



Woodford Neighbourhood Forum

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Application for Re-designation of Neighbourhood Forum and Area

Application is hereby made to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council as the Local Planning Authority for the continuation of the designation of (1) the Woodford Neighbourhood Area and (2) the Woodford Neighbourhood Forum in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning (General Regulations) 2012 (as amended).

Name of the Neighbourhood Forum

The name of the neighbourhood forum is 'The Woodford Neighbourhood Forum' (WNF)

Neighbourhood Area

The name of neighbourhood area is 'Woodford Neighbourhood Area' (WNA) and a map identifying the area is shown in the constitution shown in annex 1.

Constitution

A copy of the constitution is shown in annex 2.

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Reasons for this renewal application

The Woodford Neighbourhood Forum was formally designated on 17th October 2013, therefore the designation's 5 years life span is due to expire on 17th October 2018.

The Forum Management Committee is preparing a Woodford Neighbourhood Plan (WNP), which has just completed Regulation 14 Pre-submission Consultation. The Management Committee is currently working on the Regulation 15 stage by reviewing the responses to consultation, making any amendments to the WNP which we deem necessary, and preparing a Consultation Statement and a Basic Conditions Statement. We expect to have completed this stage in early September when the WNP will be submitted to Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC) to take over the process from Regulation 16 stage onwards. SMBC will then organise examination by an independent examiner, make any amendments to the WNP required by the examiner and organise a referendum on the WNP for Woodford residents and people who work in Woodford.

Following submission of the WNP to SMBC, WNF will need to have legal status in order to agree any post examination modifications (or to withdraw the WNP, if such agreement is not possible).

It is expected that the WNF will need to retain legal status until the referendum on the WNP and then beyond that date as a consultee for planning applications in the Woodford Neighbourhood Area. Therefore, we are applying for extension of the designation for 5 years.

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016

Under Regulation 9A of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) and Development Management Procedure (Amendment) Regulations 2016, SMBC is required to make a designation decision not later than 13 weeks after such Application is published.

The Application is therefore being made in advance of the expiry date to enable a seamless continuation from 18th October 2018.

The Regulation 5 and 8 Applications are the same as the originals made in 2012 with updates only where necessary to reflect circumstances that have changed since 2012.