



City of Westminster



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Date: 8<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Dear Sir/Madam,

### **Neighbourhood Forum Application – Consultation**

The City Council has received a valid application to designate the Victoria Neighbourhood Forum. The neighbourhood forum application can be viewed on the City Council's website: [www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums](http://www.westminster.gov.uk/neighbourhoodforums)

The purpose of a neighbourhood forum is to act as the representative body who undertake neighbourhood planning. A neighbourhood forum has to consist of a minimum of 21 individuals and be open to those who live or work in the area.

### **How to respond?**

If you would like to make any comments in relation to the proposed Victoria Neighbourhood Forum, please send them to the postal/email address below by **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015**.

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A decision on whether to formally designate the aforementioned neighbourhood forum will be made by the City Council after the 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015.

### **Neighbourhood Planning**

The concept of neighbourhood planning represents a fundamental change to the planning system. Communities will be able to not only produce a statutory 'neighbourhood plan' to be used by the City Council when deciding planning applications, but also grant 'permitted

development' rights for certain types of new development. The first stage in the process is to designate a neighbourhood area, before then establishing a representative body – the neighbourhood forum – to carry out neighbourhood planning.

Additional information in relation to neighbourhood planning can be viewed on the Government's website:

[www.gov.uk/government/policies/giving-communities-more-power-in-planning-local-development/supporting-pages/neighbourhood-planning/](http://www.gov.uk/government/policies/giving-communities-more-power-in-planning-local-development/supporting-pages/neighbourhood-planning/) *(please note this page is not managed by Westminster City Council and no responsibility is taken for its content)*

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact Sally Talbot on the details above.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'BA Smith'.

Barry Smith  
Operational Director City Planning