HACKBRIDGE AND BEDDINGTON CORNER NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Application for Designation of Neighbourhood Area

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 2 – Neighbourhood Area

Application for Designation as a Neighbourhood Area – Part 2 (5) (1) (a) & (b)

The Hackbridge Neighbourhood Planning Area was formally designated on 18th September at the council's Housing Economy and Business Committee. As such the designation's 5 years life span is set to expire in September 2017.

Therefore, in accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) Part 2 (5) (1) (a) & (b) this document represents the statement explaining why Hackbridge and Beddington Corner is considered appropriate to be redesignated as a neighbourhood area.

The 'neighbourhood area' to which application relates is detailed in Annex 1 and is identical to the currently designated boundary that lapses on 18th September 2017).

Annex 1 expresses the consensus of the members of the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group ('NDG') that the 'neighbourhood area' as described and specified within this application should be re-designated in accordance with the current boundary that was formally designated in September 2012. This boundary was defined within the draft Hackbridge Masterplan 2009, which was widely consulted on in 2009.

The two minor variations to the draft Hackbridge Masterplan are as follows:

(1) Inclusion of the Wetlands in the north-west of the area

The proposed boundary follows a ditched 'minor watercourse' of the Wandle Valley wetlands that is marked by a fence immediately to the west.

(2) Boundary of the Neighbourhood Area to follow the eastern side of the railway line. The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner NDG proposes that the boundary be redesignated along the eastern side of the railway bridge, interpreted as the line of the safety and security fencing immediately to the east of the railway track which therefore ensures that the proposed neighbourhood area encompasses the totality of the Victorian bridge structure, including any bridge structure east of the rail track and any future bridges into the proposed Wandle Valley Regional Park.

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner NDG considers that the draft Hackbridge Masterplan boundary, which has already been subjected to public consultation in 2009, along with the minor amendments above that formed part of the originally designated boundary in 2012, represents an appropriate area to be designated for the purposes of drafting a Neighbourhood Development Plan for Hackbridge and Beddington Corner.

Application for Designation as a Neighbourhood Area – Part 2 (5) (1) (c)

In accordance with The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 2 (5) (1) (c) this document represents the statement explaining why Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Following the selection of Hackbridge by Government as Neighbourhood Planning Front Runner in early 2011 the Hackbridge community have been working with Sutton Council with the aim of producing a neighbourhood plan for the Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Area.

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group has an open membership which exceeds 21 individuals, including local residents, local businesses, individuals who work in the area and elected Councillors. In addition it has an elected chair, Vice-Chair and secretary.

The Hackbridge and Beddington Corner NDG meet on the last Wednesday of each month, as well as regular sub-group meetings on a weekly basis.

The minutes of meetings are published on https://hackbridgendg.com/, along with other supporting information.

It therefore considers itself a relevant body for the purposes of Section 61G of the 1990 Act.

Annex 1 – Proposed Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Planning Area.

