

**London Borough of Lewisham  
Neighbourhood Area Application**

**Name of proposed neighbourhood area**

Crofton Park and Honor Oak Park Neighbourhood Area (referred to as 'The Area' in the rest of this application)

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**OS Map showing the proposed neighbourhood area attached**

**Statement explaining that your organisation is a 'relevant body' for the purposes of section 61G of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)**

The founding membership of the proposed Crofton Park and Honor Oak Park Neighbourhood Forum consists of those individuals who have, through their connections to the Crofton Park Ward Assembly and local community involvement, expressed an interest in forming a body representing, consisting of, and working for the shared benefit of the local community which lives and works in the Area described in this application. Please see the associated application for the formation of the Crofton Park and Honor Oak Park Neighbourhood Forum, and note that membership of this body will be open to all who live and work in the designated Area or who serve as its elected representatives. This body, which seeks recognition as a Neighbourhood Forum, has agreed a constitution which accompanies this application.

Agreement of the Area boundary was confirmed at a meeting open to all Crofton Park and Honor Oak Park residents, held in Crofton Park Library on 25 October 2013. At this meeting committee officers were elected. Members of the new Neighbourhood Forum intend to establish a Neighbourhood Plan for the Area over the next 18 months.

The involvement of local residents and business owners in the setting up of the Neighbourhood Forum has grown from several years of the local community meeting and working together as part of the Crofton Park Ward Assembly. A culture has developed where local residents and business people are engaged in discussing and working together on issues of shared concern (for example, major planning applications, local amenities such as the Library, transport, and community cohesion demonstrated in such events as 'Croftfest' and 'HOPpy Christmas', Crofton Park Carnival and the more established Blythe Hill Fields Festival).

The Neighbourhood Area is identical to the current Crofton Park Ward of the London Borough of Lewisham. The exact boundary of the Area is outlined on the high-resolution map file attached to this application.

The Area boundary is defined by the railway/London Overground line which runs between Brockley and Forest Hill (to the west) and the South Circular road (to the south). The northern boundary is part-bordered by the perimeter of the Brockley and Ladywell Cemetery and the railway line which runs from Crofton Park to Catford. To the east, the Area crosses part of Ladywell Fields and is bordered by the south-east perimeter of Blythe Hill Fields.

As much of the Area's boundary is defined by railway lines which cannot be easily crossed, along with the north side of the South Circular road and the perimeter of large open sites such as Blythe Hill Fields and the Brockley and Ladywell Cemetery, the Area, means that the Area has a natural perimeter and identity. Although it is identical to the Crofton Park Ward boundaries, it is important to include 'Honor Oak Park' in the designated Area's name to reflect the large part of the Area in SE23 and to ensure this part of the Area is never overlooked.

The Area is of mixed use:

#### Residential

The Area is largely residential in nature typically composed of late 19th century/early 20th century terraced housing as well as 1920s/30s terraced and semi-detached housing. The composition of housing is 55% owner-occupied, 25.8% private rented and 16.8% social rented (source: 2011 Census). The largest area of social housing – the Ewart Estate – is situated in the south west of the Area and consists of approximately 250 properties constructed in the 1970s.

#### Business

The main high street locations of shops in the Area are along Brockley Road to the north (known locally as 'Crofton Park High Street') and the shopping parade along Honor Oak Park. There are smaller enclaves of shops at Ewhurst Road SE4, Brockley Rise (between Stillness Road and Codrington Hill, and between Stanstead Road and Firs Close) and along parts of Stanstead Road. There is an industrial estate along Malham Road to the south west of the Area.

#### Social amenities

The Area borders the Brockley and Ladywell Cemetery and contains part of Ladywell Fields. It also includes Blythe Hill Fields to the south east and the Guy's Hospital Athletic Grounds/King's College Sports Ground situated at the heart of the Area.

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