

Neighbourhood Planning Area Application Form



This form should be completed electronically.

Important Information:

This application form should be completed using the information provided in the Tower Hamlets [Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Note Stage 1](#).

In order to increase the speed and ease of decision making, and to make the process more manageable for prospective Forums, the Council strongly suggests that this application should be completed and submitted before a Neighbourhood Forum application. Once the Neighbourhood Area has been formally designated, a Neighbourhood Forum Application can be submitted.

The Council wants to ensure that your applications are approved in a smooth and timely manner. In order to support this process, we encourage interested groups to meet and begin discussions with the Plan Making Team, well in advance of submitting an application.

This meeting will provide advice and guidance on key considerations, which will help to ensure that the Area and Forum, as applied for can be designated without delays.

Email neighbourhoodplanning@towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 020 7364 5009 to set up the meeting.

Contact information

Group name

Poplar regen alliance

Contact details of the Group (complete as relevant)

Email address splashcommunity@outlook.com

Website address www.splashcommunity.com

Facebook page Click here to enter text.

Twitter account Click here to enter text.

Other 1 Wigram House Community Centre, Wades Place E14 ODA

Public information

Contact details of one Group member

Name Click here to enter text.

Email

Address Click here to enter text.

Click here to enter text.

Postcode Click here to enter text.

Telephone Click here to enter text.

Confidential information

Contact details of an additional Group member (optional)	
Name	Click here to enter text.
Email	Click here to enter text.
Address	Click here to enter text.
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Postcode	Click here to enter text.
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Neighbourhood Planning Area application information

1a. Do you consider your group to be capable of being designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Forum? (in accordance with the requirements for Forums set out in the LBTH Guidance Note Stage 1)

Yes No

1b. Please provide a statement that your group is capable of being designated as a Neighbourhood Planning Forum? (in accordance with the requirements for Forums set out in the LBTH Guidance Note Stage 1)

Members of SPLASH a registered Charity (106985) has been meeting for over 5 years discussing the needs in the area. An event was held on the 10th of July 2017 to generate interest in and raise awareness of a potential Neighbourhood Planning Forum (NPF) and an associated Neighbourhood Plan for the Poplar High Street Area. SPLASH organisation membership is open to everyone on ST Vincents, Birchfield, Will Crooks, Cottage Street, Bazely Street and Robin Hood Gardens. Every resident automatically belongs to SPLASH. We have set up a committee which will be responsible for promoting and raising awareness of the application and the possibility of becoming a neighbourhood planning forum.

SPLASH trustees currently number 14 people and Sultana Begum has gathered 8 additional people to join her as members of the area planning group. This group will be charged with making sure that every resident living on either side of Poplar High Street is fully informed of every step along the way. Sultana’s group will include members of the local Bengali and Somali communities who have expressed an interest in being involved. Our first Community meeting attracted almost 50 attendees. Concerns were expressed about development happening in and around the Poplar High Street area and its impact on the local area and local communities. Other concerns included gentrification and the fear of being priced out of the area;

The redevelopment of the Tower Hamlets College, and The Workhouse Area with their plans to build high rise blocks on Poplar High Street.

The community’s main concern is to ensure that key worker and socially affordable homes are included in the new developments; they need to be assured that there would be sufficient leisure and youth facilities for the community and one of the most pressing issues is to provide bespoke training and employment for people of all ages living within the Poplar Regen Alliance. We recognise the above issues to be most required in order to secure an improved social, economic and environmental wellbeing for everyone.

Since our first meeting we have held three other public meetings (July 17th, September 18th and October 17th), where people have declared their priorities for the future and drawn up a charter for the Poplar Ward.

We consider the area within the Ward to be a cohesive one, geographically surrounded by roads (East India Dock Road, Poplar High Street, Aspen Way, Robin Hood Lane and Westferry Road).

SPLASH will be celebrating its 30th anniversary next year and has within its membership a capability of organising and working within a Neighbourhood Planning Area.

2. Has a clear map of the proposed Neighbourhood Planning Area been attached? Ideally at a 1:1250 scale.

Yes No

3a. Does the proposed Area overlap with any other Neighbourhood Planning Areas? Please note Neighbourhood Areas cannot overlap. You may include land from an already designated Area within your application, but the council will then have to decide which of the two Areas to include it within when determining your application

Yes No

3b. If yes, which Areas?

We would have liked to include St Vincents Estate in Limehouse, however this has been designated as part of the Limehouse Forum Planning Area.

4a. Do you consider the proposed area to be suitable for designation as a Neighbourhood Business Planning Area?

Legislation states that to be designated as a Neighbourhood Business Planning Area, an area must be “wholly or predominately business in nature”. Please note the decision to designate a Neighbourhood Business Planning Area, rests entirely with the Council.

Yes No

4b. If yes, please provide evidence below regarding the business nature of the proposed Area

[Click here to enter text.](#)

5a. Why is the boundary of the Neighbourhood Planning Area considered to be appropriate?

How does the boundary take into account:

- Sections 61G, 61H, 61I and 61O of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Paragraphs 033 and 035 of the National Planning Policy Guidance
- Elements of character, including physical, cultural and perceptual aspects for the Area.
- The diversity of its population
- The Council’s existing evidence base, Local Plan policies and site allocations
- Whether it would negatively impact on the delivery of strategic policies

We have attended several Tower Hamlets Local Plan Meetings and have been in consultation with the GLA and Tower Hamlets Teams discussing these matters. The area we have chosen is almost self-contained sitting between East India Dock Road on the North and Aspen Way on the South, bounded by Robin Hood Lane on the East and West India Dock Road on the West. The Poplar Ward is rich in history; local people have recently produced a book entitled “Poplar Past, Present and Future”. A Boardwalk has also been designed to highlight some of the cultural and physical aspects of the area.

These include the Workhouse (closed in 1960), Poplar Baths (recently reopened), St. Matthias Old Church (built by East India Company in 1654). The area contains a huge number of Tower Hamlets Homes alongside private dwellings and new developments including Manhattan Plaza and the newly opened Lansbury Heritage Hotel. Our population is very culturally diverse with people from Ethiopia, Uganda, Nigeria, Bangladesh, Somaliland, Malta and Eastern Europe. The massive Blackwall Reach being developed on the Eastern boundary will bring increased economic and cultural diversity to the area. New businesses are being developed in the area and Tower Hamlets College now known as New City College, has much to contribute to future employment opportunities

We do not believe that being designated as a Planning Area would impact negatively on the delivery of strategic policies, but rather help protect the cultural character of the area.

The Area has a number of formal and informal networks and the roads form a natural severance separating us from Chrisp Street Centre and Canary Wharf.

5b. Were alternative boundaries considered?

Yes No

5c. If yes, please describe these boundaries and why they were discounted

The area we were considering has been designated part of the Limehouse Forum Area. Also we had considered including Naval Row E14 9PS (leading to Leamouth).

6a. Have you undertaken consultation on these boundaries?

Yes No

6b. If yes, please briefly outline the nature of the consultation and the feedback received

We have attended both the Isle of Dogs and the Limehouse Forum Public Meetings where these matters have been discussed and we have met with Councillor Wood and the CEO of Canary Wharf to discuss our best possible boundaries.

SPLASH is made up of 5 different Estates along Poplar High Street. We have held Estate based consultations during the Summer when we discussed options for the future and our charter at each of our Fun Days.

7a. Does the proposed Area also include an area in boroughs adjacent to Tower Hamlets?

Yes No

If Yes, which ones:

- LB Hackney
- LB Newham
- London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC)
- City of London Corporation

7b. If yes, have these Planning Authorities been informed?

Yes No

7c. If yes, please list the date, name of contact and the outcome of any contact below:

Click here to enter text.

Meeting Log: Please provide dates of your meetings with the Plan Making Team	We have had meetings on: Tuesday 25 th July 2017 Monday 18 th September 2017 Wednesday 11 th October 2017
Applicant name	Sr. Christine Frost
Date	27/10/2017

Please note: Forums will be required to inform the Council of any change to the original content and intentions detailed in its application form.