

Soho & Handsworth Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Neighbourhood Plan Area boundary application

NOTICE IS GIVEN that Birmingham City Council has received an application under Regulation 8 of the 2012 Neighbourhood Planning Regulations from local community members in Soho and Handsworth for the City Council to designate a Neighbourhood Planning Forum and Neighbourhood Plan area.

The designation of a Neighbourhood Plan Forum and area is the first stage of the process for members of the local community to begin forming a Neighbourhood Development Plan, which is community led. The Council have a legal duty to support the neighbourhood planning process.

The application will now be publicised by the Council for at least 6 weeks in accordance with Neighbourhood Planning regulations.

Neighbourhood Planning Forum and area boundary

The application includes the proposed geographic Neighbourhood Plan boundary and a statement of how community members have met Neighbourhood Planning regulations to become the relevant body to prepare a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Please note: This is a second consultation, following the withdrawal of the initial application by the Forum. The current consultation relates to a revised proposed neighbourhood planning boundary.

What are Neighbourhood Development Plans?

A Neighbourhood Plan is a legal planning document, created and led by local communities focused on improving the physical environment of the place where they live and work. Neighbourhood Plans generally focus on land uses and improving local environments (e.g. houses, offices, parks, social, cultural and recreational facilities, green spaces etc). When complete they are used by planning departments to help decide planning applications in the area and can help bring forward regeneration.

A copy of the application and a map of the area can be viewed on the Council website at https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/info/20054/local_plan_documents/299/neighbourhood_planning/2, at the Council House, Victoria Square, B1 1BB and at Handsworth Library, Soho Road. B21 9DP.

Your comments

The public consultation begins on Tuesday 22nd July and comments must be received by Tuesday 9th September 2025.

You may send in your comments regarding this application on www.birminghambeheard.org.uk or you can email us DevelopmentPlanningGroup@birmingham.gov.uk

Designation Decision

Any comments received will be considered in the Council's decision to designate the Neighbourhood Plan area boundary and Forum. A decision on the designation of a Neighbourhood Plan area boundary and Forum must be made by the Council within 13 weeks of the start of consultation and will be published on the Council website.

Next steps

If designated, the Neighbourhood Planning Forum will then start to draft the Neighbourhood Development Plan and will lead formal consultation with the local community. The Neighbourhood Development Plan is subject to an independent examination and a local referendum before it is made. Please see the Council website for more information on Neighbourhood Planning.

Want to get involved?

If you wish to get involved in a neighbourhood plan for Soho & Handsworth at any time, please contact the emerging Neighbourhood Plan Forum sohoandhandsworth@mail.com

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