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Paul Lewin,
Team Leader Planning and Policy
Communities and Regeneration
Brent Council;

APPLICATION FOR NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM STATUS

Dear Paul,

I am writing to you on behalf of Sudbury Matters to request that our application to become the Sudbury Matters Neighbourhood Forum (SMNF) for the next five years be considered.

Sudbury Matters was formed in November 2022 to offer support and a collective voice to residents in Sudbury. Since then, our group has grown rapidly and become an umbrella organisation for other resident groups in the area.

Our members have a wide range of experience in various professions and occupations, many of whom have already demonstrated their commitment to improving Sudbury's environment and cultural life through volunteering and other initiatives. Some of our members were also involved in the initial formation and renewal of the Sudbury Neighbourhood Forum.

We understand that the term of office for the existing Forum has expired. As a new applicant, Sudbury Matters can demonstrate that our members have the skills and experience to deliver on the objectives of the Forum, which is to improve and promote the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the defined Neighbourhood Forum area.

Our members come from diverse backgrounds, including banking compliance, catering, the voluntary sector, small business, the construction industry, and management consulting. Many of us also volunteer in areas such as environmental improvement, disability support, food banks, and befriending.

Sudbury Matters is committed to ensuring that the Sudbury forum members will be the overarching decision-making body of the SNF, with a membership of at least 21 individuals. We will strive to ensure that Sudbury Matters have a larger forum membership than 21 members, with a focus on ensuring equalities and area representation. Membership is open to all eligible and businesses in the Forum area, including elected members on an equal basis.

We are aware of the role of the SNF in participating and influencing local planning policies, and we recognise that effective communication with all residents is key to achieving this. We are committed to consulting with our forum members to ensure that our communication strategy is effective in building trust and driving engagement among all residents.

We have reviewed the Sudbury Neighbourhood Plan and identified areas where delivery appears to have stalled in recent years, only partly due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are committed to

producing a work plan based on the core strategic objectives summarised in Table 2 on pages 55-56 of the plan.

Please let us know if you require any further information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine Harvey, Business Owner, on behalf of Sudbury Matters

Documents attached:

- Constitution for Sudbury Matters
- List of supporters, including residents, business owners and elected representatives
- Forum Area map

We also have started preparing other policy documents should you wish to see them, including:

- Conflict of Interest
- GDPR
- Code of Conduct
- Diversity
- Governance
- Communications Plan