

Neighbourhood Planning Area and Forum Designation and Approval Statement

Name of designated Neighbourhood Planning Area:
Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Area

Name of approved Neighbourhood Planning Forum:
Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Name of applicant:
Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Forum

Consultation period:
January 5, 2015 to February 16, 2015.

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Decision

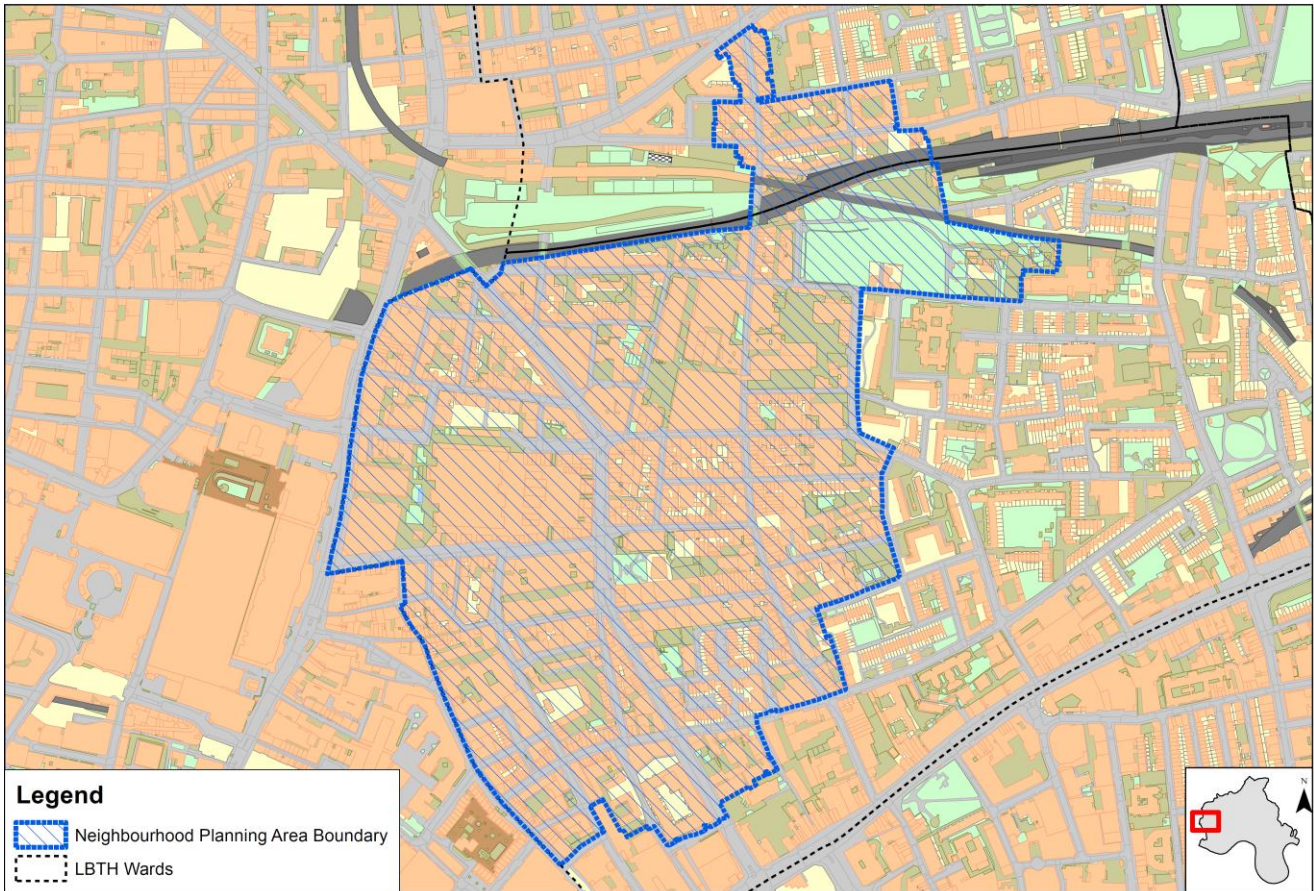
Notice is hereby given that Tower Hamlets Council, pursuant to a decision made on 5th April 2016 by the Mayor in Cabinet, has designated the Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Area as a Neighbourhood Business Planning Area and approved the Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Forum as the Neighbourhood Planning Forum for the Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Area.

As required under The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 2 Regulation 7 (2), the designation and approval statement can be viewed at the following locations:

- The Council's neighbourhood planning webpages
- Tower Hamlets Town Hall, Mulberry Place, E14 2BG
- Tower Hamlets Market Services, 131 Commercial Street, E1 6BJ

Neighbourhood Business Area Designation

The boundary of the Area designated is show below, outlined in blue:



Statement of Reason

Neighbourhood Area Designation

It is considered that the proposed area, with minor amendments, is considered acceptable as a Neighbourhood Planning Business Area, as it meets with relevant legislative requirements and accords with the Government's Planning Practice Guidance.

The area represents a coherent spatial and physical understanding of the character and function of Spitalfields. It uses an understanding of historical boundaries, Local Plan spatial designations, key local assets and business assets, movement corridors within the area and its surroundings, borough and ward boundaries.

In addition, officers consider that the Area is wholly or predominantly business in nature, and so, in line with section 61H of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Council has designated the Area as a Neighbourhood Planning Business Area.

It is therefore an appropriate Neighbourhood Planning Business Area in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) (61G & 61H), the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the National Planning Practice Guidance and the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Note.

Neighbourhood Forum Designation

The Spitalfields Neighbourhood Planning Forum have demonstrated that its application to become a Neighbourhood Planning Forum meets the requirements of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990) (61F) , the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 , the National Planning Practice Guidance and the Tower Hamlets Neighbourhood Planning Guidance Note.

The Forum's written constitution states that it has been established to promote or improve social, economic and environmental well-being of the Area. This is being promoted through a focus on social capital, community safety, sustainable living and community cohesion; promoting local jobs and supporting existing business; and identifying areas for environmental improvements.

The Membership of the Forum exceeds 21 persons from across the proposed area and includes residents, a ward Councillor and business and community based organisations drawn from different places within the proposed area. In addition the written constitution enables on-going open membership to everyone who lives, works or represents the area as an elected member.