

Appendix C

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum Neighbourhood Area Boundary Change Application

Consultation Statement

The regulations state that consultation has to take place for a minimum of 6 weeks. The consultation ran for the required 6 week period from 6th June 2024 to 18th July 2024. The consultation was publicised through notification to those on the planning policy database including statutory consultees, site notices within the proposed area, the Council's web-based consultation platform, within the members' bulletin, e-mail to the respective ward councillors and making the documents attached in the appendices to this report available at Harlesden Library. The consultation was joint with the OPDC, although given the vast majority of the area is located within the LB Brent, Brent Council took the leading role. OPDC also notified those that it considered appropriate separately.

The consultation responses have since been summarised and collated within Table 1 below, together with an officer response. There were 18 replies to the consultation, including from local residents, organisations, and statutory consultees. 13 of these comments were in support of the proposed boundary changes, whilst 5, all of which from statutory consultees, had no comments given their more strategic positions. Supporting comments referenced how the new area is more logical given it is part of Harlesden, and that it was only not included previously due to the presence of the Unity Forum. Comments noted how this will now allow the residents from the newly included areas to fully participate in the forum's activity, including helping to shape new development.

Table 1: Consultation responses

Public name	Support the revised Harlesden Neighbourhood Area boundary? (Yes/No)	Officer summary	Officer response
Resident 1	Yes	Area amendments would make the Forum area more coherent.	Noted.
KILBURN VILLAGE RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION	Yes	Support. No further comments made.	Noted.
Resident 2	Yes	It makes sense; tidying up boundaries in the south and including more streets in the north	Noted.
Resident 3	Yes	HNF is doing some great work advocating for Harlesden and its residents. My street is currently not part of the Forum's area. It will be once it is revised. It will give me and my neighbours a better opportunity to make our voices heard in planning decisions and regarding decisions affecting our area.	Noted.
Resident 4	Yes	By extending its boundaries, the Forum can now cover all the Harlesden households that were excluded from full participation by the existence of the Unity Forum in 2014.	Noted.

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Brent Parks Forum	Yes	These streets share all the same characteristics as those within HNF, such as community, architecture and proximity to the town centre. Expanding to cover these streets was a HNF aspiration from the outset. In the south, around Willesden Junction Station the original situation became even more complicated. The station platforms are in Brent while the ticket office is in Hammersmith and Fulham and access is via Ealing. Fortunately, the (then) just-formed Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) had become the Local Planning Authority for the whole station and it suggested the whole site be included. Furthermore, the boundary then followed the main line railway through Ealing to Harlesden Station.	Noted.
Resident 5	Yes	Support. No further comments made.	Noted.
Resident 6	Yes	Support. No further comments made.	Noted.
Resident 7	Yes	Support. No further comments made.	Noted.
Resident 8	Yes	Support. No further comments made.	Noted.
Resident 9	Yes	I live in the Church End district and I feel that extending the area makes sense to support the wider public in Harlesden	Noted.
Sports England		No comment	Noted.

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Natural England		No comment	Noted.
The Pentecostal City Mission Church (Willesden)	Yes	The HNF is an effective partnership group which is representing the views of organisations like ours to influence plans for large scale development and infrastructure in Old Oak, Harlesden area so regeneration happens in a way that sustain existing communities and what local people value in their neighbourhoods.	Noted.
Resident 10	Yes	I've lived in Harlesden for forty years, and to find out I'd been hijacked by Church End a few years ago was surprisingly shocking. It will be good to be back in Harlesden. I'm fond of the place, and I want to be able to participate as someone who belongs here. A glance at a map shows how ridiculous it is for St.Thomas's Road not to be designated as part of Harlesden.	Noted.
Historic England		No comment	Noted.
National Highways		No comment	Noted.
TfL Spatial Planning		No comment	Noted.