

CONSTITUTION – JQDT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING FORUM

1. Name

The name of the group shall be JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum.

2. Objects

2.1 The objects of JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum are to:

- Create the most distinct, vibrant and dynamic quarter in the city centre in which people want to invest their time and money.
- Create a home to the jewellery and precious metal industry; creative, hi-tech and design industries; independent and startup businesses and outstanding education facilities.
- Sustain a long-term residential population and embrace the needs of a diverse community.
- Develop the JQ as a tourist destination of national and international importance.
- Gain recognition for the JQ for an intelligent approach to fostering the culture of the quarter – one of design excellence, innovation, heritage and productivity in a high quality environment.

2.2 JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum may do all such lawful things as are necessary for the attainment of these objects, including:

- (b) individuals who work in the Jewellery Quarter (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise)
 - (c) elected Members of Birmingham City Council (BCC) whose area falls within the Jewellery Quarter.
- 4.2 The JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum will be supported by the Executive Director of the JQDT, who will assume the role of Executive Officer.
- 4.3 Registered Members are Members of JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum who have provided their contact details to the Executive Officer.
- 4.4 A minimum of 21 Registered Members shall be required at all times, each of whom satisfies at least one of the criteria in 4.1.
- 4.5 Any Member may resign from membership by providing the Executive Officer with written notice. Any Member who fails to attend 3 consecutive meetings of the JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum, irrespective of apologies, shall be considered to have resigned.
- 4.6 JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum shall use best endeavours to reflect the diversity, character and inclusivity of the area
- 4.7 JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum recognises the role of tenants and residents associations, business associations and other organisations serving the interests of people who live or work in the Jewellery Quarter. Such organisations shall not be Members but JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum will work cooperatively with such associations and with other local organisations and institutions providing services to the Jewellery Quarter. Each association, organisation or institution will be requested to identify a person to act as a contact point for JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum.

5. Member meetings

- 5.1 JQDT Neighbourhood Planning Forum shall organise Member meetings on a regular basis as required to pursue its object and shall organise a Members meeting if requested by at least 7 Registered Members.
- 5.2 Member meetings will be publicised at least 7 days in advance to provide sufficient notice for Members to attend.

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7.1 All Members aged 14 or above are entitled to vote at a Member meeting and voting shall be made by a show of hands on a majority basis. In the case of a tied vote, the Chair or appointed deputy shall make the final decision.

7.2 Member meetings shall:

- elect the Chair, Deputy Chair and Steering Group
- approve any decision to undertake, consult on, or submit a neighbourhood plan or neighbourhood development order to the local planning authority
- approve an annual report from the Steering Group
- approve any amendments to the Constitution subject to the support of a two thirds majority vote
- agree to the dissolution of

the complaint concerns the Executive Officer then the Chair or Deputy Chair shall be responsible for any investigation.

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