more expensive way. These newsletters complement this report in their coverage of London Forum's events, campaigns and issues addressed. We continue to receive appreciative comment from members, MPs and other organisations.

Survey

The Forum worked on a survey of member societies along the lines of the one in 2008; its results will be reported at an open meeting on in September and discussed further after the AGM in October.

London Forum representation on other bodies

The Forum has made contact with several Ministers and London MPs, of all parties. It has achieved useful partnerships with Urban Design London, where London Forum members have taken up opportunities to participate in conferences, and with New London Architecture, where free breakfast events are useful for members and London Forum trustees attend conferences by arrangement. Peter Eversden is a member of the NLA Sounding Board discussion group.

Liaison was developed with Just Space, a network of special interest and support groups and tenants federations, and with the new Centre for London.

Peter Eversden works with the West London River Group for London Forum on planning issues being addressed by the Group. It covers the section of the Thames within their Thames Strategy Kew to Chelsea which is adopted as SPD by the relevant riparian authorities.

London Forum has been accepted on to the National Planning Forum.

London Forum is a member of the GLA Steering Group for the development of "Lifetime Neighbourhoods" for the Mayor's Supplementary Planning Guidance on 'Shaping Neighbourhoods'

Peter Eversden continues as a member of the Mayor's Outer London Commission and is on the steering group for the implementation plan of the London Plan. He attends meetings of the London Tenants Federation.

London Forum was invited also to be a member of the steering group for the development of a Mayor's Characterisation SPG, which will be important for supporting the new policies in chapter 7 of the July 2011 London Plan for context sensitivity, views, design, architecture and tall buildings.

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Michael Bach has contributed to the draft Mayor's SPG on Housing.

Helen Marcus attended on behalf of London Forum, the Assembly Planning Committee which included discussion of The London Plan and upcoming policy documents (presented by GLA staff). The committee considered investigating loss of employment land, changes to use classes, London's town centres and high streets, the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and social infrastructure provision. London Forum gives evidence to various Assembly committees on their work.

Michael Hammerson continues to represent London Forum on The Heritage Alliance.

Events attended and talks given by the Chairman

Peter Eversden has attended and spoken at many meetings during the year including talks to member societies about the NPPF and the Localism Act. He attended the Campaign for Better Transport's meeting with Caroline Pidgeon, chair of the Assembly Transport Committee, which gave opportunity to raise issues on parking, 20mph, TfL advertising panels, Cycle Super Highways, Road congestion and air pollution, High Speed 2 and use of the Thames.

He gave a talk at the Urban Design London event in October 2011 on The Localism Bill and the National Planning Policy Framework and gave a similar talk to an Assembly conference at the GLA which explored community involvement in planning.

He was invited to talk on Neighbourhood Planning to a Planning in London conference in December.

For a project on 'The new planning agenda - growth versus localism?' he contributed with developers, academics and borough representatives resulting in publication of a manual: 'Growth through Localism'.

Events for London Forum's members

In addition to the Annual General Meeting on 11th October 2011, which was followed by a lively open discussion, the Forum arranged open meetings on:
30th September 2011 on the NPPF.

30th November 2011 at which the Walter Bor Media awards were presented.

22nd February 2012 on town centres and the associated Mary Portas report.

26th March 2012 on Open Spaces and their management with London-wide Parks and Open Spaces network covering the Mayor's guidance for the 'All London Green Grid'.

24th April 2012 on the NPPF and Neighbourhood Planning.

The Meeting on Basements scheduled for June was postponed to July

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Walter Bor Media awards

The results of the 2011 Walter Bor Media awards were as follows

Newsletters: Sydenham Society (Winner)
Herne Hill Society (Highly Commended)
Westcombe Society (Commended)
South East Bayswater Residents Association (C)
Enfield Society (C)

Websites: Sydenham Society (W)
Putney Society (HC)
The Heath & Hampstead Society (C)

Other Publications: Highgate Society (Local Walks 1 & 2) (W)
Kensington Society (Annual Report) (C)
Clapham Society (Clapham Common Leaflet) (C)

Media Impact: Westcombe Society (C)

Books: Hackney Society Society (W)
Bedford Park Society (HC)
Friends of Richmond Park (C)
Herne Hill Society (C)
Finchley Society (C)

Further information can be found on the London Forum website under About Us.

Warmest thanks to Tom Ball

For many years Tom has produced beautifully designed certificates to present to the winners of the awards, as well as creating superb artwork for various London Forum events. The Forum owes Tom an immense debt of gratitude for all his generously given support and time.

Committee and Officers

The Forum has two new Patrons, Alan Baxter CBE, and Professor Tony Travers of the London School of Economics. Lee Abbott and Alison Macnair resigned from the Executive Committee; we greatly regret Lee's departure to the Channel Islands, for her considerable support and for the enthusiasm and efficiency with which she arranged refreshments at our Open Meetings. Peter Pickering of the Finchley

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Society and Diane Burridge of the Highbury Fields Association were elected as new Trustees at the AGM in October 2011.

Membership

The Forum warmly welcome the New Barnet Community Association as a new member. 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 Forum urged its members to write to MPs about the draft NPPF as part of its campaign to improve it. Many societies responded to this and copied their responses to the Forum. These include the Hammersmith Society, Culverley Green Residents Association, Bromley Civic Society, Kew Society, Ealing Civic Society, Barnet Society, Wimbledon Society, Wandsworth Society, Pinner Association, Putney Society and The Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group.

Waterloo Community Development Group sent us their review of the impact of tall buildings on local communities in their area. In June 2012 Richmond Society wrote to the Secretary of State, Eric Pickles, about their policy on basements, constructed in concert with the Kensington Society.

Several societies have generously made extra donations to London Forum during the year: Amwell Society, Angel Association, Crystal Palace Community Forum, Culverley Green R A, Earl's Court Society, Enfield Society, Finchley Society, Forest Hill Society, Friends of Clapham Common, Friends of St. George's Gardens, Gidea Park & District Civic Society, Hammersmith & Fulham Historic Buildings Group, Harrow Heritage Trust, Highgate Society, South East Bayswater Residents Association, Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents Association and the Westcombe Society

We are most grateful for the active support of our members and thank them warmly.

Appreciation for Alan Baxter

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

Finances for the year to 30 June 2012

Total income for the year was £4,576, little changed from last year (£4,483). subscription income remains the principal source of revenue for the forum. This was

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up 10% on last year largely as a result of the increase in subscriptions in 2012. A number of members again donated generously to the forum in appreciation of its work. Bank interest remained low with interest rates stuck at record low levels.

Expenses for the year were £3,396 (2011: £2,114). Most of the increase in expenditure represents the investment made in a new, dynamic website for the Society, for the benefit of members.

The net financial outcome for the year was a surplus of £1,180 (2011: £2,369).

The balance sheet of the London Forum at 30 June 2012 continues to be very strong. Net current assets, almost wholly cash and deposits, amounted to £23,239 (2011: £22,004).

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

11th September 2011

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Statement of financial activities for the year ended 30 June 2012

	2012	2011
Notes	£	£
Incoming resources		
<i>Incoming resources from generated funds</i>		
Subscription income	3,915	3,687
Donations	413	492
Public meetings and events	35	57
Investment income – deposit interest	213	247
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Total incoming resources	4,576	4,483
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Resources expended		
<i>Cost of charitable activities</i>		
Newsletters	1,229	1,063
Public meetings & events	0	152
Support costs	2,167	899
Governance costs	-	-
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Total resources expended	3,396	2,114
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Net in/(outgoing) resources for the year	1,180	2,369
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General fund at beginning of year	22,116	19,747
General fund at end of year	£23,296	£22,116
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Balance Sheet at 30 June 2012

		2012	2011
		£	£
	Notes		
Fixed assets-tangible assets	4	57	112
Current assets			
Investments – bank deposits		18,608	18,400
Cash at bank and in hand		6,388	4,310
		<hr/> 24,996	<hr/> 22,710
Current liabilities: amounts falling due within 1 year			
Creditors & accruals		1,757	706
Net current assets		<hr/> 23,239	<hr/> 22,004
Total assets less current liabilities		<hr/> £23,296	<hr/> £22,116
Funds			
General fund	5	<hr/> £23,296	<hr/> £22,116

Approved by the trustees on 11th September 2012
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 2012

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 2011	1,200
Additions	76
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At 30 June 2012	1,276
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<i>Depreciation of office equipment</i>	
At 1 July 2011	1,088
Charge for the year	131
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At 30 June 2012	1,219
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<i>Net book value</i>	
At 30 June 2012	57
At 1 July 2011	112
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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 2011	2,917	19,199	22,116
Net incoming resources for the year		1,180	1,180
Transfers	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward at 30 June 2012	<u>2,917</u>	<u>20,379</u>	<u>23,296</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, FCA
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London Forum Report of the Independent Examiner

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 2012, 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 FCA

Chiswick

11th September 2012

THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

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Barnet Society
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Bedford Park Society
Bexley Civic Society
Blackheath Society
Brentford Community Council
Brixton Society
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 Association
Crystal Palace Foundation
Culverley Green Residents Association
Dulwich Society
Duncan Terrace Residents Association
Ealing Civic Society
Earl's Court Society
East Dulwich Society
Eltham Society
Enfield Society
Finchley Society
Finsbury Park Action Group
Forest Hill Society
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
Greenwich Society
Greenwich Waterfront Community
Forum
Hackney Society
Hammersmith & Fulham Historic
Buildings Group
Haringey Federation of Residents
Associations
Hammersmith Community Trust
Hammersmith Society
Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents
Association
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 (Merton)
Kensington Society
Kew Society
Kingston-upon-Thames Society
Knightsbridge Association
Ladbroke Association
Ladywell Society
Lambethan's Society
Lewisham Environment Trust
London Society

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Marylebone Association
Metropolitan Public Gardens Association
Mill Hill Preservation Society
Mortlake and East Sheen Society
Muswell Hill & Fortis Green Association
Netherhall Neighbourhood 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
Queen's Park Area Residents Association
Richmond Hill Terrace Residents Association
Richmond Society
River Thames Society
Save Environment of Alexandra Park and Palace
Seven Dials Trust
Smithfield Trust
Society for Protection of London Squares
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
Stamford Brook Residents Association
Stanmore Society
Strawberry Hill Residents Association
Streatham Society
Suncroft Residents Association
Sutton and Cheam Society
Sydenham Society
Teddington Society
Telegraph Hill Conservation Society
Tewkesbury Lodge Estate Residents Association
Thorney Island Society
Tottenham Civic Society
Tower Hamlets Environment Trust
Vale of Health Society
Vauxhall Society
Victoria Drive Conservation Area Residents Association
Waltham Forest Civic Society
Wandsworth Society
Waterloo Community Development Group
Westbourne Neighbourhd Association
West Green Residents Association
Westcombe Society
Westminster Society
Wimbledon Park Heritage Group
Wimbledon Society
Worcester Park Residents Association
York House Society

ASSOCIATES

The list of Associate members that have supported London Forum include:

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

LONDON FORUM ASSOCIATES

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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 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 is 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