

Appendix C

Summary of responses to consultation – proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum

The City Council undertook the formal period for representations between the 8th March and 20th April 2017. As required by the legislation, the proposed neighbourhood forum application for Hyde Park and Paddington was formally published on the City Council's website.

The City Council's internal consultation database for planning policy was used to identify consultees comprising:

- contacts located within, or in close proximity, to the Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Area;
- contacts who have expressed an interest in neighbourhood planning;
- members of the proposed Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum; and
- adjacent London boroughs.

Consultees and councillors were formally notified of the consultation on the 8th March 2017. Officers arranged for a poster promoting the consultation to be published in the local press and to be on display in the Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Area. In addition, the City Council's social media notifications encouraged the public to respond to the consultation.

A total of 6 representations were received (see Table 1). No objections were received and there were three representations of support from Councillor Floru and representatives of British Land and Sellar Property Group. They referenced their support of the organisation bringing forward the application and Sellar Property Group also welcomed the Forums plans to influence planning and development in the neighbourhood area in a positive and constructive manner.

The remaining three representations were considered to be 'neutral' as they raised no objection to the proposed designation but neither did they demonstrate any explicit support. This included one resident who expressed a desire for 'no more high rises'. This is not however a matter that is relevant to the consideration of whether to designate a neighbourhood forum. The Environment Agency also referenced matters about the 'area' rather than the application for the designation of a forum. Notwithstanding they, and Natural England have both provided information that may be helpful to the Forum should they decide to bring forward a neighbourhood plan. A copy of the responses from both of these organisations will therefore be forwarded to the Forum should their application for designation be successful.

Table 1 – A summary of the consultation responses to the proposal to designate the Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum

Respondent number	Respondent name	Date (2017)	Support/Object	Response (extracts)	WCC comment and proposed action
1	Mrs S Lankey	8 th March	Neutral	<i>Please, please No More High Rises.</i>	Noted although this will be a matter for consideration should the Forum decide to bring forward a neighbourhood plan and is not pertinent to the consideration of whether to approve the designation of the Forum.
2	Councillor JP Floru	9 th March	Support	<i>I warmly support the application to set up an Hyde Park and Paddington Neighbourhood Forum. ... it is right and proper that this new organisation should speak for the Hyde Park and Paddington area.</i>	Noted.
3	Michael Meadows Planning Director British Land	10 th March	Support	<i>British Land is a business member of the Forum and supports the proposed designation under the Localism Act.</i>	Noted.
4	John Davies Investment Director Sellar Property Group	10 th March	Support	<p><i>We fully support the application We are aware of the vital need for addressing the issues identified including the following points.....which are all relevant to our site.....</i></p> <p><i>The Forum will work within six key themes of: transport, environment, culture, promotion, investment and partnership. It will seek to develop a Neighbourhood Plan which:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>creates a “sense of place” while balancing the interests of the Paddington Opportunity Area with those of long-established communities (including the residential areas south of Praed Street and the important retail and leisure hubs of Praed Street, Edgware Road and Connaught Village)</i> • <i>maximises the opportunities arising from transport enhancements.</i> • <i>addresses priorities highlighted by our membership to date, including improvements to the public realm, Praed Street, measures to deal with air quality and reducing anti-social behaviour."</i> <p><i>The Forum states that it will seek to influence planning and development in the Hyde Park and Paddington area in a positive and constructive manner. We welcome that sentiment and hope to continue to work in a positive and constructive manner with the Forum once it is formally designated.</i></p>	Noted.
5	Sharon Jenkins Technical Support Adviser Natural England	18 th March	Neutral	<p><i>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.</i></p> <p><i>However we would like to take this opportunity to provide you with information sources the neighbourhood planning body may wish to use in developing the plan, and to highlight some of the potential environmental risks and opportunities that neighbourhood plans may present. We have set this out in the annex to this letter.</i></p>	Noted and officers will ensure that a copy of the letter and information is forwarded to the proposed Forum.
6	Scott Hawkins Sustainable Places Planning Advisor Environment Agency	24 th March	Neutral	<p><i>There are no environmental constraints under our remit (such as fluvial flood risk, watercourses) that affect the proposed designated area.</i></p> <p><i>The Local Authority will be able to advise if there are areas at risk from surface water flood risk (including groundwater and sewerage flood risk) in your neighbourhood plan area. The Surface Water Management Plan will contain recommendations and actions about how such sites can help reduce the risk of flooding. This may be useful when developing policies or guidance for particular sites.</i></p>	Noted although the comments are more relevant to the designation of a neighbourhood area or a neighbourhood plan and not to the approval of the designation of a neighbourhood forum. Officers will ensure that a copy of the letter is forwarded to the proposed Forum for them to note should they wish to bring forward a neighbourhood plan.