

Appendix 1 Schedule of Comments – Deptford Neighbourhood Action Forum re-designation application

Ref No.	Respondent	Support/Object or Unclear	Comment (Forum designation)	Officer comment
1	Resident	Object	Members of the DNA do not live in the area and some have been abusive. They have reached only a small proportion of the population of the area and their original designation was based on fraudulently adding name to their members list.	Comment noted by officer
2	Resident	Object	I am not seeing the investment into the local community and I'm not seeing what is being done to support the young people in the area. Gentrifying and leaving the others behind is totally unethical	Comment noted by officer
3	Resident	Object	The neighbourhood area is too large. My name was used without my consent to secure the first designation. This organisation does not include plans from a number of local organisations which excludes their ideas from the plan. The communication and social media is sporadic and confusing. I do not support the Lenox Project or Sayes Court Garden project and these are a major part of the plan.	Comment noted by officer

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4	Resident	Object	<p>DNA have achieved remarkably little and reached remarkably few people (140?!) in the 5+ years they've been operational.</p> <p>They've received tens of thousands of public money and appear to have spent most of it on consultants. Most of the active members do not live in Deptford and "doing good in Deptford" appears to be a ethnographic retirement project or an academic curiosity.</p> <p>Their designated area is far too big and reflects their hubris rather than their skillset or ability to deliver. They need to scale down and they may be able to achieve some of their aspirations, but this vanity project shouldn't be supported by public funds any more.</p>	Comment noted by officer
5	Forum Volunteer (Neither resident or Business owner)	Support	<p>Because we have worked hard for 6 years now to produce the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and we have just completed Reg 14 consultation - with somewhere in the region of 180+ responses. The DNA neighbourhood Plan policies will make a positive difference to everyone living, and working in the DNA area.</p>	Comment noted by officer

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6	Resident	Support	Deptford needs a strong voice for our views	Comment noted by officer
7	Resident /Business Owner	Support	They propose a Deptford that serves the interests of people, not big developers	Comment noted by officer
8	Resident /Business Owner	Support	N/A	N/A
9	Resident (does not live in designated area)	Support	I do support the re-designation as I do agree with the policies written by DNA. I also believe a Neighbourhood Forum to be an effective way for local people to engage with their neighbourhood politically, architecturally and socially.	Comment noted by officer

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10	Resident	Support	<p>The planning in this area of Deptford seems poor, not joined up and views of people who live and work here dont seem to be listened to.</p> <p>A local group of people are needed to feed views in and highlight areas of concern. I am not involved with DNA but at the moment they appear to be the only way we can influence planning decisions</p>	Comment noted by officer
11	Resident	Support	I support the re-designation because the Deptford Neighbourhood Action Forum will be best-placed to represent the interests of local residents and businesses	Comment noted by officer
12	Resident /Works in area	Support	The community needs a voice to maintain our rights.	Comment noted by officer
13	Volunteer in the designated area	Support	Because DNA is an established and respected Neighbourhood Forum, that I wish to see continued.	Comment noted by officer

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14	Resident	Support	I think they have a positive vision and planned activities which will be beneficial for the neighbourhood.	Comment noted by officer
15	Resident	Object	Not necessary.	Comment noted by officer
16	Resident /Business Owner	Support	N/A	Comment noted by officer
17	Resident /Business Owner	Support	<p>It is important our community to have a neighbourhood forum for us to get the best way to develop and improve our local area a better quality of life for our residents.</p> <p>DNA has developed throughout the last 4 years an incredible neighbourhood plan with policies that reflect equality, fairness and opportunities for all.</p>	Comment noted by officer

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18	Resident	Support	We don't need so many houses in the area but more green spaces would be nice. Especially so close to the river.	Comment noted by officer
19	Volunteer in the designated area	Support	DNA Deptford Neighbourhood Plan captures the views of our diverse community and includes heritage and identities specific for the location, which is amazing. I am very happy to support DNA application for re-designation as a Neighbourhood Forum.	Comment noted by officer
20	Resident	Object	The area proposed is too large and covers far too many communities. I hereby register my objection.	Comment noted by officer

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21	Resident /Business Owner	Object	The haven engaged with local people, not representative of local people. The area are they proposed is too large, and covers far too many local communities.	Comment noted by officer
22	Resident	Object	The area they proposed is too large and covers far too many local communities.	Comment noted by officer
23	Amenity Forum [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Object (Support if boundary is altered)	Although we support the re-designation of Deptford Neighbourhood Forum we believe the boundary must be altered. The present proposed boundary means the area east of Tanner's Hill down to Lewisham Way and across to the whole of Brookmill Road CA and St John's CA will be lost to Brockley Ward and Brockley Assembly. It would mean losing the area we defended as part of the negotiations we concluded with the Local Government Boundary Commission and would be contrary to their	Comment noted by officer

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			<p>decision on Brockley Ward boundary. This area fits less well both historically and in terms of community activity with the Deptford Neighbourhood area and should not be included in it.</p>	
24	<p>Chair of amenity forum ██████████ ██████████ ██████████</p>	<p>Support (If boundary is altered)</p>	<p>We support the DNA re-designation in principle but NOT in so far as the area proposed for re-designation erodes a key area of Brockley Ward and thereby diminishes the operational area of Brockley Assembly.</p> <p>In simple terms the area removed slices off the area east of Tanners Hill down to Lewisham Way and across to the whole of Brookmill CA and St John's CA.</p> <p>It would therefore mean losing the area we defended as part of the negotiations we successfully concluded with the Local Government Boundary Commission and would be contrary to their recommendation on the Brockley Ward boundary and the supportive decision of Brockley Assembly on 11 February 2020.</p> <p>Accordingly we request that the DNA area for re-designation be revised.</p>	<p>Comment noted by officer</p>

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25	Conservation Society Forum [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Object (support if boundary is altered)	<p>We support the re-designation of the Deptford Neighbourhood Forum but believe the boundary should be altered to avoid confusion and potential problems with established boundaries. The proposed boundary change to include east of Tanner's Hill and the whole of Brookmill Road CA cuts across the boundaries agreed by the Local Government Boundary Commission and contradicts their decision to retain this area within Brockley Ward.</p> <p>The Brookmill Road CA fits less well historically with DNA and in terms of community activity than it does with Brockley Ward.</p>	Comment noted by officer
26	Resident	Object	<p>The DNA has never really focused on the issues important to north Deptford (north Evelyn Ward) preferring always to give all the attention to the southern part of the area they cover.</p> <p>I myself have attended a couple of meetings at the beginning and quickly realised that</p>	Comment noted by officer

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			<p>they weren't interested in the slightest in North Deptford. Their action plan reflects this.</p> <p>Also through the years there has been a complete lack of engagement with local residents and organisation which do so much in the local community (I.e. Evelyn Parents Forum, Deptford Folk) which proves that they do not in fact care what the 'local' views are and what's important to residents of the area. I haven't myself seen anything 'concrete' coming from them and the plan they've created certainly doesn't reflect the majority of people's views who live locally.</p> <p>I think they're completely out of touch with the community and have created their plan as a tick box exercise just to get the funding they need.</p> <p>For these reasons I completely oppose the re-designation of this DNA.</p> <p>Give someone else the chance to take this on. Someone that can really make a difference.</p> <p>Alternatively, considering the Ward changes</p>	

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			in 2022, create the opportunity for two forums to be created - one for the north of the Ward and one for the south.	
27	Resident	Support	There is need more specific consultation on this specific Area where most changes are need it .	Comment noted by officer
28	Resident	Object	<p>I think someone else should be given the chance to create a neighbourhood forum this time around. The people that run the previous forum (current) haven't been well received from the community nor do they represent the views of the majority of residents in Evelyn.</p> <p>Their focus has always been more aimed at Deptford central and not the north of the ward.</p> <p>North Deptford has already seen and will see in the future the majority of the developments in the area therefore should either have its own forum or have one that will represents its interests and those of the</p>	Comment noted by officer

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			<p>community.</p> <p>The current DNA does neither therefore I oppose their re-designation.</p>	
29	Ward member [REDACTED]	Object	<p>I understand Deptford Neighbourhood Action DNA are applying for re-designation as a neighbourhood forum. I wanted to object to their re-designation.</p> <p>Much of the proposed neighbourhood forum area is in New Cross, the ward I've represented since 2014.</p> <p>From my experience, DNA's main focus has been on opposing the Council's planned development at Tidemill which will deliver over 100 new social homes.</p> <p>Asides from that, DNA's engagement with the local community has been very limited and I do not feel that they are representative of our community. I've attended DNA meetings including their AGM where there were only a handful of people in attendance.</p> <p>Members of their steering committee have been personally abusive towards myself and other Councillors in person and online.</p>	Comment noted by officer

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			<p>Given this, I object to DNA's re-designation, and I hope that the Council rejects their application.</p>	
30	Ward member [REDACTED]	Object	<p>I would also like to object. In addition to what Cllr [REDACTED] has stated, and I concur with. The area they wanted to and I believe still want to designate is far to large and infringes on areas which do not in mine and others opinions represent Deptford.</p> <p>The engagement particularly in recent years have been limited. I feel as a group they have not engaged with the wider community as they had done initially and have become a closed campaigning group. Therefore veering away from the original objectives and does not represent the the rich diversity within the community.</p> <p>I would like to object to the DNA re-designation as a councillor of which a majority of the area falls with New Cross Ward which I have represented since 2014.</p> <p>I have attended DNA meetings including their AGM where there were only a handful of people in attendance, and did not appear to be representative if the area which they</p>	Comment noted by officer

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			<p>wish to cover, nor of the very localised area of Deptford.</p> <p>The area they wanted to and I believe still want to designate is far too large and infringes on areas which do not in mine and others opinions in those areas represent Deptford. The vast area which they seek to cover is made up many smaller communities who do not see themselves represented by this group at all, have not been engaged with to gain their views, have been ignored and feel that they are 'being done to'. There has been no recognition that other areas would or may like to form their own neighbourhood forum in future.</p> <p>The engagement particularly in recent years have been extremely limited, and I include the years of pre-Covid periods. The group has not engaged with the wider community as they had done initially and have become a closed campaigning group, veering away from the original objectives and does not represent the rich diversity within the community.</p>	

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31	Ward member [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Object	To avoid unnecessary repetition, I write in support and in agreement with my fellow Councillors in both New Cross and Brockley wards that we object to this proposal from Deptford Neighbourhood Forum for their application for the area redesignation. The proposal should therefore not be accepted.	Comment noted by officer
32	Ward member [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Support	I support the DNA plan & have copied on our Assembly Coordinator so that she can disseminate the consultation to Evelyn local groups.	Comment noted by officer
33	Ward member [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Object	I would like to add my voice to Cllr [REDACTED] objection. She puts the case clearly and succinctly such that i have nothing to add.	Comment noted by officer
34	Ward member [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	Object	I have seen that Deptford Neighbourhood Action are applying for re-designation as a neighbourhood forum. I'm writing to you to express my view that this re-designation should be rejected. As you know the area covered by DNA includes a large part of the north of Brockley ward. I have been a councillor here since 2016 and have yet to see this group actively	Comment noted by officer

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			<p>engage in any community project, concern or planning application.</p> <p>The only recent contact I have had with them I believe was last year when they invited me to a meeting about their neighbourhood plan. I was very surprised to learn that they were not aware of the changes we had implemented to NCIL, despite widespread engagement in the local community. The meeting was poorly attended and did not appear to be well organised. The only previous contact I have had with them as I recall was related to their objection to the Tidemill Development. I don't believe that they have ever contacted me with regards to any issues in Brockley ward.</p> <p>.</p>	