

Appendix 2

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From: C.P.Buckley



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Dear Mr Sparling

Re-designation of Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

I am writing on behalf of Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum, and at the request of its Steering Committee, to apply for the Forum's re-designation by Oxford City Council, with the same name and Neighbourhood Area as before. A map of this area is appended below. It is identical to the area of the 'Wolvercote' Oxford City ward, as it was at the time of the Neighbourhood Forum's first designation in 2014 and re-designation in 2019. Although the recent boundary change means that the area now includes a part of the new Cutteslowe and Sunnymead ward, as well as the new Wolvercote ward, we do not wish to change the area or the name of the Neighbourhood Forum.

The Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum worked hard over several years to create the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Plan, which was approved overwhelmingly by the community in the local referendum held in 2021, unfortunately delayed for a year by the cancellation of elections in 2020. The Plan was then made by Oxford City Council.

We believe the Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum meets all the requirements specified in the T&CP 1990 Act (Section 61F(5)). Our constitution (also appended below) makes clear that all residents of our designated area and those working within it are members of the Forum free of charge, and all have voting rights at General Meetings. The day-to-day work of the Forum is carried out by an elected Steering Committee (SC), as specified by the constitution. All local councillors in the two City wards, and the County Division covering the WNF area, are members of the Forum, are invited to SC meetings and frequently attend, as non-voting associate members of this committee. The SC strives to engage well with members of the Forum and keep in touch with their views, using publicity, a website, social media, and public meetings, at which our typical attendance is about 50. Approximately 650 individual members of the Forum have signed up to receive emails from the SC about Forum activities. As a result, the Steering Committee believes the Forum is fulfilling its role effectively in representing its community.

If you need more information, please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Buckley, Chair of Wolvercote Neighbourhood Forum

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