

KNIGHTSBRIDGE NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Dear Member

Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Plan – Submission (Regulation 16) Consultation

I am writing as Chair of the Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Forum (the 'Forum') to share with you the exciting news that we have submitted our draft neighbourhood plan formally to Westminster City Council (Westminster or the Council). We are the first forum in the City of Westminster to do so.

Westminster launched its Submission (Regulation 16) Consultation on the draft Knightsbridge Neighbourhood Plan (the 'Plan') on 20 December 2017. The consultation was extended by two weeks because of the holidays and closes at 5pm on Wednesday 14 February 2018. Details here:

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

I attach the Summary from Part One of our Plan, which gives a good overview of what we're doing, when, where and why. I encourage you to read it. In essence, our 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.

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.

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

neighbourhoodplanning@westminster.gov.uk

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

Please contact me if you have any questions or visit the Forum's website for more information <http://www.knightsbridgeforum.org/>.

Yours sincerely

Simon Birkett
Chair