

# PAIGNTON NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

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Dear Pat

## **Paignton Neighbourhood Forum**

Thank you for your letter of 16<sup>th</sup> October 2012 addressed to myself and Mike Parkes confirming that the Council's legal advisors agree the Forum's application and constitution comply with the requirements of the Localism Act and the Regulations.

Mike Parkes and I have discussed your letter in detail and the additional information requested for you to complete your report to full Council on 6 December 2012 is as follows:-

- The Forum has over 200 members who qualify under the requirement of Schedule 9, Section 61F. Attached is a schedule of their names. Address details have been redacted to protect confidentiality.
- In accordance with clause 10.3 of the Constitution, to reflect the principle of a community led approach, at least 5 non-council members must be present at the start of a Forum or a Group meeting for it to be declared quorate.
- In accordance with clause 10.4 all Forum members are entitled to attend the Forum meeting to propose and vote for motions and to stand for election. Voting is by a show of hands. In the event of a tie, the chairperson has a casting vote under clause 7.3. Under clause 10.3 Forum meetings are open to any member of the public to observe. Very particular care is taken to ensure that any votes taken distinguish between members and any non-members present.

Regarding the objections received and your helpful observations:-

- The Steering Group has met monthly and jointly with the Forum since day one, with minutes published and distributed accordingly. The objector wish for separate Steering Group meetings was considered specifically and recently by the Forum on 23 August 2012. The Forum voted overwhelmingly to keep to the joint meetings as being much more inclusive to the process. This included members of the Council being present as full members of the Forum and

Steering Group, who did not take a different view. Having a combined meeting also cuts down on people's valuable time and reflects the adage you share of 'keep it simple' and 'get on with it.'

- The Sub-Groups established by the Forum operate on a 'task and finish' basis to progress set pieces of work (e.g. the Stage 2 Travelling document). Where a matter does not carry a unanimous view, it has been discussed and resolved at the Forum/Steering Group meetings in accordance with the Constitution. Any 'lack of influence' felt by the objector can only arise where the Forum has not been convinced of a minority view. All decisions are taken democratically.
- The Vice Chair has not been able to attend all meetings of the Forum, due to being on-call out of hours, and has informed me that he will be moving to another part of the country very shortly. This of course will require the Forum to decide who will take his place, and is being reported to the Forum at the next meeting. His commitments have not hindered his being involved at every stage and I know that his advice and guidance have been much appreciated by others on the Executive Committee.
- On several occasions the Forum has sought to arrive at a realistic balance between 'aspiration' and the need to secure proposals that will achieve the majority vote of support at the required Referendum. In Stage 1 and Stage 2 our business community has been directly involved, and interestingly has expressed more support for the Forum proposals than for those currently emerging in the draft Local Plan. I refer to the shopping frontage and core tourism area proposals. As agreed with the Council, Stage 2 has concentrated on two key areas of the Town Centre+Seafront and the Western Area. The Preston Community Partnership area will feature prominently in the next stage with every encouragement given to make the input desired.

In response to your further comments on page two:-

- There has been no departure from the Outline Project Plan approved in November 2011, which recognises all the components raised. We have discussed how it would be of help to involve council officers in production of the necessary documentation to ensure compliance. It continues to be the strongly held view of the Forum that every effort is made to produce the draft Local Plan and 3 Neighbourhood Plans in harmony with each other, and to the same timescale to achieve the soundness of outcome jointly sought. However, the scale, pace and balance of growth are aspects of the draft Local Plan which the Princes Foundation sessions have recognised should be challenged by the Forum through the stage currently reached.
- The discussion about Victoria Park took place on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2012, not in June. You will see from the Minute on page 2 that this did not take over the main agenda and was deliberately put at the end of the agenda in order not to detract from the main business. Two hours discussion of a key concern by 160 community members cannot be considered excessive. If you look again at my email to you of 12 April 2012 and the events that followed, it is very clear development of Victoria Park was a matter that required attention. The Forum discussion of the development proposal at Collaton St Mary accords entirely with clause 9.2 of the Constitution, which the Council suggested should be included so that the Forum was able to comment on planning applications or proposals that could reasonably be expected to impact upon the plan before or after it is produced. There can be absolutely no doubt the proposals at Collaton St Mary fall squarely into that description.

- All meetings of the Forum/Steering Group have achieved discussion and decision on agenda items within efficient timescales as evidenced by the Agendas and meeting Minutes. To imply that only a separate Steering Group is able to achieve 'strategic decision making' is clearly not the case. Nor has the Forum been anti-development in its stance, as evidenced by the Stage 2 plans produced so far. This has proven to be a very efficient use of time and has not detracted from the momentum necessary to enable the Forum to 'get on with it'. Addition of a further level of meetings has proven not to be necessary and is precisely what is not needed until such time as attendance numbers deem it otherwise.
- It is important to remember that as well as being members of the Forum, every Forum member is of course also a member of their area Community Partnership. Any decision by a Community Partnership to pull out of the Forum paradoxically would therefore require the approval of the members of the Forum under the Constitution of the Community Partnerships. The 'danger' is more likely to be that if any one of the Partnerships through their Steering Group sought to leave the Forum, it would not be accepted by the community, or the relevant Community Partnership reformed or disbanded by the community in order to enable the 'community led' approach to continue. Direct involvement of community members in the Forum has also bridged the gap in those areas where some Community Partnerships have not been able to be as actively involved in the process as others.

I hope the information at the beginning of this letter provides you with all you need, but if not, please let myself and Mike know as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

David Watts  
Chairman, Paignton Neighbourhood Plan Forum

c.c. Mike Parkes, Forum Secretary

Attached – Qualifying Section 61F Membership as at 19 Sep 2012

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<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Town / City</b>	<b>County</b>
Aaron	McClusky	Paignton	Devon
Adrian	Peach	Torquay	Devon
A.J.	Bonfield	Paignton	Devon
Alan	Denby	Torquay	Devon
Alan	Hill		
Alison	Rich	Paignton	Devon
Amy	Page	Paignton	Devon
Amyas	Holroyd	Paignton	Devon
Andrew	Baker	Paignton	Devon
Andrew	Mackmurdo	Paignton	Devon
Ann	Harding	Paignton	Devon
Ann	Waite	Paignton	Devon
Anne	MC Entle ?	Paignton	Devon
Anne	Strange	Paignton	Devon
Anne-Marie	Curror	Paignton	Devon
Arthur	Wright	Paignton	Devon
Barbara	Collins	Paignton	Devon
Barry	Burgess	Paignton	Devon
Beccy	Tapper		
Bernard	Hargreaves	Paignton	Devon
Bill	Callahan	Paignton	Devon
Brian	Pinches	Paignton	Devon
Brian	Townsend		
Carole	Box		
Caroline	Fast	Paignton	Devon
Carol	Hill	Paignton	Devon
Caroline	Sorenson	Paignton	Devon
Catherine	Wickens		
Cathy	Holroyd	Paignton	Devon
Charlie	Lancaster	Paignton	Devon
Chris	Roots		
Christine	Carter		
Christine	Hargreaves	Paignton	Devon
Cllr Alan	Tyerman		
Cllr Bobbie	Davies		
Cllr Chris	Lewis		
Cllr Christine	Scouler		
Cllr Dave	Butt		
Cllr David	Thomas		
Cllr Derek	Mills		
Cllr Ian	Doggett		
Cllr Jane	Barnby		
Cllr Jeanette	Richards		
Cllr John	Thomas		

ClIr Ken	Pritchard		
ClIr Ruth	Pentney		
ClIr Stephen	Brooksbank		
Colin	Hurst	Torquay	Devon
Colin	Jacobs	Paignton	Devon
Cynthia	Rogers	Paignton	Devon
D.	Newton	Paignton	Devon
David	Blee	Paignton	Devon
David	Green		
David	Henshaw	Paignton	Devon
David	Wotton	Paignton	Devon
David	Watts		
Dean	Auton		
Dee	Johnson	Paignton	Devon
Denise	Clarke	Paignton	Devon
Dennis	Comissud ?	Paignton	Devon
Donald	Vaughan	Paignton	Devon
Donna	Baker	Paignton	Devon
Dorothy	Williams	Paignton	Devon
Edward	Harris		
Eileen	Donovan		
Elaine	Milne	Paignton	Devon
Eric	Rossiter	Paignton	Devon
Fiona Faith	Ross	Paignton	Devon
Fleur	Elliott	Torquay	Devon
Fran	Hogan	Paignton	Devon
Freda	Dwane	Paignton	
Gabrielle	Fast	Paignton	Devon
Gary	Preece		
George	Porter		
Georgie	Tsyplek	Paignton	Devon
Gesche	Buecker		
Gundel	Bonfield	Paignton	Devon
Hayley	Phipps	Paignton	Devon
Heather	Reed	Paignton	Devon
Helen	Drew	Paignton	Devon
Hilary	Bowden	Paignton	Devon
Hilary	Richardson	Paignton	Devon
Ian	Broadbent		
Ian	Curror		
Ian	McCleod	Paignton	Devon
Irene	Reade	Paignton	Devon
Jane	Anderton	Paignton	Devon
Jane	Brooksbank	Paignton	Devon
Jane	Dennant	Paignton	Devon
Jane	Grasse	Paignton	Devon
Jean	Walker		

Jennifer	Winter	Paignton	Devon
Jess	Whitelock	Paignton	Devon
Jessica	Cunningham	Paignton	Devon
Joe	Johnson	Paignton	Devon
John	Anderton	Paignton	Devon
John	Gill	Paignton	Devon
John	Langston	Paignton	Devon
John	Law	Paignton	Devon
John	Rowe		
John Neil	Rowe	Paignton	Devon
John	Shaw	Paignton	Devon
Joy	Westwood	Paignton	Devon
Judith	Oates	Paignton	Devon
Mildred	Oates	Paignton	Devon
Karen	Hodson	Paignton	Devon
Karen	Jemmett	Paignton	Devon
Keith P.	Osment	Paignton	Devon
Kelly	Brett	Paignton	Devon
Kelly	Tomlinson	Paignton	Devon
Ken	Rowe	Paignton	Devon
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Kira	Northmore		
Laurence	Frewin		
Liam	Montgomery		
Linda	Norman	Paignton	Devon
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Lisa	Milne	Paignton	Devon
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Louise	Gilson		
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Mark	Sangan		
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Matthew	Dart	Paignton	Devon
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Michael	Jay	Paignton	Devon
Michael	Locke	Paignton	Devon
Michael	Morrison	Paignton	Devon
Mike	Parkes		
Miss J.D.	Treeby	Paignton	Devon
Miss J.V.	Treeby	Paignton	Devon
Miss K.	Bishop	Paignton	Devon
Mo	Heath	Paignton	Devon
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Mrs. S.	Baker	Paignton	Devon
Mrs. S.	Westlake	Paignton	Devon
Mr & Mrs	Rolfe	Paignton	Devon
Neil	Tozer	Paignton	Devon
Nigel & Janet	Jones		
Norma	Puryer	Paignton	Devon
Pam	Wells	Paignton	Devon
Patricia	Goss	Paignton	Devon
Patricia	Phipps	Paignton	Devon
Patrick	Allsop	Paignton	Devon
Paul	Martin	Paignton	Devon
Paul & Claire	Ward		
Paul and			
Jeanette	Barrett	Paignton	Devon
Paul	D'Gama	Paignton	Devon
Paul	Forsey	Paignton	Devon
Paul	Sutton	Paignton	Devon
Paula	Hermes		
Paula	Stewart	Paignton	Devon
Penny	Rickman	Paignton	Devon
Peter	Charters	Paignton	Devon
Peter	Kitley	Paignton	Devon
PS Tamzin	James		
		Newton	
R.	Palmer	Abbot	Devon
Rebecca	Wickenden	Paignton	Devon
Rebekah	Warner		
Rev Gillian	Maude		
Richard	Bruce	Paignton	Devon
Richard	Kascow		
Richard	Parish	Paignton	Devon
Richard	Skitch	Paignton	Devon
Richard	Stevens	Paignton	Devon
Rick	Heyse		
Rob	Dack	Paignton	Devon
Rob	Morris	Paignton	Devon
Robert	Brinicombe	Paignton	Devon
Rod	Maude	Paignton	Devon
Roger	Bristow		

Ron	Collins	Paignton	Devon
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Roy	Kinder	Paignton	Devon
Ruth	Edwards	Paignton	Devon
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Sandra	Hastings	Paignton	Devon
Simon	Slade	Paignton	Devon
Sindy	Adams	Paignton	Devon
Stephen	Martin	Paignton	Devon
Steve	Williams	Paignton	Devon
Susan	Kitley	Paignton	Devon
Susanne	Lang		
Stephen	Baker	Paignton	Devon
Steve	Williams	Paignton	Devon
Stuart	Lewton	Paignton	Devon
Suzi	Kitley	Paignton	Devon
Sylvia	Blampey	Paignton	Devon
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Tim	Reed	Paignton	Devon
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Wanda	Hollingworth	Paignton	Devon
Wendy	Spindlow	Paignton	Devon
Yvonne	Moorhouse		
Zoe	Matthews	Paignton	Devon

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