

Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum re-designation consultation statement

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. Neighbourhood Planning was introduced by the government through the Localism Act 2011 and is designed to enable local communities to draft planning policies at a neighbourhood level that are intended to become part of the local planning framework for the area.
- 1.2. If successful, the forum designation will last a maximum of 5 years. If the forum decides to remain as the designated forum for the area, they will need to undergo the application process again. A neighbourhood area designation does not have a maximum timeline and if an area does not have an affiliated forum another forum is free to submit an application. The new or existing forum may also apply to change the boundary of the designated area through a separate application process. A neighbourhood area is an area defined by the forum that they wish to create a neighbourhood development plan for. The Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area was designated when the group first submitted a Neighbourhood Area application in 2019.
- 1.3. The neighbourhood area covers part of the London Borough of Lewisham and the London Borough of Southwark.
- 1.4. There are no proposed changes to the Neighbourhood Planning Area boundary as part of its re-designation application. It therefore remains as the designated Neighbourhood Area and will not be subject to a further application.

2 Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum

- 2.1. Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum (SHRNF) was first designated in February 2020. The five-year designation expired in February 2025. During this time, the Forum prepared a draft neighbourhood plan which was then consulted under Regulation 14. The consultation period ran from Monday 25 November 2024 to 20 January 2025.
- 2.2. On the 14th of February 2025 the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum applied to the London Borough of Lewisham and the London Borough of Southwark to propose the re-designation of the Neighbourhood Forum. The application was assessed by council officers and judged to be in keeping with Regulation 9 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012.
- 2.3. The application for the proposed re-designation of the Neighbourhood Forum covers an existing designated Neighbourhood Area that encompasses both London Borough of Lewisham and the London Borough of Southwark.

- 2.4. The outcome of the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum re-designation application is therefore subject to approval from both London Borough of Lewisham and the London Borough of Southwark.
- 2.5. The consultation period for the Sydenham Hill Ridge Forum designation took place over a 6-week period from **25th March 2025 to 6th May 2025**.
- 2.6. This document provides a summary at of the representations made during the consultation period and takes account any relevant planning matter that was received through representations that were received by Lewisham Council during the consultation.

The Neighbourhood Area

- 2.7. A neighbourhood area is an area defined by the forum that they wish to create a neighbourhood development plan for. The Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area was designated when the group first submitted a Neighbourhood Area application in 2019. The neighbourhood area (map below) covers part of the London Borough of Lewisham and the London Borough of Southwark.
- 2.8. There are no proposed changes to the Neighbourhood Planning Area boundary as part of its re-designation application. It therefore remains as the designated Neighbourhood Area and will not be subject to a further application.



3 Consultation Activities undertaken by the council

- 3.1. The consultation activities were carried out in accordance with the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations and the Councils Statement of Community Involvement.
- Consultation questionnaire on Lewisham Councils Citizen Space
 - E-mail sent informing statutory consultees, amenity groups and general planning policy consultees
 - Site notices in the neighbourhood area and physical copies of application documents available in local library
 - Copy of application published online via Lewisham Website
 - Notification sent to Local ward Councillors
- 3.2. The proposed Sydenham Hill Ridge Forum also promoted the consultation by publicising the consultation in the neighbourhood area.

4 Summary of representations

- 4.1. The application questionnaire followed the format of asking the respondent if they supported or objected to the re-designation of the Forum and if the respondent had any comments to support their decision.
- 4.2. The comments regarding the Forum re-designation application were mostly very supportive of the re-designation with only five objections. The full schedule of consultation representations can be found in **Annex 1 and Annex 2**.
- 4.3. The consultation received **a total of 77 respondents** (across London Borough of Lewisham and London Borough of Southwark's platforms) which included a mix of residents, Ward Councillor's, business owners and community groups.
- 4.4. Lewisham received **54 responses** with:
- 49 in support
 - 5 objections (2 residents of Lewisham, 3 residents of Southwark)
- 4.5. Southwark received **23 responses** with:
- 19 in support
 - 4 neither in support or objection

Support:

- 4.6. The comments supporting the forum re-designation largely supported the work the forum had carried out in the area and the need for the re-designation so the neighbourhood plan could be adopted. A significant majority of the supporting comments stated that the forum has had a positive impact on the area stating:
- Community involvement in planning: Many respondents valued the forum as a means of empowering the local community to influence planning.

- Local Character: Supporters referenced the area's historic buildings, ancient woodlands, biodiversity, and unique topography, emphasising the importance of highlighting these features through a Neighbourhood Plan.
- Cross-Borough Coordination: Given the area's location across two boroughs, several responses highlighted the importance of the forum in facilitating collaboration between the London Borough of Lewisham and the London Borough of Southwark.
- Previous Successes: Respondents noted the forum's track record in contributing to planning consultations and acting as a focal point for community discussion. The draft Neighbourhood Plan currently in development was mentioned as evidence of ongoing, meaningful work.
- Support from groups: Local groups such as the Forest Hill Society, Sydenham Society, and Wells Park Improvement Group submitted supportive responses.
- Support from Ward Councillors: Ward Councillors expressed their support for the re-designation of the Neighbourhood Forum. One specifically noted that the application is well reasoned, and that the area constitutes a distinct community identity. The other Ward Councillors similarly raised no objections and confirmed their support for the continuation of the forum's work.

Objections

- 4.7.** Two objections raised concerns regarding the extent to which the forum reflects the neighbourhood area. These representations also questioned whether the forum has the resources to lead the development of a Neighbourhood Plan. In response, Officers clarified that forum membership remains open to all individuals who live or work in the area, and the Council encourages ongoing community participation. Officers confirm that if re-designation is granted, residents will have a statutory opportunity to submit comments on the draft plan during the Regulation 16 public consultation.
- 4.8.** One objection expressed concern over internal disputes and perceived instability. Officers noted that the forum had taken proactive steps to address internal issues and that the Council, based on recent correspondence, is satisfied with its current stability. Council Officers will continue to monitor the forum's performance in this regard.
- 4.9.** One objection from a resident of Southwark highlighted concerns about overlap with the Dulwich Estate's Scheme of Management. Officers clarified that concerns related to specific neighbourhood planning policies will be considered during the draft neighbourhood plan's consultation and are not relevant to the current designation process.

Misinterpretation of Forum's Role:

- 4.10.** A further objection suggested that the forum sought powers beyond its remit, specifically regarding domestic planning applications. Officers clarified that a

designated neighbourhood forum does not make planning decisions. It acts as a statutory consultee, and its views are considered, however decisions remain the responsibility of the local authority.

- 4.11.** An additional objection stated that the forum may reduce resident influence and implied a lack of transparency. Officers confirm that the designation of a neighbourhood forum is intended to empower local residents by giving them a formal role in shaping the future of their community through the neighbourhood planning process. The role of neighbourhood planning is not to reduce residents' influence but is instead intended to provide an established process for residents who are also a part of the neighbourhood forum's to formally comment on the planning process and produce a neighbourhood plan. The neighbourhood plan can then be used by Officers to determine planning applications in the area. The Council continues to ensure the process remains transparent and representative of the community's interests.
- 4.12.** Comments based on incorrect assumptions were not considered material to this application.

Annex 1: Responses Received through London Borough of Lewisham's platforms

Ref	Organisation	London Borough	Resident	Business Owner	Volunteer	Support or Object	Comment	Officer Comment
1		Councillor for Sydenham				Support	No objections from me. Happy to support.	Comment noted by Officers.
2		Councillor for Forest Hill				Support	I am happy to support this application for a Neighbourhood Forum as it relates to Forest Hill Ward – I think the statement is well reasoned and the area is comprised of a distinct community identity.	Comment noted by Officers.
3		Councillor for Forest Hill				Support	I am happy to support this as well.	Comment noted by Officers.
4		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Object	This organisation are asking for powers that are too far reaching, in particular the power to have a say on domestic planning permissions	<p>Once designated, a neighbourhood forum acts as a statutory consultee with regards to planning applications within its designated neighbourhood area. Local Authorities have a legal obligation to formally notify a statutory consultee when an application is submitted. This means the local planning authority must consult with the forum on relevant planning applications and any comments made by the forum are taken into consideration when making decisions about the application.</p> <p>Residents outside of the forum are also able to comment on planning applications as a non-statutory consultee. Residents can support or object to an application, with their comments also being taken into consideration when making a decision on a particular planning application.</p> <p>However, the determination of a planning application is made by the Local Authority and not the neighbourhood forum.</p> <p>A designated Neighbourhood Forum cannot directly make planning decisions within its designated area. They are responsible for developing and submitting a Neighbourhood Plan, which, if made through a public referendum, becomes part of the local development framework alongside policies from the London Plan and local borough policies. The local development framework is used by the council to determine planning decisions..</p>
5		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Object	N/A	N/A
6		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	No	Object	<p>I do not want a small group of self-appointed people to have control over the area for 5 years. Because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It will prevent true consultation. 2. This group has a history of internal disputes and resignations. I do think it is robust enough to operate effectively 	<p>Comment noted by Officers.</p> <p>The membership of the forum is open to individuals who live, work, or are elected members in the designated neighbourhood area. The resident would therefore be welcomed as a member and is encouraged to highlight any concerns that they may have directly with the forum.</p> <p>With prior disputes considered, the Council are now assured that the group has taken proactive steps to resolve these issues. Considering the correspondence over the past twelve months with the forum, the Council is confident that the forum's membership is currently stable and capable of delivering a Neighbourhood Plan for the area. As a precautionary measure, Council Officers will continue to monitor the forum's performance in this regard.</p>

7		London Borough of Southwark				Object	Its fine the way it is. This is a con by two councils to take power away from residents in the area.	<p>The designation of a neighbourhood forum is intended to empower local residents by giving them a formal role in shaping the future of their community through the neighbourhood planning process.</p> <p>As part of that process neighbourhood forums are able to draft a neighbourhood plan which if adopted will become a part of the borough's local development framework.</p> <p>The forum (independent to the Council/s) leads the process, engaging the community, gathering evidence, and drafting policies. After a consultation (Regulation 14), the plan is the submitted to the Councils, which is then responsible for the formal stages: a second public consultation (Regulation 16), an independent examination, and a public referendum. If approved by a majority vote, the plan is adopted by the Council/s and becomes part of the local development framework.</p> <p>The neighbourhood plan can then be used by Officers to determine planning applications in the area. The Council continues to ensure the process remains transparent and representative of the community's interests.</p>
8		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	Yes	No	Object	We are already subject to stringent controls through The Dulwich Estate. There is therefore a concern that the proposals will look to undermine their role and / or at least be inconsistent with the Scheme of Management. Much of what has been set out in the notification has already been within the control of The Dulwich Estate and there does not appear to be any reason for its need. It just means an extra level of bureaucracy that is neither necessary or wanted. I therefore object to the Sydenham Hill Ridge area designation.	<p>The comment has been noted by Officer.</p> <p>This comment relates to the proposed content of a future Neighbourhood Plan, that a designated neighbourhood forum are entitled to draft and submit to the Council. The respondent will have the chance to comment on the draft Neighbourhood Plan during any future public consultations involving the draft neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Comments on the draft plan are not part of this current application. However, comments about the Forum's representation or performance will be considered.</p>
9		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	Yes	No	Support	There is a ongoing wave of redevelopment around Sydenham Hill, and I trust the SHRNF to help crystalise and stand up for what might be best for residents of this beautiful area.	Comment noted by Officers.
10		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>Members of the Sydenham Hill Ridge group/forum have been instrumental in bringing the community together to discuss, consider, and have a voice on planning matters, as well as points of concern in the area. They strengthen the voice of residents, businesses, and have a positive impact on the area. I wholeheartedly support the Sydenham hill Ridge area designation.</p> <p>Being a designated area and forum will help the relationship with councillors on both sides. As a road which borders two boroughs- collaborative thinking is instrumental to maintaining the quality of living in the area, and has a positive impact on the community.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
11	Grange Court	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	Yes	No	Support	I think they did a good job trying to oppose that huge construction and overpopulation right across Dulwich Wood and opposing other	Comment noted by Officers.

							developments that will increase footprint. This is such one the last oasis of fauna and flora in London and should be protected.	
12		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	The Forum work hard to engage with the community and make sure they are reflecting the intentions of the area as a whole. The Ridge area is incredibly valuable and deserves to have a functioning forum to protect it.	Comment noted by Officers.
13		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	I think this forum serves as a useful focus on a distinctive area of London that has special characteristics worth considering, albeit that this should not be a bar to all development	Comment noted by Officers.
14		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	Because this is a special area, with many historical and natural features which should be preserved. I believe a Neighbourhood Form with the ability to make plans will be in the best interests of doing this.	Comment noted by Officers.
15		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	I support the Sydenham Hill Ridge area designation. Given that the neighbourhood spans two boroughs it's important to ensure a cohesive approach in the area. Input from neighbourhood groups ensures that councillors have access to a wider range of views and can therefore make fuller informed decisions.	Comment noted by Officers.
16		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	N/A	N/A
17		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	Because I live here and I care about the area.	Comment noted by Officers.
18	Resident of Longton Avenue/Longton Avenue Residents Association member	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	Yes	Support	A forum and focal point for civic topics relevant to the area allowing a consistent point of view to be offered when considering change required to make the area a better place to live. As the area covers a number of local government areas this forum is essential - the area spreads across these	Comment noted by Officers.
19		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	Locals understand the area better than the council	Comment noted by Officers.
20		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	Some if the community spaces in this area are in direct need of redevelopment, like the playgrounds in Wells Park. Other parts of the park are beautifully maintained. Given how many families live in the area I believe more control of planning given to the community would only benefit residents and businesses	Comment noted by Officers.
21		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	N/A	N/A

22		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>To ensure decisions in the area a made in order to optimise the social, economic and and environmental wellbeing of its residents.</p> <p>To conserve and improve the area for the benefit of the people living within it.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
23	MY FOUR WALLS LTD	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Support	Support this as local people should have a say in future planning decisions in the area .	Comment noted by Officers.
24		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>I continue to support the SHRNF for the same reasons for which it was originally designated in 2019/20 The area absolutely needs a unifying voice that is able to communicate residents wants needs and hopes to both Southwark and Lewisham councils to ensure there is as far as possible one cohesive and agreed plan for the entire forum area covering planning, heritage conservation and the natural environment.</p> <p>As the neighbourhood area is adjacent, or in close proximity to, three other London boroughs, SHRNF should also provide a single, recognised and valued point of communication with those boroughs on all matters which potentially impact the forum area and and /or its residents</p> <p>I also hope SHRNF will be recognised as the residents formal representative by the GLA and TFL as well as other organisations, NGOs and corporations (especially developers and concert promoters) who will canvas, listen to, respect and value the forums views on local matters impacting the forum area and /or its residents.</p> <p>I strongly support the Forums re- designation and trust when it is formally approved, both Southwark and Lewisham councils will provide their comprehensive support both resource and financial as needed covering all aspects of the forums work now and into the future.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
25	Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>I believe that the designation of Sydenham Hill Ridge will empower the residents and those who come to the ridge for employment purposes to have a voice in preserving or enhancing the character of the area we live in, have the power to protect and conserve the environment and the endangered species within the area.</p> <p>Re-designation will also allow the residents to be able to develop a neighbourhood plan ensuring that residents contribute to sustainable development within the designated area.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.

26		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>I support the redesignation. The existing Forum has done valuable work, and to my personal knowledge made a weighty contribution of effective comments on a recent planning application in the Area.</p> <p>The Forum usefully assembles small-area views that might otherwise go unrepresented. It is a useful addition to the Boroughs' planning machinery.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
27	Forest Hill Society	London Borough of Lewisham	No	No	No	Support	The Forest Hill Society supports this proposal and looks forward to continuing to work with the Sydenham Hill Ridge neighbourhood forum.	Comment noted by Officers.
28	Longton Avenue Residents Association and SHRNF	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Support	<p>This is a significant historical and bio diverse location which requires protection. It has many historic buildings, ancient woodland and a large metropolitan open space in Wells Park.</p> <p>I'm extremely sad to see hat the second highest point in London is being overbuilt with dense high rise blocks which do not relate and are unsympathetic to the location.</p>	<p>Comment noted by Officers.</p> <p>This consultation is solely for the re-designation of the neighbourhood forum and not a specific development proposal. The forum, once designated, would lead the creation of a neighbourhood plan which, if made, through a public referendum, becomes part of the local development framework alongside policies from the London Plan and local borough policies. The local development framework is used by the council to determine planning decisions.</p>
29		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	N/A	N/A
30		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	N/A	N/A
31		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	N/A	N/A
32		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	The forum is acting in the interest of our neighbourhood, to preserve nature and green spaces and optimise the setting for a better living.	Comment noted by Officers.
33	Sydenham Wells Park Improvement Group	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Support	This area is so Green and full of wildlife and biodiversity. Everyone here says how central to London it is but when you hear the birds and owls it's like being in the countryside. I don't want the area to become urbanised. Please keep Lewisham Green. This borough is voted top of having best Parks in London. Let's keep it this way. Wildlife deserves to be protected.	Comment noted by Officers.
34	N/A	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	N/A	N/A
35		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	The mix of 19thc architecture, woodland and panoramic views gives the area a special character. The Neighbourhood Plan is a good way to identify and understand what is precious, and for residents and Lewisham and Southwark Councils to work together to ensure that development and traffic measures preserve and	Comment noted by Officers.

							<p>enhance what makes the area unique, rather than unwittingly erode it.</p> <p>Just that I fully support the efforts of everyone involved with the Plan, and their passion for preserving the character of this local neighbourhood.</p>	
36		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	There is no other organisation which represents the residents in the Sydenham Hill Ridge area.	Comment noted by Officers.
37		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	It's a really valuable forum and represents our views as residents well. Strongly support.	Comment noted by Officers.
38	Resident	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	I think it will have positive outcomes for the people currently living in the area, but also will provide a good foundation that allows for new people to come to the area.	Comment noted by Officers.
39	Sydenham Hill ward	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	Yes	Support	It will bring about the needed improvements and also protect the area environmentally.	Comment noted by Officers.
40		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	It is really important that local people have a greater say in planning decisions affecting the area where they live. The forum has produced a draft neighbourhood plan, the contents of which I support, but this plan can only be implemented if the forum is re-designated. I therefore see it as vital for the forum to continue so that the excellent work it has done so far can be followed through to a conclusion.	Comment noted by Officers.
41		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	Yes	Support	The area is on the boundary of 2 boroughs and a more joined up approach that appreciates the unique attributes of the area is required.	Comment noted by Officers.
42	Sydenham Society	London Borough of Lewisham	No	No	No	Support	Because it will bring residents from the two boroughs together and will help inform planning decisions; it will also enable many more people to become engaged in the planning process.	Comment noted by Officers.
43		London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	Lewisham Council's approval of the Mais House development against the strongest opposition from neighbours and others living nearby has convinced me that people in this area need an effective voice to ensure that future developments are appropriate for a suburban part of London that includes a conservation area, many listed buildings and one of the last remnants of the Great North Wood. The Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum was established to promote planning policies that recognise the unique qualities of this area, and I support its re-designation.	<p>Comment noted by Officers</p> <p>This consultation is solely for the re-designation of the neighbourhood forum and not a specific development proposal. The forum, once designated, would lead the creation of a neighbourhood plan which, if made, through a public referendum, becomes part of the local development framework alongside policies from the London Plan and local borough policies. The local development framework is used by the council to determine planning decisions.</p>
44	Go-Ahead London	London Borough of Lewisham	Yes	No	No	Support	Having lived in the Sydenham Hill Ridge area for over a decade, I have gained a deep understanding of the redevelopment and infrastructure developments impacting local residents. This familiarity has inspired me to	Comment noted by Officers.

							<p>support the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum, as I believe it plays a crucial role in addressing our community's needs and fostering positive growth.</p> <p>I am dedicated to supporting the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum, as I recognise its vital role in addressing the needs of our community and promoting positive development. This forum serves as an essential link between residents and the Lewisham Council, fostering collaboration and understanding.</p>	
45	P S Weil & Co	London Borough of Southwark	Yes	Yes	No	Support	<p>Sydenham Hill Ridge is a distinctive area on account of its topography. The Forum which came to the end of its 5 year term in February of this year has done a good job of preparing a first draft of a neighbourhood plan.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
46		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>This is a very defined area with areas of woodland and spectacular views over London. It spans two councils and is a close neighbour to others. As such it deserves a community voice in its development.</p> <p>I know an enormous amount of time and effort has gone into the creation of a neighbourhood plan which is almost complete and ready for consultation. This work should be respected by putting it forward for the consultation.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
47	Private capacity response	London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>It is essential that residents have the right to be consulted about decisions affecting their neighbourhood.</p> <p>Sydenham Hill Ridge is an area of special characteristics, of which the employees of both Councils appear uninformed and uninterested. The difficulty of obtaining timely responses from Lewisham Council staff has resulted in this re-designation process becoming necessary, with additional cost, volunteer time wasted and further delay.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
48		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>The area straddles 2 boroughs and this is a means of representing it to both.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
49		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	Yes	Support	<p>An important landmark for London</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
50	None	London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>I believe it will improve planning in the area and strengthen local engagement.</p> <p>I support the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area and Forum.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
51	GBRA	London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No	No	Support	<p>N/A</p>	N/A

52		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	Yes	No	Support	lots of good work so far	Comment noted by Officers.
53		Other				Support	<p>Protection of historic woodlands and area. Better parking and facilities for residents</p> <p>Care of historic trees needs to be improved. Many trees are dangerously high for residents currently in the Sydenham hill area. Parking facilities on Sydenham Hill for residents have been severely impacted by the installation of a very underused cycle lane on Sydenham Hill, meaning that parking spaces are now extremely limited, given the expansion of houses and residents in the area. Potential expansion of housing in the space formerly occupied by the Crystal Palace park camp/caravan park means this is likely to get worse.</p> <p>Traffic speeds along Sydenham Hill are far in excess of 20mph where cameras are not installed, with very noisy cars/motorbikes.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
54		London Borough of Lewisham				Support	<p>With reference to the consultation above, I would like to support the proposal. Neighbourhood Plans are useful for increasing public engagement in planning and this forum covers an area with special characteristics along the Sydenham Ridge including ancient woodlands and heritage assets of national, regional and local importance.</p> <p>The London Boroughs of Lewisham & Southwark should consider undertaking a fresh conservation and heritage appraisal along Sydenham Hill with a view of recording architecturally important and interesting buildings including their gardens. Wooded areas and designated patches of ancient woodland need to be properly recorded and protected. The topology is distinct requiring proper analysis of the water courses - springs and tributaries should be acknowledged. There are numerous historic rights of way, footpaths and desire line public rights of way within the area.</p> <p>I would like to acknowledge the expertise of the London Wildlife Trust and suggest that they are routinely consulted about proposed developments affecting the ridge area. Bats roost here along with other protected species and their protection is paramount.</p> <p>I would be very grateful if you could let me know the outcome of the public consultation.</p>	Comment noted by Officers.
			Yes	No	No			

Annex 2: Responses Received through London Borough of Southwark's platforms

Ref	What is your organisation?	Which of these two boroughs do you reside in?	Are you a resident in the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area?	Are you a business owner in the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area?	If you are neither a resident nor a business owner, please state your relationship to the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area.	Do you support or object to the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Forum designation?	Do you have any further comments regarding your support or objection to the proposed Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area and forum?
S1		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Neither support or object	
S2		London Borough of Southwark	No	No		Neither support or object	
S3		London Borough of Southwark	No	No	I volunteer locally	Support	I support the Re-designation of the Sydenham Hill Ridge Neighbourhood Area and forum.
S4		London Borough of Southwark	No	No		Support	
S5		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S6		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	Helps to protect the environment
S7		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S8		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S9		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S10		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S11	Dene community centre	London Borough of Southwark	No	No	I have friends/ residents who live locally	Neither support or object	
S12		London Borough of Southwark	No	No	I have friends/ residents who live locally	Support	
S13		London Borough of Southwark	No	No	Other	Support	As i directly back onto the woods i feel like i should be included in this forum
S14		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S15		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	
S16		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	This is an important group for our community.

S17		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	Yes		Support	
S18		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	No		Support	It's a helpful voice and support for the community here.
S19		London Borough of Southwark	Yes	Yes		Support	lots of good work so far
S20		London Borough of Southwark	No	No	Work in the area	Support	I think that this Forum should be redesignated. The area and residents deserve a say. I work in this area.
S21		London Borough of Lewisham				Support	I agree on behalf of Sydenham Neighbour Forum should be granted. Good community is essential of on goings around Sydenham. Comment noted by Lewisham Officers.
S22		London Borough of Southwark				Neither Support or Object	Hope I find you well. I could not manage to do the survey on your website. I am volunteer in Lewisham and Southwark resident. I think that the reason for having nice homes and suitable for children in the area of Southwark and Lewisham is a key for good relations with supporting our Neighborhood as well. I have read about mouldy places and so on but with reporting what is wrong and helping out people in difficult situations could be positive as soon as it is in place.
S23						Support	As one of the original signatories who supported the setting up of the Forum, I fully support the application to have the Forum recognised.