

Summary of consultation responses for DNA Neighbourhood Forum and Area applications

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1	Support forum + area	<p>I'd like to express my support for the Neighbourhood Forum and Area as a member of DNA and Local Councillor.</p> <p>I believe DNA have consulted well and come up with some good proposals for the area.</p>	No officer response required.
2	Support forum + area	<p>As a resident who was very involved with trying to get the proposed New Cross Neighbourhood Forum off of the ground I would like to express my support for the Deptford Neighbourhood Forum and Area application.</p> <p>I believe that they have chosen an appropriate area and hope that their application is approved.</p>	No officer response required.
3	Support forum + area	<p>I agree with the proposals set out in the application for a Neighbourhood Area and Forum in the Deptford area including the boundary, purpose and objectives.</p>	No officer response required.
4	Qualified support for neighbourhood area	<p>Although I agree with the spirit of this proposal I think that the boundary is seriously wrong as it excludes a substantial part of Deptford to the West which identifies with the Deptford community and has clear ties to the proposed area.</p> <p>The boundary should follow the railway line into New Cross Station then eastward along New Cross road to include the area formerly known as the Woodpecker Neighbourhood: Milton Court, Ludwick Mews estates, Five Ways Tennant Management Co-operative and other estates adjacent to Fordham Park.</p> <p>If the above proposal is not agreed then an alternative proposal would be that the boundary should run down Sanford Street then eastward along Edward Street.</p> <p>This area always seems to be part of a no-mans land and the inclusion within the proposed DNA boundary would Strengthen the sense of inclusion for this area, as part of the wider Deptford Community.</p>	The Mayor does not have the power to extend the boundary of the neighbourhood area further than the area that has been applied for through the application.

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5	Support forum + area	<p>As a resident of the area I fully support the establishment of the forum and think that the boundary suggested is really good. I especially like that the boundary includes areas that are part of the Deptford community but are in Greenwich borough, in fact I was surprised that areas that I've always thought of as Deptford (everything west of the creek) are in a different borough to me.</p> <p>One of the important roles of these forums can be to reclaim a sense of community that has been diluted with arbitrary boundaries, including ward boundaries within Lewisham.</p>	No officer response required
6	Objection neighbourhood area	<p>I do not consider the area proposed boundary as offered by DNA to be representative of the people that live in Deptford as it chooses to leave out areas of Deptford, with a postcode of SE8.</p> <p>I assume that I will not be able to join the debate or decide DNA Issues but as it is linked with Greenwich people they will be able to do so.</p> <p>I am aware that the argument for this boundary is that the area is considered to be St John's but I do not consider it to be St John's. I am a longstanding resident. I live and work in Deptford and have a Deptford postcode.</p> <p>Stealing part of Deptford to link with Greenwich whilst leaving out other Deptford residents is just not on.</p>	DNA's constitution states that those that live or work in the neighbourhood area can become a member.
7	Neutral (Sport England)	<p>It is important 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</p>	No officer response required. Should the neighbourhood Area be designated and the Forum recognised, then a copy of the response will be passed on to the Forum to keep in mind when preparing their neighbourhood plan.

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		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. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/planning-tools-and-guidance/ 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. http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/	
8	Support forum + area	I agree with the proposed neighbourhood area boundary and with the purpose and objectives of the proposed forum as set out in the Forum's constitution.	No officer response required.
9	Support neighbourhood area	Yes, this sounds good and should have been done years ago then there wouldn't be this housing mess – building on land that should be left alone and parks, open spaces that should not be built on. The people that run this would have to be independable or it would not work. I agree with the proposed neighbourhood area boundary and the people inside running this. But this should be aimed at the young who will take over. This, and stopping more concrete, bricks going up. There are far too many buildings around here and too many people in one medium area which wasn't meant for all these buildings and people. before it is ruined for good, it should stop.	Neighbourhood plans should not prevent or frustrate development rather, a plan should be distinct to reflect the unique characteristics and planning context of the area for which it is prepared thereby giving communities a greater say in how their neighbourhood develops.
10	Qualified support for neighbourhood forum	Will the body consider local planning issues such as excessive parking congestion and parking as well as new build? I have attended a previous forum which appeared to have considered grant allocations and planning issues, although provided little opportunity to explore and follow up on the other wider concerns of residents in the area. I think that the forum should be set up provided it focuses on the concerns of local residents	The Forum are at the early stages of the neighbourhood planning process. The respondent has been directed to contact the forum proposers directly.
11	General support	I like the idea of a neighbourhood plan for this area.	No officer response required.
12	Support neighbourhood forum	I wanted to show my support for the Deptford Neighbourhood Action plan for a neighbourhood forum.	No officer response required.

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		I feel that Deptford is changing rapidly and needs a strong local voice to ensure it isn't changed just for developers to make a quick profit.	
13	Support neighbourhood area	<p>I am happy to hear about the proposed Deptford Neighbourhood Area and as a resident of Deptford, I am very much looking forward to having this in place.</p> <p>Having reviewed the plans on the Council's website, I am satisfied with the proposed area and agree with the benefits it will bring to the area. I hope that Lewisham and Greenwich Councils will agree to put this in place.</p>	No officer response required.
14	Support neighbourhood area and forum	I am in favour of the DNA neighbourhood area, their purpose and objectives.	No officer response required.
15	Qualified support for neighbourhood forum and area	<p>I would like to see Brookmill Road included at least as far as Elverson Road but ideally including the conservation area up to St John's station.</p> <p>Elverson Road is a terrible road for vandalism, the streets are littered with rubbish and abandoned household items daily. There is no sense of community in this area. There are many social and environmental issues that are not being addressed here. I would like to be part of this forum and included within the neighbourhood area boundary.</p>	The Mayor does not have the power to extend the boundary of the neighbourhood area further than the area that has been applied for through the application. A further, separate, application will be required to extend the boundary of the area, provided the area falls within the London Borough of Lewisham.
16	Neutral (PLA)	The PLA has no objection about the application to designate the neighbourhood forum and area but would like clarification on the area to be designated. In particular, the OS map shows the boundary extending slightly into the river but not covering the mid point nor stopping on the land. It also crosses Deptford Creek at a number of locations. What is the reasoning behind including some parts of the river and creek and not others?	Officer replied clarifying the boundary and suggested contact with the proposed forum for further clarification on the boundary.
17	Object to neighbourhood area Qualified objection to neighbourhood forum	<p>The extent of the area is too large and I do not believe that the northern part of Deptford (Surrey Quays) reflects that of the south area. Therefore, I don't see how residents of the south would positively contribute to the development in the north and visa versa.</p> <p>I would not support any organisation that I couldn't join that wants to shape my neighbourhood.</p>	<p>No officer response required.</p> <p>No officer response required.</p> <p>Any Neighbourhood plan must be in</p>

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		<p>How does the Council safeguard from the forum resisting development. Their mission statement is very vague and strategic so doesn't drill down to the detail. The constitution link does not work on the webpage so I can't read this though reviewing the website it looks like it is geared towards very large development proposals. Something I consider very typical of a existing local community but understandable. I'm ultimately concerned that this forum is being created to resist change/development.</p>	<p>general conformity with the strategic policies of the Development Plan, which includes the London Plan and the Council's Local Plans. The NPPG states that Local Authorities must avoid pre-judging what may be contained in the draft neighbourhood plan when designating a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Officers provided information on how to access the constitution to the respondent.</p>
18	<p>Comments provided on Neighbourhood Area boundary Historic England</p>	<p>Our comments relate to the implications of the proposed boundary for designated and undesignated heritage assets.</p> <p>The proposed boundary encompasses a substantial area facing a broad range of issues, from substantial riverside development, heavy traffic and the impact of post-war redevelopment. However, the boundary appears logically drawn along clearly defined physical and administrative lines. We do not therefore wish to make detailed comments regarding the Neighbourhood Forum constitution or neighbourhood area boundary. We can however offer some comments in respect of the implications for the historic environment.</p> <p>Ensuring a conservation area is incorporated in its entirety can ensure that relevant policies are operated in a consistent manner. In this instance, the boundary of the conservation area appears to be drawn so that it excludes a small area of New Cross Road to the west of Florence Street. It would therefore seem beneficial to extend the proposed neighbourhood boundary to encompass the conservation area so that a consistent approach can be taken to buildings within the designated area. It is also noted that the council has been engaged in an assessment of the Deptford High Street conservation areas character and it would be sensible to seek the views of the Borough Conservation Team in considering how the boundary might reflect existing and proposed heritage designations.</p> <p>The proposed neighbourhood area encompasses a broad range of heritage assets, as diverse as the magnificent Grade I listed St Paul's Church, Grade II* listed sea captains houses at Albury Street, the Grade II* Mastershipwright's House and the Grade II Olympia Boat Shed. In addition, a number of assets within the proposed boundary are identified as "at risk" including the Holland and Co. distillery at Deptford Bridge, the ramp at Deptford Station and the Deptford High Street Conservation Area... We would therefore encourage the Neighbourhood to consider opportunities to</p>	<p>Should the proposed neighbourhood area be agreed and the proposed forum be designated, the comments here will be sent to the forum for their consideration when preparing their neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Lewisham's Senior Conservation Officer has offered a response to Historic England's representation: 'The Deptford Conservation Area has just undergone a review. It has highlighted the potential for including the mid 19th century terraces along New Cross Road between Florence Road and Watson's Street in the east and the railway bridge/railway station to the west into the conservation area. From the conservation point of view it would be preferable to have this stretch of the southern side of New Cross Road included in order to ensure that policies are applied consistently for both sides of the street and for the small area that is within the Deptford High Street Conservation Area but currently not included in the neighbourhood plan.'</p> <p>The Localism Act 2011 does not make provision for the Mayor to extend the boundary of the neighbourhood area</p>

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		<p>work with the local authority to address the “at risk” issues and to look for opportunities to enhance the local historic environment through the Neighbourhood Plan.</p> <p>The Borough’s own conservation officers should be the first point of contact for assistance in this regard and for general advice on local heritage. However, in the event of designation we would encourage the Neighbourhood Forum to contact Historic England, should they consider the plan to affect our interests. We can assist in the development of the plan...</p>	<p>further than the area that has been applied for through the application but these comments will be passed on to the Forum to be considered should any further application for an extended neighbourhood area boundary be considered in the future.</p>
19	Neutral TfL	<p>TfL has no objection to the establishment of the Neighbourhood Forum in this area promoted by Deptford Neighbourhood Action. However, TfL notes that it has a significant amount of assets and operations within the proposed neighbourhood area including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The A2, New Cross/ Blackheath Roads, which forms part of the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) for which TfL are the highway authority; • The Silwood Triangle Site, west of Trundley’s Road; • Land adjacent to the East London Line, north of Edward Street; • New Cross London Overground Station; • Deptford Bridge DLR Station; and • Deals Gateway Bus Stand. <p>As indicated above, the area is served by London Overground and DLR services and infrastructure. In some areas this infrastructure (e.g. viaducts) have protection zones established around them which may limit some development. Further, 9 different bus services (47, 53, 177, 188, 199, 225, 453, N1 & N89) stops and stands operate within the proposed area. In addition, Cycle Superhighway 4 (Tower Bridge to Deptford) passes through the centre of the proposed neighbourhood area for which construction is scheduled to start in late 2016.</p> <p>TfL has an interest in facilitating the neighbourhood planning process...TfL would therefore like to take this opportunity to encourage the Forum to contact TfL throughout the development of any plans in order to assist in the development of policies...</p>	<p>No officer response required.</p> <p>Should the proposed neighbourhood area be agreed and the proposed forum be designated, the comments here will be sent to the forum for their consideration when preparing their neighbourhood plan.</p>
20	Object to Forum	<p>There are apprehensions regarding the formation of the DNA Neighbourhood Area for the following reasons:</p> <p>The proposal is not as well known about in the area or widely supported amongst</p>	<p>DNA’s neighbourhood forum application states that the group have created a public website and Facebook page (which is linked to the Deptford Society’s</p>

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		<p>many active community groups already working hard locally to improve and represent the area</p> <p>Very few of the active members of DNA are resident in SE8</p> <p>The regulations only specify 21 residents are required. Proportionally against the number of residents in the area - within the high 100,000s this is laughable.</p> <p>The regulations around inclusion of volunteers from other areas can easily be manipulated to give outsiders more say and involvement than locals.</p> <p>A majority of DNA active members are active in other areas eg: in - Peckham, Nunhead, New Cross, Loughborough Junction - and are members of an alternative issue based community with their own agenda which is not Deptford locality specific.</p> <p>Membership recruitment can meet qualifying regulations but still be contained and extraneous to the neighbourhood locality.</p> <p>It is an easy opportunity for a clique to gain influence and funding for their own interests and agenda over long term local residents' needs and concerns.</p> <p>The council as the authority responsible for designation has not, to date, taken adequate proactive steps to explain the regulations and purpose of a Neighbourhood Area to the people it represents to enable them to make an informed vote in the Referendum</p> <p>The Referendum will entail a card being posted through the door as an election vote. People who feel negative about the proposal are most likely simply NOT to vote rather than vote negatively.</p> <p>Percentage of the residents voting in the Referendum does not have to be met So a vote of only 100 people voting yes versus 20 against would carry the yes - despite 100,000s of abstentions on the matter</p> <p>Abstentions in the Referendum are likely because residents do not understand what the issues or the procedures are or what DNA will actually be for other than a vague notion of a Neighbourhood Plan that is yet to be specified even in outline.</p> <p>People are being asked to vote for something that is not yet drafted in outline on the promise that it will be in their interests. Who is to say that DNA will only be looking out for their own interests ? Outlining the plan in advance would mean that work would not</p>	<p>Facebook page), spoken at Ward Assembly meetings, spoken at community events and made contact with local community groups and held public meetings. The Council circulated leaflets advising on the applications within the Deptford area and a second round of consultation involved erecting posters in public places.</p> <p>A Local Authority has the power to withdraw a body's designation if the terms of the constitution are not being met.</p> <p>The Council has a neighbourhood planning web page and provided an explanation in the consultation materials. This is the early stage of neighbourhood plan preparation and there are more requirements to consult throughout the latter stages leading up to the referendum.</p> <p>The requirement to hold a referendum and the rules which a referendum must meet are governed by legislation.</p> <p>The NPPG notes that Local Authorities should avoid pre-judging what may be contained in a neighbourhood plan when designating a neighbourhood area.</p> <p>The regulations and procedures are designed by national Government.</p>

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		<p>be paid for as it is retrospective - which you would do if you cared genuinely for the area enough Although it could be DNA does have plans but do not want the rest of us to know what they are.</p> <p>The regulations and procedures attached to forming a Neighbourhood Area are complex and unfamiliar. The idea is in general perceived as a good one without anyone understanding fully how it works, who is accountable and at what stage grant money is allocated, overseen by, monitored or in whose bank account money allocated will be held.</p> <p>The 6 week consultation period is a matter simply of sending in an email of comments - without verification of identity or residency or a named council officer dealing with the application. to involve ordinary residents and long standing local pre-existing organisations because, basically, they do not know much about them or they don't want them to interfere.</p> <p>A lot of local people have not heard of or given much thought to DNA or what it is about or what statutory powers it will have.</p> <p>Long standing and community minded residents are aware that the current members of DNA have very little connection or knowledge across the board of the Deptford area or issues</p> <p>DNA emerged as a way of temporary occupants of the Old Tidemill School on the brink of eviction trying to find a way of getting social housing and/or funding for their alternative projects. Enabling grants were made available via Locality to them straightaway and after that £8,000 with opportunities for further grant applications will be available to them. This could easily cause resentment and a sense of unfairness amongst genuine long term residents who have struggled for years to improve their area.</p> <p>DNA's close links are with middle class alternative types who know how to work the system in their own favour.</p> <p>Any planning involvement they may have will no doubt NOT focus on the long standing problems of the area but a project for housing themselves under the community sustainability banner.</p> <p>It is hard not to believe that it is the money that is attracting this group rather their deep seated concern for Deptford - a place they in the main don't know particularly well -</p>	<p>The consultation whilst directed at those that live and work in the proposed neighbourhood area, those outside can comment. Respondents are requested to provide their postcode for verification.</p> <p>The DNA Forum membership is open to anyone that lives, works or is an elected representative in the neighbourhood area.</p> <p>Grants are allocated by Locality from Central Government.</p> <p>The aims of the group are to promote the social, economic and environmental well being of the area as per the constitution.</p> <p>Grants and any conditions that may be attached to the spending of monies are allocated by Locality from Central Government.</p> <p>There is no legal requirement in the neighbourhood planning legislation to conduct a background check on Members for the proposed forum.</p>

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		<p>that motivates them.</p> <p>There is a lot of concern regarding what any grant monies awarded to them will be spent on and whether it will be used to replace funding lost to local art groups for community arts events rather than concentrating on bringing the community together to inform, enthuse and involve them in participating in local planning issues.</p> <p>Checks on the committee membership of DNA need to be explained or if none existent put into place. Particularly background checks on past criminal offenses relating to financial dealings, embezzlement, fraud, tax evasion etc..</p>	
21	Neutral Environment Agency	<p>It is not within our remit to comment on the proposed composition of the neighbourhood forum but we would wish to point out that the boundaries comprising the neighbourhood area front the river Thames. We would therefore wish to see the Deptford Neighbourhood Action Area aligning with the Environment Agency Thames Estuary 2100 (TE2100) Plan which was approved by DEFRA in November 2012.</p> <p>The Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA Area) cut across two boroughs and flood risk does not follow local authority boundaries. Planning for flood risk management in the Deptford Neighbourhood Action should reflect the plans of neighbouring Local Planning Authorities. Cross-boundary working should form part of work under the Duty to Co-operate. The provision of infrastructure for flood risk management is listed as one of the strategic priorities that should be considered in local plans (NPPF Paragraph 156). We would encourage the councils to work collaboratively with other bodies to ensure that strategic priorities across local boundaries are properly coordinated and clearly reflected in individual local plans (see NPPF paragraphs 178 and 179).</p> <p>I have attached below more detailed information for your consideration.</p>	<p>No officer response required.</p> <p>Should the proposed neighbourhood area be agreed and the proposed forum be designated, the full comments here will be sent to the forum for their consideration when preparing their neighbourhood plan.</p>
22	Support forum + area	<p>In response to the application: as a resident in the area I welcome the changes that have come to Deptford. I would like to lend support in principle to the proposed forum as this will be an important opportunity to have a say regarding local needs, as well as a means of sustaining rather than alienating communities.</p> <p>Re the proposed boundary, no objections to the extension to the creek. I also agree with the purpose and objectives as set out in the constitution.</p>	<p>No officer response required.</p>

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23	Neutral LFEPA	<p>We note that the proposed subject area for this Neighbourhood Forum, includes the following LFEPA (London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority) property:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deptford Fire Station, 186 Evelyn Street, SE8 5DB. <p>Although we have no formal comment to make at this stage, we would be most grateful if you could keep us informed of all progress regarding this matter.</p>	<p>No officer response required.</p> <p>Should the proposed neighbourhood area be agreed and the proposed forum be designated, the comments here will be sent to the forum for their consideration when preparing their neighbourhood plan.</p>
24	Support	<p>I received information about the Proposed DNA Neighbourhood Area and I do consider it a very interesting proposal, as that part of both boroughs seem to have its own identity, separate from the Deptford/Greenwich location.</p> <p>Please keep me updated with any news regarding the proposal, as I am interested in following up its workings. I am an architect, with some training in urban planning, which makes it particularly interesting to me.</p>	No officer response required.
25	General	Little point. Lewisham does not consult it dictates local residents views count for nothing.	No officer response required.
26	Support Forum + Area	I should like to give my support to the establishment of a Deptford. Forum with the boundaries to be set as shown on the map.	No officer response required
27	Support Forum + Area	I live in Deptford, and confirm my interest and support for Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) and their proposed Neighbourhood Plan and boundary.	No officer response required
28	Support Forum + Area	I am a full time resident living in Deptford, and confirm my interest and support for Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) and their proposed Neighbourhood Plan and boundary.	No officer response required
29	Support Forum + Area	I am a person working and volunteering in Deptford, and confirm my interest and support for Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) and their proposed Neighbourhood Plan and boundary.	No officer response required

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30	Support Forum	<p>I am writing in support of DNA to say how much a Neighbourhood Forum is needed in Deptford and that as one of the volunteers working on this project I am keen to see DNA designated by the council and supported in it's aim to create a neighbourhood plan for the area.</p>	No officer response required.
31	Support Forum and Area	<p>I very much support the application to form a Deptford Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>I have lived in Deptford since ... 1981 and I come originally from a family...who have lived and worked in the district for centuries.</p> <p>I have inspected the online documentation given on the Lewisham London Borough web site and it is my view that the riparian 'Deptford', as defined, is a wholly appropriate example of a distinct neighbourhood for the following reasons:</p> <p>It is a historic town with a distinct and internationally-known heritage. Were Deptford a similar settlement outside London it would probably be eligible to constitute itself as a civil parish 'town council', like Lewes, Stratford upon Avon, Berwick upon Tweed, etc.</p> <p>It has an economic, cultural and demographic character that distinguishes it sharply from the rest of the two London Boroughs within which it stands.</p> <p>With a population that is perceived as socially low-status, it has always been difficult for Deptford to make its voice heard above the clamour of private and public vested interests. The establishment of a Neighbourhood Forum would offer a platform for that voice to be heard more distinctly, as regards the development of the town.</p> <p>The communities that make up Deptford tend to be poor both in assets and cash, are often subject to great social pressures and stress and are hugely diverse in demography. A Neighbourhood Forum is certainly one important avenue through which can be focused a productive sense of communal unity.</p>	No officer response required.
32	Support forum + area	<p>I'd like to record my support for DNA's Neighbourhood Area and Forum. I live just on the edge of the proposed Area and they have advertised their presence well, and seem competent to put together a Plan that could express what local people want.</p>	No officer response required.
33	Support forum +area	<p>I am a person living in Deptford, and confirm my interest and support for Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) and their proposed Neighbourhood Plan and boundary.</p>	No officer response required.

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34	Support forum + area	<p>I'd like to show my support for the proposed boundary and plan by Deptford Neighbourhood Action.</p> <p>I think that it is a worthwhile proposition especially as the scale and speed of developments are counter productive to people's health at present, and a threat to the culture and communities of the area.</p>	No officer response required.
35	Support forum + area	<p>I am a person living in Deptford, and confirm my interest and support for Deptford Neighbourhood Action (DNA) and their proposed Neighbourhood Plan and boundary.</p> <p>It is very important that we have this forum and I believe that it will grow and improve the area.</p> <p>I have recently heard that Southwark Council are building a tower block on the protected dock yard by our park. I was not informed of this and there are no notices or flyers up, we were not consulted at all. How can this happen? We need this forum.</p>	Therefore, no officer response is required.