

APPENDIX A

What is your organisation?	Do you have any comments on the designation of the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum?	Do you have any comments on the designation of the Walworth Neighbourhood Area?
Draper Residents Association		<p>I feel that the Elephant & Castle should constitute a neighbourhood in itself, since all who live, work, and study here face similar issues and challenges that are not shared by a great majority of those who live in other sections of the proposed Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>The core stakeholders of this E&C neighbourhood include (but are not limited to):</p> <p>LBS Council estates:</p> <p>Draper Perronet Newington Rockingham Pullens</p> <p>Private developments:</p> <p>Metro Central Strata One The Elephant Elephant Park (in construction) The entire area to be redeveloped by Delancey on the Shopping Center and UAL/LCC sites. High Point (in construction) Two Fifty One (in construction)</p> <p>Other:</p> <p>The Metropolitan Tabernacle The London South Bank University London College of Communications, University of the Arts London. Transport for London Network Rail</p> <p>In conclusion, the Elephant & Castle is a distinct neighbourhood in its own right and the proposed Neighbourhood Area does not reflect this.</p>

Individual	<p>There is a significant issue in the naming of the Group. It includes Elephant, whilst, the area does not include significant sites such as the elephant bend, the elephant tube station and in the future, nor One Elephant.</p> <p>As someone who lives in the Elephant, having a nearby neighbourhood forum in which myself and my neighbours are not a part of, because this group chose to segregate themselves but use the naming of our neighbourhood should be politely asked to change the naming of their group.</p> <p>These initiatives are meant to bring people together, however using the name of the area I live in only acts to rip an otherwise strong community apart and that saddens me deeply.</p>	
Individual	<p>1 There is insufficient information about who constitutes this Forum. It is noted that 92 persons are to be contacted, but there is no information about who they are, or the outcome of the contact.</p> <p>2 The last date on the Forum's website for an event is 28 Nov 2015; it appears that there may be insufficient effort put into up-dating it, or that its activities have reduced.</p> <p>3 It is unclear as to how representative of residents the Forum is. It is only through my regular attendance at Walworth Soc meetings that I became familiar with its existence. There is no information as to whether leaflet drops to residents have been attempted. I do not recall having received one.</p> <p>4 The name "Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum" is inconsistent with the proposed Neighbourhood Area, which excludes, except for its northern tip (Draper and Newington Estates) most of the area in which residents would describe themselves as living at "the Elephant". The name of "Walworth" for the Area is probably acceptable, although it is somewhat wider than SE17 which is truly Walworth</p> <p>5 Greater public confidence in the proposals would be engendered by using the same name for both applications: "Walworth" is suggested.</p> <p>6 Neither the purpose of the proposed "Memorandum of Understanding" nor its meaning are sufficiently explained.</p> <p>7 Unless there is greater clarity and involvement on the above, and other matters, the turn-out in any referendum is unlikely to be high, and any public or charitable funds expended may be to insufficiently good purpose.</p>	Nothing to add to the above

Councillor David Noakes	<p>I would like to begin by making it clear I am very supportive of neighbourhood plans and forums, and that includes my support for the designation of the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum. My only request is that the Forum name is changed to the Walworth Neighbourhood Forum, from its current name of Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum. My understanding is the name was created at the beginning of the process, when the proposed boundaries of the of the neighbourhood area included the eastern half of the heart of the Elephant and Castle. Now that the boundaries have been revised, the only part of the proposed neighbourhood area that would be considered to be Elephant and Castle is the northern end of Newington ward (the Strata Tower and Draper House etc). In light of these changes that have been reflected in the proposed name of the neighbourhood area, and the possibility that there might be a future Elephant Neighbourhood Area, I would suggest that the name of the forum is changed to the Walworth Neighbourhood Forum</p>	No I support the boundaries of the proposed area for the Walworth Neighbourhood Area
Individual	Please get on with the stalled regeneration of the Aylesbury Estate	
Individual	I strongly support the application.	Whilst I believe the area is not the full area that could benefit from Neighbourhood Planning, and that a Forum for the Elephant & Castle would be beneficial, I strongly support this designation and believe it to be a sensible first step.

Perronet House & Princess St Residents Association	<p>The project have run rough shod over consultation and consistently proposed boundaries that in no way reflect the perceived local community, nor use names that fairly reflect their boundary.</p> <p>It's ludicrous that they continue to call themselves the Elephant & Walworth Neighbourhood Forum when the proposed boundaries include virtually none of the Elephant and Castle - none of the three stations, none of the landmarks named Elephant or Castle. It's a Walworth area and the name should reflect that. The forum have repeatedly refused to change their name despite attending our TRA meetings and hearing clear feedback. They even use an Elephant as their logo, giving emphasis to the wrong geographical designation.</p> <p>Place, boundaries and identity are more important than ever. This group are dubiously appropriating the identity of an adjacent area to bolster their empire building. They should be investing in making WALWORTH a more tangible area. The forum and the area should have the same name.</p> <p>The TRA strongly apposes their branding.</p>	<p>Given the name of the forum the boundaries are ludicrous because they cut out virtually all of the Elephant and Castle.</p> <p>Fix the boundaries, or more easily, fix the forum name.</p>
Individual	It is wrong, misleading, confusing and disreputable that the forum call themselves Elephant (and use an Elephant as their logo), when the area they represent is focused on Walworth and includes almost nothing of the Elephant and Castle.	The boundaries exclude Elephant and Castle. The forum and area should have similar names - Walworth
Individual	Completely disagree with the proposed name. It does not cover elephant and castle. I live across the road from the underground station of elephant and castle and the boundary does not come even near me.....please do not allow the name to go ahead IT IS NOT elephant and castle it is merely Walworth neighbourhoods trying to capitalise on the name elephant and castle. It should only have elephant and castle in the name if it encompasses at least the majority of elephant and castle and as it does not encompass it should not be allowed.	It is Walworth and not elephant and castle at all
Individual	I can't actually see whether this includes chapter road or not. Is there a map?	no comments

Walworth West AHF		<p>Further to a E mail received 6th July regarding the planning application for the Elephant and Walworth forum. I wish to register my concern as the chair of Walworth West forum. My concern is their application could encroach on part of our area. I am fully aware of their operation and the work that they do. It would serve no real purpose if there is an overlap with the existing established area and the new proposed area. The feeling is as long as their designated area is within a boundary covering a separate part to the one which is already established. It is hard enough to maintain good attendance. The representation to the forum is from the T.R.A.'s covered by Walworth West. The forums present the full consensus on issues raised to feed back valid opinions to Southwark. My point is simple if it's not broke it don't need mending. My other concern is, as a member of the F.S.B. we are part of the future development of a Southwarks building programme and it's targets. Having in conjunction with the planning department sought every opportunity to find plots able to be developed to meet the set targets. The F.S.B. was established in January 2013 and has the full recognition of the cabinet. It is paramount that again any aims the new forum might have on any new building or conversions are made with full knowledge of their intentions via the F.S.B. board.</p>
Individual	<p>I am writing to support the designation of the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum and of the Walworth Neighbourhood Planning Area.</p> <p>The Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum is well equipped to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan in the above area. The Forum has supported community planning activities around Elephant & Castle and Walworth for several years, building networks between groups and allowing skills and experiences to be shared. The Forum would allow neighbourhood planning in the Walworth Area to benefit from a large pool of ideas and expertise, while continuing to encourage a variety of community planning initiatives around the Elephant & Castle.</p>	<p>The proposed Walworth Neighbourhood Planning Area has a coherent boundary line that reflects the intensity of community involvement in both East and West Walworth and would allow better, stronger connections across the Walworth Road. There is much to be done in the Neighbourhood Planning Area in terms of preserving and improving heritage assets, community assets, green infrastructure and the local economy. I welcome the opportunity for local residents and businesses to take leadership on these issues.</p>
Resident	<p>I strongly support the plans for a neighbourhood forum. I strongly believe that a voice that comes from the local community, residents, business' and local groups need a voice.</p>	

The Walworth Society	<p>The Walworth Society supports the designation of the Elephant & Walworth Neighbourhood Forum. Throughout the steps towards development of a neighbourhood plan for our area, the Neighbourhood Forum group has sought to engage with community groups, businesses and individuals throughout the Elephant and Walworth areas. There has been a great deal of interest in the sorts of issues that are appropriate to a neighbourhood plan from the communities that the NF group has engaged with in particular in the area to the north-east of the Elephant & Castle on the Rockingham Estate and in the Trinity Newington area. Although this initial proposed plan covers parts of the Walworth area, the greater breadth of the E&W NF is and can be a valuable resource to other communities in this wider area as they engage in planning issues and the potential development of other neighbourhood plans.</p>	<p>The Walworth Society strongly supports the designation of the Walworth Neighbourhood Area. Although ideally it would cover the all of the communities in the Walworth area including those bordering the Old Kent Road, the proposed designation permits the development of a neighbourhood plan that covers a significant part of the Walworth area including the whole of Newington Ward. Residents and those who work in the proposed Walworth Neighbourhood Area have a need for this tier of engagement in the development of their community owing to the very high levels of redevelopment that are occurring, the re-emergence of a stronger sense of identity of the Walworth area over the past few years and the wealth of ideas and initiatives that have come from individuals and communities and our local representatives. There is a genuine space below the tier of planning policy covered by the New Southwark Plan and the E&C SPD for a creative approach to planning that will allow the next stage of the development of Walworth to take into account the ideas and needs of those who live and work in its diverse communities.</p>
Neighbourhood plan replies via email x 18 individuals	<p>The Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum is well equipped to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan in the above area. The Forum has supported community planning activities around Elephant & Castle and Walworth for several years, building networks between groups and allowing skills and experiences to be shared. The Forum would allow neighbourhood planning in the Walworth Area to benefit from a large pool of ideas and expertise, while continuing to encourage a variety of community planning initiatives around the Elephant & Castle.</p>	<p>I am writing to support the designation of the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum and of the Walworth Neighbourhood Planning Area. The proposed Walworth Neighbourhood Planning Area has a coherent boundary line that reflects the intensity of community involvement in both East and West Walworth and would allow better, stronger connections across the Walworth Road. There is much to be done in the Neighbourhood Planning Area in terms of preserving and improving heritage assets, community assets, green infrastructure and the local economy. I welcome the opportunity for local residents and businesses to take leadership on these issues.</p>
London School of Economics	<p>Since the proposed changes for the area are going to hugely affect people that live and work there I strongly believe that a Neighbourhood Planning Forum would be an indispensable tool for giving back to the community the opportunity to have a say on that. The regeneration scheme that has recently interested the area had a great impact on residents and traders' lives and few space has been offered to them in order to question Council's choices. The future of the E&C shopping centre is still uncertain and the same can be said for the Opportunity area of Old Kent Road.</p> <p>Recent studies conducted by Latin Elephant, UCL and Social-life have highlighted how a general feeling of uncertainty and impotence is shared by both residents and workers. Giving them the opportunity of express their views in a constructive and inclusive way can be achieved just through the work of a Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>The council has the duty and the right to involve the community as much as it can in order to plan for the social, economic and environmental sustainability of the area.</p>	<p>I would have expected a bigger area.</p>

Individual		<p>I give the application my full support. The boundary for the neighbourhood plan area was arrived at firstly through an extensive outreach programme and secondly through many discussions with Cllr Mark Williams and the Planning Policy team. What is put forward is an agreed fit between community aspirations and the wishes of the elected representatives. The Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum has through the long process of putting forward applications for designation gained great experience of neighbourhood planning. Workshops, conferences and collaborative research with Universities have laid great foundations for the production of a neighbourhood plan. To not designate the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum would undo all of this hard work. The applicants should be permitted to take up the opportunities and benefits of producing a neighbourhood plan in accordance with the Localism Act.</p>
Individual		<p>I am writing to support the proposed designation of the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum and the proposed designation of the Walworth Neighbourhood Area. The proposed neighbourhood planning area has a coherent boundary line and will add value and detail to the other layers of local planning. The proposed boundary will enable to take a grounded and joined up approach to planning and development of the proposed area. For example by improving the connectivity of the area through green links between East and West Walworth and the low-line project, which foresees the creation of a pedestrianised area along the railway line, from North to South. A particular merit of the proposed boundary area is the featuring of Walworth road in the centre, which makes it a link between East and West and not a barrier. I support the aspiration of the Elephant and Walworth neighbourhood forum to become a local planning hub for everyone willing to take on the opportunity of deciding and agreeing on a plan for the neighbourhood area where they live. A bottom-up approach to planning will give motivation and enthusiasm to many people, who otherwise feel disempowered. This neighbourhood planning approach will allow people to learn new skills and to pass on and share experiences. Discussion and consensus making will provide stronger community cohesion throughout the neighbourhood and the forum will provide a welcoming and informed community hub for new residents to the area. I also support the Elephant and Walworth neighbourhood forum to be recognised as a consultative body for areas surrounding the neighbourhood planning area, such as the Old Kent Road and the Rockingham estate.</p>
Southwark Council Ecology	<p>I welcome the inclusion of green links and mention of green Infrastructure in the applications.</p> <p>There was no mention of ecology or Biodiversity which I feel was overlooked. There are 2 Sites of importance for nature Conservation and several proposed sites in this area. Also a lot of new development has Green Infrastructure on it.</p>	

Port of London Authority	<p>The PLA have no specific observations with regard to the designation of the Elephant and Walworth Neighbourhood Forum but would like to take this opportunity to request that the forum work with the PLA to assist in promoting our interests. It is accepted that the area of the Neighbourhood Planning area/forum is not in particularly close proximity to the river, but ask that where possible the forum consider how the river could assist the area. This could be via promotion of the transport of passengers by river (as an alternative sustainable mode of public transport) and/or use of the river for the transport of construction materials and waste during development which may affect the neighbourhood area itself. On the development of the Neighbourhood plan itself (should this application be successful), the PLA would welcome engagement in this regard.</p>	As above.
Highways England	<p>Highways England has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such Highways England works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity. Highways England will be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact on the safe and efficient operation of the Strategic Road Network (SRN). Having examined the above documents, we do not offer any comment to this proposal.</p>	
TFL Borough Planning		<p>My only observation is that the proposed western boundary of the neighbourhood area seems to be 'kinked' to include the junction of Newington Butts and Kennington Lane, for which TfL is the highway authority. It is not clear if this is intentional or simply following ward boundaries, but I would question why the junction needs to be in the neighbourhood area given there is no prospect of development here. A straight line along the western boundary would be more appropriate.</p>

Environment Agency		<p>Thank you for consulting the Environment Agency on the above. We responded to the initial consultation in our letter of 14 April 2014 reference SL/2009/104986/OR-03/IS1. We have no further comments. It is not within our remit to comment on the proposed boundaries that will comprise the neighbourhood area. Once the neighbourhood area is determined, we will be able to provide environmental information on the emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan. As pointed out in our previous representation, the Environment Agency encourages growth that can be supported by the necessary environmental infrastructure for water resources, wastewater and flood risk management, provided in a co-ordinated and timely manner to meet the physical and social needs of both new development and existing communities. We are keen to work closely with you to identify infrastructure projects and environmental improvement schemes which will benefit sustainable development of the neighbourhood.</p>
Historic England	<p>The Government through the Localism Act (2011) and Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012) has enabled local communities to take a more pro-active role in influencing how their neighbourhood is managed. The Regulations require Historic England, as a statutory agency, be consulted on Neighbourhood Plans where the Neighbourhood Forum or Parish Council consider our interest to be affected by the Plan. As Historic England remit is advice on proposals affecting the historic environment our comments relate to the implications of the proposed boundary for designated and undesignated heritage assets. We commented on an earlier proposed Forum and Boundary in our letter of 8th August 2014 to Susannah Petit . We did not at that stage wish to make detailed comments regarding the Neighbourhood Forum constitution or neighbourhood area boundary, and as such this remains the case. We would however reiterate the following advice (links updated) : The area covered by the proposed Neighbourhood Plan includes a number of important designated heritage assets including five conservation areas (incl. the recently designated Larcom Street CA), and circa 50 listed buildings/structures. It also partially falls within the LVMF background area assessment for the view from Alexandra Palace to St Paul's Cathedral. In addition, Southwark is also rich in archaeological heritage and contains a number of Archaeological Priority Zones, including Elephant and Castle/Walworth Road and Walworth Village. NB The area now incorporates six conservation areas following the recent designation of Walworth Road, which follows the southern boundary of the proposed area designation.</p>	<p>We are keen to encourage the opportunity to review the local evidence base and promote policies for the positive management of heritage assets as part of the Neighbourhood Planning Process. In developing a robust evidence base, upon which to develop policies which sustain and enhance the positive elements of local character, and their settings, we would encourage the Neighbourhood Forum to identify those areas of which require updating or further analysis. We would also suggest consulting the Greater London Archaeological Advisory Service, Heritage Environment Record as a primary resource for the identification of heritage assets (glher@historicengland.org.uk). The Heritage Environment Record should be able to provide details of not only any designated heritage assets but also locally-important buildings, archaeological remains and landscapes. It may also be useful to involve local voluntary groups such as local Civic Societies or local historic groups in the production of the Neighbourhood Plan. Further guidance on techniques for identifying and managing character and heritage assets are available on our website which includes links to the following publications: Good Practice Guide for Local Listing; Understanding Place: An Introduction; and Streets for All. These documents can be viewed online. England also maintains, in consultation with the local authority, the Heritage at Risk Register, which identifies those designated heritage assets at risk from neglect or facing an uncertain future. The proposed boundary includes a number of designated heritage assets at risk, including Kennedy's Sausage Shop at 305 Walworth Rd, 133 Kennington Park Road and the recently fire damaged Walworth Town Hall. We would therefore encourage the proposed forum to consider policies which encourage the positive repair and use of these designated heritage assets. Our Heritage at Risk Web Pages gives further details on the management of heritage assets at risk . We also note that a number of the conservation areas (particularly Walworth Road) are subject to considerable economic pressure and that this is reflected in the condition of a significant number of heritage assets. We would therefore encourage the Neighbourhood Forum, if designated, to consider how heritage assets in poor condition might benefit from policies and initiatives to help resolve these issues and enhance the historic character of these areas. In the event of agreement to the designate the proposed boundary and Neighbourhood Forum, we would be happy to comment further on the developing plan.</p>

Sport England		<p>Planning Policy in the National Planning Policy Framework identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process and providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type and in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means positive planning for sport, protection from unnecessary loss of sports facilities and an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land and community facilities provision is important. It is important therefore that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects national policy for sport as set out in the above document with particular reference to Pars 73 and 74 to ensure proposals comply with National Planning Policy. It is also important to be aware of Sport England's role in protecting playing fields and the presumption against the loss of playing fields (see link below), as set out in our national guide, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England – Planning Policy Statement'.</p> <p>http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/ Sport England provides guidance on developing policy for sport and further information can be found following the link below: http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/forward-planning/ Sport England works with Local Authorities to ensure Local Plan policy is underpinned by robust and up to date assessments and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports delivery. If local authorities have prepared a Playing Pitch Strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports strategy it will be important that the Neighbourhood Plan reflects the recommendations set out in that document and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support the delivery of those recommendations. If new sports facilities are being proposed Sport England recommend you ensure such facilities are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.</p>
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