



CALL-IN FORM

For the Attention of: The Head of Chief Executive and Member Services

From: Councillor Paul Lorber

Date: 22 November 2023

Decision: Cabinet – Sudbury Town Residents’ Association Application for Neighbourhood Forum Status

To confirm that the Council refused STRA’s application to be the Neighbourhood Forum for the Sudbury Town Neighbourhood Area as set out in the refusal statement in Appendix G of the report.

Date of decision: Thursday 16 November 2023

Five non-cabinet members making request (Note: all five members do not have to be listed on or sign the same form):

	Name of councillor	Signature <i>(only required if submitted in hard copy)</i>
1	Paul Lorber	Via email
2	Anton Georgiou	Via email
3	Hannah Matin	Via email
4	Sunita Hirani	Via email
5	Kanta Mistry	Via email

Please provide below an explanation as to why you are calling in the decision and if you are calling in all or part of the decision:

(Note: according to the Protocol On Call-in (Part 5 of the Constitution), call-in requests will not be considered valid if they:

- *are used as a means of gaining information/understanding or discussing general concerns with Members and officers,*
- *duplicate a call-in on the same issue within the previous six months,*
- *are based on reasons already discussed by the relevant Scrutiny Committee prior to the decision being made,*
- *concern a decision of the Cabinet referring a matter to Full Council for consideration.*

- *concern operational management decisions, or*
- *are otherwise considered by the Chief Executive to be frivolous, vexatious or clearly outside the call-in provisions.)*

- (a) Local ward councillors (or at least NOT all) were consulted or informed about the proposals being presented to Cabinet.
- (b) STRA was not notified of the Cabinet Meeting or offered an opportunity to make representations.
- (c) As the complaints and objections directed against STRA originated mainly from former and current Labour Councillors the decision seems to have been politically motivated.
- (d) The Cabinet did not consider the implication of leaving Sudbury without a Neighbourhood Forum or present any alternatives.
- (e) As another Group has expressed an interest to become the Neighbourhood Forum that application should have been dealt with at the same meeting.

Please provide below an outline alternative course of action to the decision being called in:

1. To request that Cabinet reconsider their decision, in order to:

- (a) Provide both Groups applying to be the Neighbourhood Forum with the opportunity to make presentations to Cabinet.
- (b) Consider both applications for Neighbourhood Forum status at the same time, following independent advice and assessment.

Please return this form to a representative of the Head of Chief Executive and Member Services, by email (from your individual email address) james.kinsella@brent.gov.uk at or in hard copy (with signatures) and in person to the Governance Team on the fourth floor of Brent Civic Centre.