

# Neighbourhood Planning forum Refusal Statement

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (section 61F) and The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 10(2))**

**Name of designated neighbourhood planning area:** Deptford Neighbourhood Action Neighbourhood Area

**Name of Applicant:** Deptford Neighbourhood Action

**Consultation Period:** 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## **Decision**

Notice is hereby given that the London Borough of Lewisham, pursuant to a decision made on the 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021, has refused the re-designation of the Deptford Neighbourhood Action Neighbourhood Forum.

## **Reasons for Decision**

Through the public consultation regarding the re-designation of the Deptford Neighbourhood Action Neighbourhood Forum half of all respondents who submitted representations objected to the re-designation of the forum – concerns included the conduct of the forum and that the forum were unrepresentative of the designated area.

The reasons for objection led Council to conclude that:

- That the forum no longer continues to reflect, in general terms the character of the neighbourhood planning area under section 61F(7)(a)(iii) of the Town and country Planning Act 1990
- The forum did not fulfil the criteria of having membership drawn from different places in the neighbourhood area concerned and from different sections of the community in that area outlined under section 61F(7)(a)(ii) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

## **Inspection**

This refusal statement can be inspected on the Council's neighbourhood planning webpages at <https://lewisham.gov.uk/myserVICES/planning/policy/neighbourhood-plans/deptford-neighbourhood-action-neighbourhood-forum-and-area>

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