

KNIGHTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM



Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Plan – Submission (Regulation 16) Consultation

Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum (the ‘Forum’) was established to give people who live, work or study in Knightsbridge the opportunity under the Localism Act 2011 to develop planning policy and influence neighbourhood management locally. It is supported by the Knightsbridge Association.

The Forum is pleased therefore to let you know that it has submitted its draft neighbourhood plan formally to Westminster City Council (‘Westminster’). It was the first forum in Westminster to do so.

Westminster launched its statutory consultation on the draft Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Plan (the ‘Plan’) on 20 December 2017. The consultation is longer than usual to allow for the Christmas holidays and closes at 5pm on Wednesday 14 February 2018. Details here:

<https://www.westminster.gov.uk/NP-knightsbridge>

In essence, the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Plan includes many policies that aim to preserve and improve our Area over the next 20 years e.g. in relation to the Hyde Park Barracks land, air pollution and a newly defined ‘neighbourhood stress area’. It also proposes a significant number of actions to address issues that we are unable to tackle through land-use policies e.g. licensing and street cleansing. Summary here:

<http://www.knightsbridgeforum.org/media/documents/summary.pdf>

Once Westminster’s current consultation closes, there will be an Examination of our Plan by an Independent Planning Examiner which should be followed by a Referendum of residents on the electoral roll in the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Area. We hope the Examination will take place in March and the Referendum by June 2018.

If all goes well and our Plan is ‘made’ a few weeks later, it will become part of Westminster’s statutory development plan and will be used alongside the Council’s own planning documents and the Mayor’s London Plan in determining planning applications in the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Area. It should therefore enable us as residents, businesses and students to shape our area.

This consultation is an important opportunity for local people and organisations to take a look at the Plan and spend a few minutes emailing their comments or confirming support to Westminster:

neighbourhoodplanning@westminster.gov.uk

Responses must be received by Westminster (not the Forum) by 5pm on 14 February 2018.

Please visit the Forum’s website for updates or more details <http://www.knightsbridgeforum.org/>.