

Queen's Park and Charminster Neighbourhood Forum Application for redesignation: Supporting Information

Section 6

- A copy of the written constitution of the proposed neighbourhood forum.
Attached separately
- A statement which explains how the proposed neighbourhood forum meets the conditions contained in Section 61F(5) Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

Please refer to separate charity (CIO) and Neighbourhood Forum Constitutions for full details.

We confirm that the proposed designated area for the Queen's Park and Charminster Neighbourhood Forum does not consist of or include the whole or any part of the area of a parish council.

The purpose of the Forum is to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Neighbourhood.
The purpose will be pursued by seeking to develop, gain approval for and sustain a Neighbourhood Development Plan for the Neighbourhood.

The aims of the Forum are to achieve its purpose through production of the Neighbourhood Plan, which encompasses: -

- Improving the Neighbourhood as an attractive, enjoyable and safe place for residents, workers and visitors of all ages.
- Preserving and improving the character of the Neighbourhood.
- Encouraging balance and quality in developments consistent with their locations in the Neighbourhood.
- Encouraging and promoting civic pride, positive perceptions, goodwill, involvement and cohesion in our diverse community
- Celebrating and supporting the cultural diversity of the neighbourhood and promoting an inclusive community.

The Forum's activities will seek define and agree local planning policies for the Neighbourhood to: -

- Promote a positive image of the Neighbourhood; protect, preserve and promote its history and heritage
- Encourage more families into the neighbourhood and provide a family-friendly environment
- Promote the health and wellbeing of all residents of the neighbourhood.
- Preserve the character of the area and its green spaces, manage population densities, traffic and parking.
- Provide the necessary infrastructure and community facilities for living and doing business in the neighbourhood.
- Encourage and promote the Neighbourhood as a place to visit, do business and be creative.

- Improve the quality, design and upkeep of properties and conversions.

Promote environmental improvement and conservation by educating, encouraging and assisting the local population in environmental practice, working in partnership with similar groups and organisations.

Membership of the Forum is open to:

- Individuals who live in the Neighbourhood.
- Individuals who work in the Neighbourhood.
- Individuals who are elected members of the Neighbourhood.

The Forum shall maintain a minimum membership of 21 individuals, each of whom meets the membership eligibility above.

The Forum shall use its best endeavours to maintain a minimum of one member from each of the eligibility categories above.

The Forum will be as representative as possible of the people who live or work in the Neighbourhood.

Membership will be drawn from different parts of the Neighbourhood and from different sections of the community, in so far as volunteers are available.

- *If available, a financial balance sheet or approved accounts for the last financial year for the proposed neighbourhood forum.*

Charity commission accounts filing attached separately, made up to date March 2024.

- A statement setting out why this area is considered appropriate to be designated as a neighbourhood area.

We believe that the proposed area is an excellent and appropriate applicant to be (re)designated as a Neighbourhood Forum for the following reasons:

1. The area was designated as a Neighbourhood Forum in 2018, but creation of the Neighbourhood Plan was thwarted due to Covid. We are applying to renew this designation, whilst also requesting the boundary be expanded to include (and match) the extension of the Queens Park ward to the North.
2. The proposed designated area for the Queen's Park and Charminster Neighbourhood Forum does not consist of or include the whole or any part of the area of a parish council.
3. We believe we have an appropriate representation of the community, both residents and businesses, that conform to Section 61F(5) Schedule 9 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.
4. There is no contention with any other Neighbourhood Forum on any parts of the proposed area, indeed we embrace and so resolve an area of the East Cliff and Springbourne ward that would otherwise be left unrepresented.
5. We exceed the minimum residential population threshold of 5,500 residents
6. We represent a cohesive community, oriented around the centres of Queens Park golf course to the North the Charminster Road retail and commercial district and catchment areas

7. The area is naturally bounded by the East Way to the North, Wessex Way and South West Rail to the East and South and the Charminster retail and Cemetery to the West.

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