

CONSTITUTION FOR WILLENHALL NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GROUP

NAME

The name of the organisation shall be the Willenhall Neighbourhood Planning Group (Known hereafter as the Group).

PURPOSE

- The Group is established with the express purpose of promoting and improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of Willenhall (Known hereafter as the Area) and its inhabitants.
- The Group will, with assistance from the local Authority and other groups and agencies as necessary, prepare a neighbourhood plan for the Area under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011 as a means by which to advance its stated purpose and objectives.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Group shall be:

- I. To preserve and promote the *unique* character and identity of the Area with particular attention to a clean, safe and peaceful environment, green spaces and heritage features.
- II. To promote a strong and sustainable balance of community with particular attention to appropriate development and regeneration of the Area.
- III. To forge strong and effective links with the Local Authority, local businesses and other interested parties as may collaborate towards the best interest and improvement of the Area.
- IV. To encourage the goodwill and involvement of the whole community, inclusive of all ages, gender, ethnicity, faith, health and sexual orientation, in neighbourhood planning and community life.
- V. To foster strong community spirit and encourage *local pride*

THE AREA

The boundary of the Area in which the Group will have responsibility for neighbourhood planning is defined by the boundary shown on the map [*Appendix A*]

MEMERSHIP

- Membership shall be open to:
 - I. Individuals who live in the Area
 - II. Individuals who work in the Area, whether for business carried out there or otherwise
 - III. Elected Ward Councillors' or Members of Parliament currently representing the Area
- Where it is considered membership would be detrimental to the aims and activities of the Group, the Group shall have the power to refuse, terminate or suspend membership of any member by resolution passed at a Group meeting.
- Membership shall include 21 individuals each of whom:
 - I. Live in the Area
 - II. Work in the Area
 - III. Is an elected Ward Councillor
- A record of current members shall be maintained with due regard to privacy and data protection requirements.
- Reasonable steps shall be taken to ensure that membership of the Group is representative of the Area.

THE ACCOUNTABLE BODY

The Group shall be administered by Willenhall Community Forum (Known hereafter as the Forum) who will be responsible for:

- I. Advancing the purpose and objectives of the Group and at all times acting in the interests of the Area and in a manner that is consistent with the Forum constitution.
- II. Fundraising, appropriate management of funds and financial transactions.
- III. Employing and managing staff and volunteers, as necessary, to conduct activities in pursuit of the purposes and objectives of the Group.
- IV. Publicising and promoting the work of the Group to include consultation and communication with members and other stakeholders as appropriate.

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

- The decision to adopt the neighbourhood plan will be subject to a vote by all inhabitants of the Area, whether members of the Group or not.
- The Forum shall make best efforts to publicise the neighbourhood plan and to consult and engage with stakeholders and the wider community by utilising meetings, the community newsletter, social media and any other appropriate methods.
- The Forum shall be delegated to work with the Local Authority and any other independent experts and/or advisors on the neighbourhood plan as they consider necessary for the development, delivery and/or implementation of the plan.
- At the discretion of the Forum tasks may be delegated to individual members or teams from the Group

DISSOLUTION OF THE GROUP

The Group may be dissolved by the Forum if deemed necessary

In the event that the Group is dissolved any assets or remaining funds, after debts have been paid, shall be returned to their source or used for charitable purposes in the Area.