1. INTRODUCTION
1.1 With the agreement of the Cabinet Member for Planning, the Executive Director for Planning and Borough Development has designated the Norland Neighbourhood Area and the Norland Neighbourhood Forum.

2. BACKGROUND
2.1 The Norland Conservation Society were the first group in the country to apply to be designated as a Neighbourhood Forum in relation to their proposed Neighbourhood Area, under the new Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations (2012), which came into force 6 April 2012.

3. NEED
3.1 The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 require that provided the Norland’s Neighbourhood Area and Forum applications meet the requirements as set out in Sections 61F to 61I of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Parts 2 and 3 of the Regulations, then the Council must publicise the applications for 6 weeks.

3.2 These Regulations require that the Neighbourhood Area and Neighbourhood Forum must, inter alia: have a constitution; at least 21 members representative of the area and no part of the proposed Neighbourhood Area may overlap with any other designated Neighbourhood Area.

3.3 It is considered that the Norland Neighbourhood Area and Forum applications satisfied the requirements of the Regulations, and as no objections were received the decision to designate Norland as a Neighbourhood Area and Forum was made by the Executive Director for Planning and Borough Development and the Cabinet Member for Planning.

4. CONSULTATIONS
4.1 The application for designation as a Neighbourhood Area and a Neighbourhood Forum was publicised for a 6 week public consultation period from the 10 April until 22 May 2012, and no objections were received.

5. DECISION
5.1 The decision has therefore been taken to designate Norland Neighbourhood Forum and the Norland Neighbourhood Area.

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