

THE LONDON FORUM

of Amenity and Civic Societies

Founded 1988

Registered Charity Number 1093134



34th ANNUAL REPORT

2021-22

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 the final page 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 2022

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

The 2021 Annual General Meeting approved the appointment of Ben Derbyshire as President and Nicky Gavron as a Vice-president. Ben outlined his passions and beliefs in the Nov/Dec 2021 issue of [Insights](#). The officers and trustees continue unchanged from last year. We are currently open for new nominations for the position of Secretary.

We continue to have space for a few new trustees, and member societies are urged to nominate new trustees, and members for the Planning, Environment and Transport Committee.

Government and Legislation

There were important and encouraging Ministerial decisions including Westferry and the Tulip. Inspectors and the Secretary of State seemed to be taking more account of issues which had not been given sufficient weight by the planning authority or the Mayor (design; impact on heritage; carbon emissions).

The London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust convinced a High Court judge that the National Holocaust Memorial plans for Victoria Tower Gardens near to Parliament would contravene clauses of the London County Council (Improvements) Act 1900.

Housing Secretary Robert Jenrick had faced continued opposition to the *Planning for the Future* White Paper's proposals to give planning permission automatically in the new 'Growth Areas' and limit opportunities for community input. He was succeeded by Michael Gove, who appeared more receptive to proposals that placed greater emphasis on the role of communities. He introduced a new Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill (LURB).

That Bill includes a proposal to allow the Government to set National Development Management Policies that would override the policies of local planning authorities and to circumscribe the Mayor of London's planning powers. London Forum has joined a range of other organisations and Chipping Barnet MP, Theresa Villiers in expressing its concerns about that idea as described in [Insights](#) July 2022, and submitted proposed amendments to the LU&R Bill Committee. Ms Villiers has also introduced an additional amendment

to the Bill for a Third Party Right of Appeal which the London Forum had explored with legal advice from the Environmental Law Clinic at City University, as explained in April 2022 *Insights*. Issues of *Insights* are on the London Forum website in [News/Newsletters](#).

The Bill also includes a placeholder clause for trying the ideas of ‘street votes’, which may allow more community involvement in the planning system.

The Government funded some trials in two London boroughs of the implementation of design codes. The results will be of interest to members. Details were given in the July 2022 edition of *Insights*.

During the year, London Forum considered and in some cases responded to a number of Government and other consultations and calls for evidence as listed below. Key responses are published for members to consider in the ‘What We’ve Said’ section of the web site.

- DEFRA consultation on reducing single use plastics
- Use Classes and Permitted Development Technical Consultation
- Changes to permitted development rights for better electronic telecommunications infrastructure (5G masts)
- London Plan Guidance revised draft documents
- Proposals for the next London Plan
- Proposals for the Mayor’s Annual Monitoring Report from 2023
- Household waste recycling centres
- Policy guidance for local air quality management plans
- E-scooters
- Early engagement on planning applications by City of Westminster
- Williams-Shapps Plan for rail review
- Central London Bus Review
- Leasehold reform
- London’s resilience to flooding
- Proposed London bus cuts
- Streetscape schemes and monitoring
- New Congestion Charge proposals
- Permitted development rights to boost High Streets

Members were provided with information on the website News/Updates section and by events, as below in the Member Societies section, to explain some of the proposals.

The Mayor and Assembly

London Forum proposed to the GLA what should be taken into consideration in producing the next London Plan. Details were in the February 2022 [Insights](#).

London Plan Guidance Documents produced by the GLA are essential for guiding Councils in the production of Local Plans, particularly on design, the densification of suburbs and in consideration of planning applications. Members were notified of them in March 2022 and an article in April 2022 [Insights](#) explained the key documents. Their finalisation has been delayed by the GLA until October.

The Government and the Mayor spent much of the year in negotiations over the emergency funding required to keep London's public transport in operation and for investment in transport schemes necessary to support proposed developments, particularly in Opportunity Areas.. Further detail is given in the Transport section below.

The Mayor and TfL continued with the cycle lane programmes to improve conditions on roads for pedestrians and cyclists. Some cycle routes such as Cycleway 9 have caused problems with safety as two-way cycle lanes have been implemented, some on pavements.

The call-in process by the Mayor for developments continues to result in boroughs being overruled in their intended decision. The Assembly Planning and Regeneration Committee is investigating this and evidence was given to them by the London Forum.

The Assembly committees that cover subjects important to London Forum and its members are tracked by members of the Forum's Planning, Environment and Transport Committee. We have given evidence regularly to the Assembly and have met the new Labour Party Assembly Members leading the Planning and Regeneration Committee who have posed questions to the Mayor raised by London Forum.

Borough Councils

London Forum is monitoring the state of the impact of the High Streets Task Force and Local Plan revision in boroughs. It is important that they have policies to take advantage of the delegation of responsibilities in the March 2021 London

Plan, particularly on tall buildings, for Good Growth and for controlling densification of the suburbs.

A few members have expressed concern that some case officers are continuing to work from home, resulting in a loss of managerial guidance and monitoring and a noticeable decline in the quality of planning decisions.

The City of Westminster produced guidance for early engagement by communities in consideration of planning applications which was supported strongly and published by London Forum. We should like to see similar initiatives by other boroughs. Details were in April 2022 *Insights*.

Barnet Council was successful in refusing prior approval for some “permitted developments” which had also been opposed by member societies in that borough and which could be mirrored elsewhere. Details were given in an article in February 2022 *Insights*.

There was also a landmark decision in that borough based on the adverse impacts of the design of a proposed scheme, overturning the presumed “tilted balance” arguments of the applicant on housing supply shortage. Details were in the Nov/Dec 2021 issue of *Insights*.

Transport

The fact that the Elizabeth Line was opening forty-two months late seemed to contribute to interest in the opening day when it finally arrived. Crowds queued overnight as they do for Finals day at Wimbledon for the privilege of travelling on the first train through the central section. The project has had an enormous gestation period. A Select Committee in the 1990s torpedoed the scheme, and when it was revived in 2004 the consultation referred to construction starting in 2007 and taking about six years. The Forum has been involved in consultation for much of that time, as have many member societies. It is good to see it running. In serving Farringdon station it offers an easier route to our in person meetings at Cowcross Street, although the full benefits will only be felt once the present three arms of the line are joined up. We hope that will be later this year.

As noted above, for much of the year the future funding of Transport for London has been the subject of on-going discussion, with successive extensions of a stop gap agreement made at the start of the pandemic. In the three weeks between publication of the Summer issue of *Insights* and the final Trustee meeting before approval of this draft report, there were two further extensions

and a new deadline on the same day as that meeting. However, following the resignation of the Prime Minister, the DfT at last put forward a comprehensive proposal, so that there was some optimism that agreement might be in sight as this report went to press.

The Elizabeth Line was not the only new railway infrastructure in 2021/2. In November, the Northern Line was extended to Battersea Power Station and in June 2022 the Gospel Oak to Barking Line was extended to Barking Riverside.

It has however been a more difficult year for buses with several cuts proposed, mainly but not exclusively in central London. The Forum has made generalised representations which we trust will complement those of individual member societies' detailed comments on individual routes.

Member Societies

During the year we welcomed Brentford Voice and the Ham and Petersham Association as new members, the former having absorbed London Forum member, Brentford Community Council.

Communication with members during the year was largely digital. The London Forum communicates regularly with its members through a range of media, including email bulletins, our email newsletter *London Forum Insights*, Zoom Meetings and the Twitter feed. Our website is continually updated with information and comment about matters of London-wide significance in the News/Updates section. The sole in-person event during the year was the well-attended rooftop party at 70 Cowcross Street last August. We hope that this will become an annual occasion.

Issues of London Forum [Insights](#) have been produced regularly at 2-3 month intervals throughout the year. The switch from the hard copy *NewsForum* was made partly in response to printing problems at the start of lockdown, but mainly because we felt the need to advise members of changes that affect them and their localities in a more timely manner than a thrice-yearly printed newsletter permits. We do not intend to switch back. We have had little problem in sourcing articles for *Insights*; indeed the issue is usually what to leave out. The newsletter has carried a number of articles by officers of member societies and external contributors, and we will try to find space for these wherever possible.

Open Meetings

During 2021/22 all of our meetings were conducted via Zoom. Topics included Getting to Net Zero, Co-designing Design Codes, Setting up a Borough-wide Network of Community Organisations, and Low Traffic Neighbourhoods. Attendances have continued to be strong with most events drawing upwards of 50 participants from member societies.

The Open Meeting on Getting to Net Zero featured presentations from three well-known speakers who tackled very different aspects of the problem. Chris Lenon emphasised the lifestyle changes that households will have to accept if we are to bring our carbon footprint down quickly. Nicky Gavron drew attention to the issue of embodied carbon, and called on the construction industry and the planning system to embrace the circular economy, and to promote Modern Methods of Construction. Kate Hand (London Councils) produced an impressive list of the initiatives being undertaken by councils individually and collectively. A report on the event was in the September 2021 [Insights](#).

The event on setting up a borough-wide network of community organisations drew a great deal of interest. Gordon Massey (Federation of Residents Associations in Barnet), Kay Garmeson (Ealing Matters), and Eileen Conn (Southwark Planning Network) described three very different models that had been adopted for their boroughs. Three other leaders of such groups spoke of their experiences. There was a general consensus that this is well worth doing, but a concern about the resources required to do it well. Details were in the February 2022 issue of [Insights](#) with an update in the [July 2022 issue](#).

The February 2022 Open Meeting on Low Traffic Neighbourhoods saw two contrasting presentations by Ealing Councillor Julian Bell, and by veteran campaigner for traffic reduction, John Stewart. The former recognised the problems caused by the rapid rollout of LTNs, but saw them as essential if a car-led recovery from Covid is to be avoided. The latter was concerned that, because LTNs drive more traffic onto main roads where much low cost housing is located, they are mainly benefiting those whose living conditions are already relatively good. A lively discussion ensued! A summary was in April 2022 [Insights](#).

In October 2021, London Forum co-sponsored a workshop with Urban Design London and The Glass-House Community Led Design which brought together local authority planning officers, support and umbrella organisations, design

professionals, developers, academics, students and researchers. The focus was on how to meet the requirement set in the National Model Design Code to ensure that community engagement is built into every stage of the development of design codes for local areas. The Nov/Dec 2021 [Insights](#) had a summary.

Following the adoption of the London Plan in early 2021, we had hoped to hold open meetings on the promised suite of London Plan Guidance documents aimed at helping boroughs implement London Plan policies. However these got caught up in successive rounds of consultation and revision, with November 2022 now the earliest possible date for briefing London Forum members.

London Forum collaboration with other bodies

London Forum continues to collaborate with many organisations with which we share common goals. Civic Voice, the national organisation for the civic movement, has contributed to our meetings and newsletters, and we are active participants in the Civic Voice Regional Forum.

Our Trustee Michael Hammerson continues to represent the Forum on the Planning Committee of the Heritage Alliance, an umbrella group for over 150 heritage-related organisations to advocate the social, educational and financial importance of the heritage sector to the country. Since the Covid outbreak its efforts have focussed on providing advice to help the sector weather the crisis. Like the Forum, it saw the progressive weakening of the planning system as a major threat to heritage. However, it is somewhat more optimistic about the heritage protection aspects of the Levelling-up Bill, in contrast to the Planning White Paper, though a number of issues need modifying or clarification.

Peter Eversden continued as a member of the London Sounding Board which reviews issues that are of concern in the capital. He is a member of the TCPA.

Organisations with which we maintain active links include the National Planning Forum, Urban Design London (UDL), the Royal Town Planning Institute, Town and Country Planning Association, the Campaign for Better Transport, TravelWatch, Historic England, London First, many of London's academics in LSE, UCL, and elsewhere, London Councils, 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, London Living Streets, New London Architecture, Future for London,

Reclaim London, the London and the Wider Southeast Planning Network, and Centre for London.

Events held by those organisations are attended when possible by London Forum's committee members and reports of the events by the organisers are made available to members.

Appreciation for Alan Baxter

The Forum warmly thanks Alan Baxter & Coombs for their continuing vital 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 2022

In preparing the annual report and accounts the Forum's trustees have applied the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (FRS102), together with Update Bulletins 1 and 2 (collectively the "SORP") with certain exemptions permitted for smaller charities.

Gross income for the year was £8,512 (2021 £8,386) with £4,100 of this sum arising from the imputed donation the Forum received through a waiver of rent.

Subscription income was £4,204 (2021 £4,170) which is again a new high thanks to new members offsetting a small number of resignations. Donations from society and individual members remained at the same level as 2021 and this generosity is much appreciated.

Expenses for the year were £5,411 (2021 £5,709). The overall decrease in the year arises from not incurring the fee paid to the operator of last year's workshop, although this was offset by the combined effect of a higher implied office rental, a higher insurance premium and greater copying and postage costs.

The net outcome for the year resulted in a surplus of £3,102 (2021 £2,677) and this has been added to the Forum's unrestricted fund.

The balance sheet of the London Forum at 30 June 2022 shows total net assets of £42,075 (2021 £38,974) held in cash and interest bearing bank 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

24th August 2022

The London Forum of Amenity and Civic Societies
Charity Registration Number 1093134

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended June 30

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Income from			
Donations:			
Membership subscriptions		4,204	4,170
Member meetings		-	-
Other donations		4,275	3,894
Charitable Activities:			
Member meetings		-	300
Investments		33	22
Total income		8,512	8,386
Expenditure on			
Charitable activities:			
Newsletter		-	-
Member meetings		134	1,041
Support costs	2	5,277	4,668
Total expenditure		5,411	5,709
Net incoming resources for the year		3,101	2,677
Reconciliation of funds			
Unrestricted fund brought forward		38,974	36,297
Unrestricted fund carried forward		42,075	38,974

Balance Sheet as at June 30

		2022	2021
	Note	£	£
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	4	-	-
Current assets			
Investments		36,860	36,828
Cash at bank and in hand		5,215	3,159
Debtors		-	259
Total Current assets		<u>42,075</u>	<u>40,246</u>
Total assets		<u>42,075</u>	<u>40,246</u>
Liabilities			
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year		-	1,272
Net current assets less current liabilities		<u>42,075</u>	<u>38,974</u>
Total assets less current liabilities		<u>42,075</u>	<u>38,974</u>
Represented by			
Unrestricted Fund		<u>42,075</u>	<u>38,974</u>

Approved by the trustees on 24th August 2022
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 Bulletins 1 and 2 (collectively the 'SORP') has been applied with exemptions as permitted for smaller charities.

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 and communicates with them on relevant matters using a variety of media and through workshops and meetings.

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

e. Fixed assets

Fixed assets are stated at cost less depreciation. Fixed assets are depreciated on a straight-line basis over 4 years, but the Forum does not currently have any fixed assets to report.

2. Resources expended

The Forum does not employ any staff nor pay any employee benefits. The Independent Examiner does not charge a fee for examination of the accounts.

The Forum's support costs in furtherance of its charitable objectives are as follows:

	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Shared Office	4,100	3,700
Printing & Communication	286	132
IT expenses	298	298
Insurance	201	96
Memberships & Subscriptions	294	363
Other	98	79
Total	<u>£5,277</u>	<u>£4,668</u>

The Shared Office expense is a notional charge to represent 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:

Expense type	2022		2021	
	Amount Reimbursed	Number of Trustees	Amount Reimbursed	Number of Trustees
Event provisions	£134	1	-	
Conference attendance	-	-	-	
Telephone	£36	1	-	-
Software and IT	-	-	£116	2

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

4. Fixed assets

The Forum does not currently have any fixed assets to report.

5. Reserves

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

Unrestricted fund	Designated	Undesignated	Total
Balance brought forward at 1 July 2021	£3,977	£34,997	£38,974
Net incoming resources for the year	-	£3,101	£3,101
Transfers	-	-	-
Balance carried forward at 30 June 2022	£3,977	£38,098	£42,075

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.

The trustees expect to use some of the reserves to: rebuild the website and databases; subsidise member workshops; fund studies into matters of common concern; and actively publicise the work of London's civic groups.

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 need.

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 2022.

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

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Date: 4th August 2022

THE LONDON FORUM COMMITTEES AND PATRONS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2020-21

Trustees

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Barnet Society
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Bexley Civic Society
Blackheath Society
Brentford Voice
Brixton Society
Bromley Civic Society
Brompton Association
Camden Civic Society
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Chelsea Society
Chislehurst Society
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Clapham Society
Covent Garden Community
Association
Culverley Green Residents
Association
Dulwich Society
Ealing Civic Society
Ealing Fields Residents Association
Earls Court Society
East Greenwich Residents
Association
Enfield Society
Fentiman Rd and Richborne Ter
Residents Assn
Finchley Society
Forest Hill Society
Friends of Battersea Park
Friends of Greenwich Park
Friends of Jubilee Gardens
Friends of St Georges Gardens
Fulham Society
Gidea Park and District Civic Society
Greenwich Society
Hackney Society
Hadley Wood Neighbourhood
Planning Forum
Ham and Petersham Association
Hammersmith and Fulham Historic
Buildings Group
Hammersmith Society
Hampstead Garden Suburb
Residents Association
Hampstead Neighbourhood Forum
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
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Kensington Society
Kew Society
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Knightsbridge Association
Ladbroke Association

LONDON FORUM MEMBERS

Ladywell Society
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Marylebone Association
Metropolitan Public Gardens
Association
Mill Hill Preservation Society
Mortlake with East Sheen Society
Muswell Hill and Fortis Green
Association
Netherhall Neighbourhood
Association
New Barnet Community Association
Northwood Residents Association
Norwood Society
Old Chiswick Protection Society
Osterley & Wyke Green Residents
Association
Paddington Residents Active
Concern on Transport
Paddington Waterways and Maida
Vale Society
Peckham Society
Peckham Vision
Pembroke Association
Penge Forum
Pinner Association
Positive Plumstead
Putney Society
Queen Annes Gate Residents
Association
Richmond Society
Romford Civic Society
Seven Dials Trust
South East Bayswater Residents
Association
South Woodford Society
Southgate District Civic Trust
St Johns Wood Society
St Marylebone Society
Stamford Brook Residents
Association
Stanmore Society
Strawberry Hill Residents
Association
Streatham Society
Sutton Civic Society
Sydenham Society
Telegraph Hill Society
Tewkesbury Lodge Residents
Association
Thorney Island Society
Tottenham Civic Society
Victoria Drive Conservation Area
Residents Association
Waltham Forest Civic Society
Wandsworth Society
West Chiswick and Gunnersbury
Society
West Hampstead Amenity and
Transport Society
West Hampstead Gardens and
Residents Association
Westcombe Society
Westminster Society
Wimbledon Society
Woolwich and District Antiquarian
Society
York House Society

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 London Forum Insights, a regular online 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 Planning White Paper

Online planning meetings

The new Class E combining offices and shops

New Permitted Development Rights

FORUM Open Meetings have addressed

The Leveling Up and Regeneration Bill

London's High Streets

Design Codes

Urban Design

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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