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cc

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Cllr Robert Davis, Cabinet Member for Implementation of the Localism Act
Cllr Philippa Roe, Leader of The Council
Cllr Rachael Robathan
Cllr Anthony Devenish

18th July 2013

Dear Ms McQueen

In accordance with section 5 of the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (2012) and section 6 of the Localism Act (2011), **The Knightsbridge Village Society** applies for Neighbourhood Area status for the geographic area of the Eastern Part of the Knightsbridge Conservation Area as defined by the following streets:

Fairholt Street
Rutland Street
Cheval Place
Relton Mews
Montpelier Square
Montpelier Street
Montpelier Mews
Montpelier Walk
Montpelier Place
Trevor Place
Trevor Square
Trevor Walk
Trevor Street

A map showing the boundary of the proposed Neighbourhood Area accompanies this application.

Name:

The Neighbourhood Area shall be known as ***Knightsbridge Village***.

Statement of Area Coherence

The Area lies entirely within the Knightsbridge and Belgravia Ward and wholly within the Knightsbridge Conservation Area.

It has natural physical boundaries, with the Brompton Road to the south, Knightsbridge to the north, the eastern side of Trevor Square to the east and Rutland Street and Montpelier Walk to the West.

The Area is known locally as Knightsbridge Village. It comprises residences and businesses that are predominantly based upon the historic Montpelier and Trevor Estates. There is a very strong sense of community within the Area and neighbours already consult each other on local matters on an informal

basis.

Architecturally the Area comprises a range of terraces, two garden squares and converted Mews streets. Many of the properties were constructed in the approximate period 1820-1860 and form an important group of historical interest. The variety of architecture exhibits the social diversity of the time. While there is greater homogeneity in terms of occupation today that social diversity still exists in the Area and is embraced by the community as a whole.

The Area is undergoing constant redevelopment. For these developments to be sympathetic to the existing character of the area it is important that the Area be formally recognised and its characteristics, both physical and cultural, be identified.

The Area exhibits a broad demographic among residents and comprises a mix of families with young children, young people in shared accommodation, small and large flats, retired people. There is a broad mix of owner occupiers and renters.

The Area also comprises several small and medium sized businesses, including a pub, restaurants, coffee shops and supermarkets as well as independent retailers. It has a strong commercial hub, primarily around the junction of Montpelier Street and Brompton Road.

The Area is also a major tourist and visitor destination in London.

The Area would form a good basis for a co-ordinated Neighbourhood Plan and is of a size that can ensure good representation of all parts of the community in the development of a shared vision for the Area.

Statement of Relevant Body

The Knightsbridge Village Society qualifies as a relevant body under the terms of Section 61G of the TCPA 1990 being an organisation or body which is capable of being designated as a Neighbourhood Forum in that it complies with the conditions in Section 61F of the TCPA (see below).

Compliance with Conditions in Section 61F(5) of the TCPA 1990

The Knightsbridge Village Society is constituted as a charity and has been established to comply with the criteria set out in the Localism Act for a Neighbourhood Forum. It intends to adopt a position that is proactive in terms of enabling rather than restricting development. The Society is committed to being fully inclusive in its representation of the local community. In particular it seeks to represent the full diversity that exists within the Area in terms of the following three categories:

1. Intrinsic Characteristics

- Elderly
- Middle-Aged
- Young
- Men
- Women
- LGBT
- Disability
- Ethnic (based on population profile)
- Religion

2. Socio-Economic Characteristics

- Business
- Larger Firms
- Small Business Owner
- Creative/Arts Business
- Not-For-Profit Sector
- Public Sector
- Private Sector
- Owner-occupier
- Housing Tenant
- Non-car Owner
- Parents
- Single People
- Low Income
- Unemployed
- Student

3. Interests

- Retail (Goods and Services)
- Culture
- Community
- Night Economy (food drink)
- Entertainment
- Transport
- Communications
- Heritage Conservation
- Employment
- Health
- Knowledge Economy
- Crime/Anti-social Behaviour
- Play
- Homelessness
- Waste/Recycling

Statement of Compliance

The Knightsbridge Village Society complies with the following conditions:

1. The Society was established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Area.
2. Membership is open to individuals who live in the Area, individuals who work in the Area and individuals who are elected members of Westminster City Council.
3. Membership is drawn from different places in the Area
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3. Membership includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom lives or works in the Area
5. The stated purpose of the Society reflects the character of the Area.
6. The Society has a written Constitution

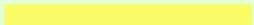
Should you require clarification or further detail on any aspect of this application the Knightsbridge Village Society shall be pleased to respond in a manner and timing of your convenience.

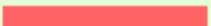
Thank you for your consideration.

Yours faithfully

Brian O'Keefe
Chairman
The Knightsbridge Village Society

Attachment: Knightsbridge Village Boundary Map

Knightsbridge Village Area Boundary 

Knightsbridge Conservation Area Boundary (part) 

Westminster Boundary (part) 