

# Application

## **APPLICATION FOR RE-DESIGNATION OF HAM AND PETERSHAM NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM 2025**

The Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum (H&PNF) was designated on 16 January 2014 as the Neighbourhood Forum for the Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Area. The designation lasts for a period of 5 years. During this time, the H&PNF prepared a Neighbourhood Plan which was approved at a local referendum on 18 October 2018, and subsequently adopted by Richmond Council on 22 January 2019. The H&PNF was redesignated in 2019 for a further period and is now applying for the renewal of the designation in order to continue the review and update of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The AGM of the H&PNF passed the following motion on 14th May 2025:

‘The membership resolves to apply to LBRuT to be recognised as the Neighbourhood Forum for Ham and Petersham .’

1. The name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum is the ‘Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum’.

2. The approved Neighbourhood Area, for which the H&PNF would be designated, covers much of the existing council ward of Ham, Petersham and Richmond Riverside and is shown on the attached plan (Annex A). It does not include the area of the ward within Richmond Park to the east. The areas of Petersham Meadows and Petersham Common that extend north as far as and including Star and Garter Home / Wick House are included (based on the old pre 1963 Parish boundary) but the residential roads north of this (Richmond Hill etc.) are excluded as this part of the ward is physically distinct and does not form part of Ham and Petersham. The area is clearly defined by the River Thames on the west and Richmond Park to the east and the boundary with the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames to the south.

3. The organisation identified as the 'Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum' is a relevant body capable of being designated a Neighbourhood Forum for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. A copy of the Forum's constitution (Annex B) is attached. As identified within this document, it is believed that the H&PNF meets the conditions contained in section 61F(5) of the 1990 Act on the following grounds:

- The purpose of the H&PNF is to further the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Ham and Petersham Area by acting for the Area defined in 2) above, under the provisions of the Act.
- H&PNF membership comprises, and is open to, residents living in the Area, individuals working or carrying on business in the Area, local representative groups and borough councillors representing the Area. There are no membership fees.

4. A list of 34 people, all of whom reside or work in the Neighbourhood Area or are elected representatives of Richmond Council, and who are members of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum, have agreed to support the application (Annex C). They include, but are not limited to, officers or representatives of a wide range of local organisations.

5. The Neighbourhood Forum application for redesignation was mentioned in the

Summer edition (May 2025) of the quarterly Ham and Petersham community Magazine that is distributed by volunteers to every household and business (3000) in the area. This community-run publication will continue to be used for all future Neighbourhood Forum publicity.

6. Strong links already exist with most local organisations, a number of whom are directly represented on the current committee. Others receive minutes of meetings or e-mail notifications of events. The Forum has a dedicated website. It is a non-political body but has received support from the main political parties in the area.

7. Contact details of two members are as follows:

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