

Marple Neighbourhood Forum

Application for re-designation

Marple Neighbourhood Forum is a non-political group of members run entirely by volunteers and open to all residents of our specified neighbourhood forum area, along with those who work in the area (both for businesses or voluntary organisations) and representatives of local organisations as approved by the forum management committee, the latter being affiliate and non-voting members. Ward councillors who represent the neighbourhood forum area are also eligible to be members of the forum.

The forum was established in 2016 with the primary purpose of preparing a neighbourhood plan in partnership with Stockport MBC and other local stakeholders. In addition its other primary purpose was to promote and improve the social, economic and other aspects of the environmental well-being of the residents of the specified area.

The Forum was successful in achieving designation via the process specified in the relevant legislation. The Forum membership stands in excess of 120 individuals along with a dozen or so affiliate organisations. Under the same legislation, the Forum is approaching the end of its five year designation period. In that five years the Forum has, inter alia, expanded its membership considerably, set up a number of topic study groups, consulted widely both to brief members and others on the meaning and scope of a neighbourhood plan as well as obtaining views on what that plan should contain, and drafted a plan itself which is part way through its consultation process.

The Forum is administered by a management committee all of whom have been elected at an annual general meeting as detailed in the Forum constitution. During the last five years membership of the management committee has changed but still retains some of the original management committee members. An AGM has been held every year and these have included not only the elections of the committee and presentations on the Forum's activities and finances, but also briefings and focus groups for the members that have attended. The forum has drawn down money from the Government fund in accordance with the legislation, to assist and support its activities.

The Marple Neighbourhood Forum therefore formally submits this application to be re-designated for a further five years, during which time it is anticipated a fully constituted neighbourhood plan will be submitted via the legislative process for ratification by residents and others through a referendum.

The Marple Neighbourhood Forum may be contacted through its management committee via the following email address and its activities are detailed on the following website:-

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