

Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum
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Application for designation of Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum and designation of the Sneinton Neighbourhood Plan Area

The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 state that, where an organisation or body submits a neighbourhood forum application to the local planning authority, it must include:

- a) The name of the proposed neighbourhood forum
- b) A copy of the written constitution of the proposed neighbourhood forum
- c) The name of the neighbourhood area to which the application relates and a map which identifies the area
- d) Contact details of at least one member of the proposed neighbourhood forum to be made public under regulations 9 and 10
- e) A statement setting out how the proposed neighbourhood forum meets the conditions contained in section 61F(5) of the 1990 Act.

Those conditions being

- '(a) it is established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area that consists of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned (whether or not it is also established for the express purpose of promoting the carrying on of trades, professions or other businesses in such an area),
- (b) its membership is open to—
- (i) individuals who live in the neighbourhood area concerned,
 - (ii) individuals who work there (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise), and
 - (iii) individuals who are elected members of a county council, district council or London borough council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned,
- (c) its membership includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom—
- (i) lives in the neighbourhood area concerned,
 - (ii) works there (whether for a business carried on there or otherwise), or

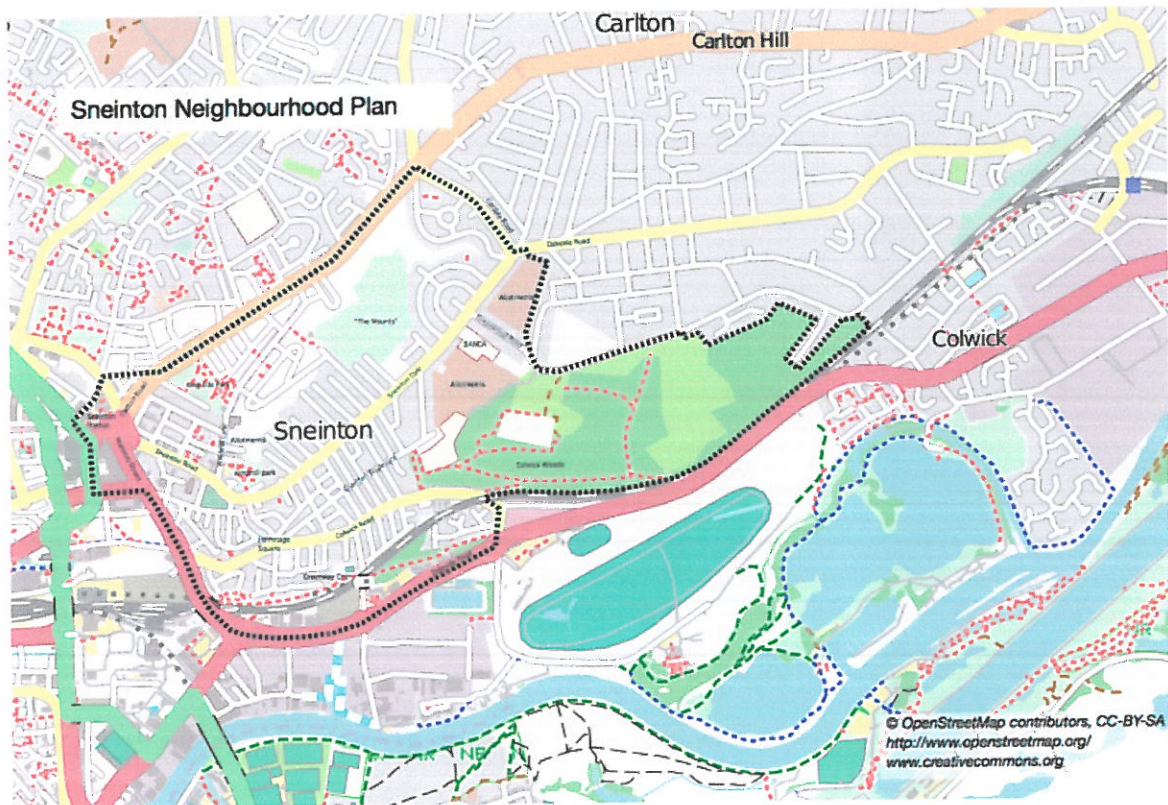
- (iii) is an elected member of a county council, district council or London borough council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned,
- (d) it has a written constitution, and
- (e) such other conditions as may be prescribed.'

a) **The name of the proposed forum** is Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum

b) **Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum written constitution**

A draft constitution was discussed at the open meeting on 4th March and an amended version put on the Sneinton Alchemy website for information. The approved constitution is at Appendix 1.

c) **The Neighbourhood Area**



The map shows that the boundary extends to the south along Daleside Road then cuts in along Colwick Road around Colwick Woods to Oakdale Road then along Cardale Road to meet Carlton Road. The boundary then runs east along Carlton Road. The western boundary is along Manvers Street to include Sneinton Market (which is an area strongly identified with the rest of Sneinton.)

The extent of the Neighbourhood Plan Area was discussed and proposed at an open meeting of Sneinton Alchemy Board members and local residents in early November. This meeting was supported by Helen Metcalfe from Planning with People who discussed the purposes and process

of producing a Neighbourhood Plan as well as assisting the group in deciding on the extent of the Neighbourhood Plan area.

Consultation on the proposed Neighbourhood Plan area and the intention to establish a Neighbourhood Forum began on 6th November when a large map showing the proposed boundaries was displayed in the window at TRACS. The weekly community newsletter and Sneinton Alchemy web site also asked for comments.

Formal consultation on the proposed area began in December with an online feedback form. 2000 flyers were also printed promoting the proposed area and the idea of a neighbourhood forum and asking for comments in a questionnaire format. The sequence of events showing all the meetings and consultation events used to consult the Sneinton community on the Neighbourhood Area and the Neighbourhood Forum are listed at Appendix 2 with web links to the full information on the web. Leaflets were distributed to all community centres and Sneinton Market. Two community events, a Winter Warmer Drop In and a 'Your Sneinton' Conference were also used to raise awareness of the proposed boundary and to seek members of the Neighbourhood Forum. 70 people attended the Drop in session and 100 attended the conference.

All the consultation from March onwards encouraged people to consider the appropriateness of the Neighbourhood Plan boundary and to offer alternatives. Feedback suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan Area extended up Carlton Road to include Sneinton Elements along Cardale Road and included all of Colwick Woods.

Following a review of this community feedback it was agreed to extend the boundary to include all of Colwick Woods and the area up to Carlton Road. These additional areas were shown on the website for comments and residents and businesses in those areas were leafleted specifically.

Where possible and in accordance with guidance, the Neighbourhood Plan Area follows physical boundaries like Colwick Woods, Manvers Street, Daleside Road and Carlton Road. It has also been drawn to include areas of opportunity or areas that are particularly valued, for example the Mounts, the allotments and Colwick Woods.

The proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area is considered to be a socially coherent area with which local people can identify. The proposed area also epitomises the diverse range of built environment forms and open space that makes Sneinton special.

In 2011 Sneinton Alchemy were supported by the Design Council and OPUN to produce Sneinton Vision. The Neighbourhood Forum intends to build on the Vision, which had significant community input and support, to develop neighbourhood planning policies that provide the fine grain detail to support the implementation of Nottingham City Council's Core Strategy. The inclusion of Colwick Woods, the allotments, the Old Sneinton and Sneinton Market Conservation Areas in the proposed Neighbourhood Plan Area enables the local community to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan that addresses the concerns and seizes the opportunities outlined in Sneinton Vision.

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e) **How the Neighbourhood Forum accords with section 61 (F) 1990 Act.**

Sneinton Alchemy has been the driving force behind the intention to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Sneinton. In this regard, as an active Community Interest Company geographically focused on a defined local area and made up of local people they are akin to a parish council taking forward the opportunities presented in the Localism Act 2011 to have more control and influence over planning policies in their area. Indeed as part of the Sneinton Vision an Appraisal Tool was produced to assist Sneinton Alchemy assess planning applications. It is the intention that this work will be a key part of the Sneinton Neighbourhood Plan.

However due to the specific remit of the Neighbourhood Plan it is proposed to establish the Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum as a separate entity from Sneinton Alchemy. This will encourage the involvement of certain groups who have not been embraced by Sneinton Alchemy. It will also avoid any confusion over the purpose of the Forum.

An added benefit of the creation of Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum is the focus it provides for the partnership working of several groups who represent the interests of the Sneinton community. These range of community groups are represented on the Neighbourhood Forum list of members (see Appendix 3.)

There has been significant consultation, as noted, to secure the membership of a wide range of residents and local businesses to the membership of the forum. There are various other people who will be involved in supporting and promoting the neighbourhood plan as it progresses and specific topic groups may be formed to assist in the preparation of the plan. However, for the purposes of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations 2012 there are 26 people (some representing local businesses and community groups as well as individual local residents) who have currently signed up as members. However, the list of members will continue to grow in excess of those named. Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum members will continue in the spirit of Sneinton Alchemy to encourage the involvement from as wide a range of people as possible throughout the preparation of Sneinton Neighbourhood Plan.

We trust the foregoing confirms our intent to produce a Neighbourhood Plan for the as defined.

Yours sincerely



Wendy Honeyman-Smith on behalf of
Sneinton Neighbourhood Forum