

**Application to Southwark Council for designation of
Bankside Neighbourhood Forum**

a) Name of Forum

Bankside Neighbourhood Forum

b) Map of area

The boundary of the neighbourhood forum area is defined in the attached map (see annex 1)

c) Written constitution

See annex 2

d) Membership list

Originally a resident-led neighbourhood forum, Bankside was awarded frontrunner status as a business-led plan in May 2011. To build on the strengths of the resident and business communities, as well as local organisations and interest groups, the neighbourhood forum encompasses representation from all of these groups, from all parts of the neighbourhood. The current membership of 21 individuals who live or work in the area is given in annex 3. New members are actively encouraged at all times.

e) Contact details

The following contact details will be made public:-

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f) A statement which explains how the neighbourhood forum meets the conditions contained in section 61F (5) of the 1990 Act

Bankside Neighbourhood Forum was established in October 2011 (the date of our first Forum meeting) for the specific purpose of building collaborative planning in the neighbourhood, with the aim of developing a neighbourhood plan for Bankside.

Bankside Neighbourhood Forum welcomes the powers being passed to residents and businesses under the Localism Act 2011 and is capable of working with all relevant partners to improve the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of the neighbourhood.

Membership of the forum is open to individuals who live, work, or are elected to the area. This group of 21 local residents, businesses, organisations and local members is now applying for formal designation of the Bankside Neighbourhood Forum, which undertakes to produce a neighbourhood plan.

Investment and development in Bankside is having a significant impact on the residential and business communities and will continue to do so for many years. Local residents, businesses and organisations wish to be fully involved in such major change and welcome the opportunity for greater engagement in the planning process. This will

require thorough research and consultation, ensuring a meaningful collaboration between local stakeholders, those who work and invest here, local members and the local authority.

The forum has attracted the commitment of a wide range of members, reflecting the strong mix of business and resident communities in the area. Forum members have met together in theme groups to discuss and establish a background understanding of the issues that face the neighbourhood. Workshops will be held, and an evidence base built up, so that principles and aspirations can be drawn out to underpin proposals for consultation with the wider communities.

The forum intends to produce the neighbourhood plan during the year 2012-13, with a target to have the plan ready for examination in March 2013. The exact timescale will depend upon the external assistance and support that is available and the feedback from the extensive consultation that will be undertaken. The forum expects the designation to be reviewed after 5 years to consider whether its aims have been achieved and the strength of support for a further designation.

Bankside Neighbourhood Forum asserts that it is a relevant body to apply for designation as the neighbourhood forum for the Bankside neighbourhood area.