



A STATEMENT TO EXPLAIN HOW THE FORUM MEETS THE CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN THE 1990 ACT (AS APPLIED BY SECTION 38A OF THE 2004 ACT)

The South Bank & Waterloo Neighbourhood Forum was constituted on the 2 July 2013, following a period of intensive consultation with the community. This consultation led to the widening of the original boundary to include the full South Bank and Waterloo neighbourhood, reflected in up to 40 years of work at the South Bank Partnership, South Bank Forum, South Bank Employers Group, Waterloo Action Centre, Waterloo Quarter BID and Waterloo Community Development Group. These groups and many others are represented on the Forum.

There are currently over more than 400 members (significantly above the statutory minimum of 21) all of whom live or work in the neighbourhood, and a Ward Councillors. Other Councillors will be kept informed of progress on the Neighbourhood Forum.

The clear commitment to diversity, character and inclusivity of the area is reflected both in the Forum's constitution and in its practice. Using demographic data and the findings from the South Bank Partnership's IPSOS MORI poll of employees, residents and visitors, it has been possible to gain a relatively accurate understanding of the make-up of the area. Care is being taken to ensure that members are drawn from across the area, the socio-economic spectrum, and the range of ethnicities, ages, faith groups and others in the South Bank and Waterloo.

A wide range of business interests is also represented, from major corporates such as Shell, ITV and Park Plaza, public sector organisations like King's College London, Southbank Centre and the National Theatre, small businesses and sole traders, such as Eden Caterers, the designer makers of the Oxo Tower and the business occupants of railway arches in Waterloo.

Care is also being taken to seek members from hard to reach communities, including sending targeted information to residents of estates and co-ops, youth groups, community groups and others. In addition, a leaflet drop to every residence in the area inviting people to join the group was undertaken in April 2013 to ensure an even spread of members. Open calls for new members are regularly made in public meetings, the press and social media to reinforce the inclusivity of the South Bank and Waterloo Neighbourhood Forum.

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