

Re-designation of Horsham Blueprint Neighbourhood Business Forum

At our AGM on the the 19th May 2020 a unanimous decision was made to seek re-designation on the expiry of the current designation.

The re-designated Forum will relate to the existing Neighbourhood Plan Area (as specified in the Horsham District Council Decision Notice dated 5 June 2015).

Constitution

A copy of our constitution is attached. There have been no changes since it was signed.

The constitution recognises the key roles of the Neighbourhood Councils, Horsham Town Community Partnership, Horsham Society and other civic groups in working together in support of the Forum's objectives.

Statement

Horsham Blueprint Business Neighbourhood Forum seeks re - designation with the express purpose of:

promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Neighbourhood Plan Area (the Area) and to produce and maintain a Neighbourhood Development Plan covering the the Area in accordance with Section 61F(5)(a) of the Localism Act 2011 (the Act).

As expressed in "A Vision for Horsham Blueprint" Chapter 3 of the draft Horsham Business Neighbourhood Plan (the plan).

The primary objective of the Forum's re-designation is therefore to:

complete the activities presented in (and in accordance with) the 2015 Forum Application Statement, by taking the plan through the remaining legislative stages up to and including its adoption together with any actions that may arise following its adoption that may be necessary to implement aspects of the plan.

Membership

Membership of the Forum is open to all individuals who live or work in the Area and also to elected members representing the Area. The Forum is non-political and fully inclusive in accordance Section 61F(5)(b) of the Act. Membership is open to:

- i. Individuals who live in the Area.
- ii. Individuals who work in the Area (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise), and
- iii. Individuals who are elected ward members for West Sussex County Council or Horsham District Council any of whose area falls within the Area.

The membership includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom—

- i. Lives in the Area
- ii. Works there (whether for a business carried on there or otherwise), or
- iii. Is an elected ward member for West Sussex County Council or Horsham District Council any of whose area falls within the Area.

We currently have 44 active members . We therefore have considerably more than the legislative requirement for 21 members.

In addition more than 500 people have signed up to be on our mailing list.

Governance arrangements

The Steering Committee may be between 6 and 15 people. For your information Minutes of the existing steering committee can be found at <http://www.horshamblueprint.org/minutes-steering-group/>

The Steering Committee is elected annually at the General Meeting, and includes 5 reserved spaces for representatives from Denne, Forest and Trafalgar Neighbourhood Councils, Horsham Town Community Partnership and Horsham Society.

The Steering Committee is tasked with over-seeing the process of producing a neighbourhood plan and undertaking necessary administrative tasks for the smooth running of the Forum.