

WESTMINSTER CITY COUNCIL

STATEMENT OF DECISION

SUBJECT: ST JOHN'S WOOD FORUM DESIGNATION

Notice is hereby given that the Cabinet Member for Built Environment, has made the following executive decision on the above mentioned subject for the reasons set out below.

Summary of Decision

1. The Cabinet Member considered the representations received in response to the consultation on the proposed St John's Wood Neighbourhood Forum as summarised in Appendix C to the report.
2. For the reasons set out in Section 3 (and in more detail in Section 5) of the report the Cabinet Member agreed to:
 - i. Designate the proposed St John's Wood Neighbourhood Forum as the neighbourhood forum for the St John's Wood Neighbourhood Area.
3. Agreed that a formal designation notice is published under delegated authority of the council's Director of Policy, Performance and Communications, following the Cabinet Member decision in relation to the St Johns Wood Neighbourhood Forum application.

Reasons for Decision

1. The proposed St Johns Wood Neighbourhood Forum is considered to meet the requirements of the neighbourhood planning legislation. The forum's written constitution clearly states that it has been established for the express purpose to promote and improve the social, economic or environmental well-being of the St Johns Wood Area, whilst it also has a membership of more than 21 persons and is open to individuals who live or work in the area.
2. Furthermore, the St Johns Wood Neighbourhood Forum is considered to be representative of the designated St Johns Wood Neighbourhood Area. The membership drawn from different parts of St Johns Wood and from different sections of the community. It is considered that purpose of the neighbourhood forum – including ensuring that development respects the distinctive and historic character of St Johns Wood – reflects the general existing character of the area.
3. The proposed St Johns Wood Neighbourhood Forum received support during its respective period for representations. The City Council received a total of eighteen responses of which fourteen were supportive of the forum (no objections were received).

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