



Knowle West Area Neighbourhood Development Forum

BY EMAIL ONLY

3 August 2015

Dear Sarah

NOTICE OF VOLUNTARY CLOSURE OF THE KNOWLE WEST AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT FORUM UNDER REGULATION 12 OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING (GENERAL) REGULATIONS APRIL 2012

I am writing to confirm that the Knowle West Area Neighbourhood Development Forum (also known as Knowle West Future) as designated in July 2013 has voluntarily given up the powers related to a Neighbourhood Planning Forum as of 30th June 2015 in line with the above Regulations.

For the purposes of compliance with the Regulations I provide the following reasons:

- The lack of enough responses to the public exhibitions from the Forum membership, landowners, interested parties and wider community including local Councillors, held in early 2015 created concerns about how we could get support for the examination and the referendum.
- Lack of resources to go forward in the way we had intended with public engagement events in 2015 on the draft plan.
- There were limited resources available to the Forum for doing things like administration, fund raising etc.
- Limited support from the Knowle West Regeneration Project Board for the work of the Forum.

In terms of locations for place formal notices, I would agree with the BCC website, Brunel House and Central Library. I would also request that the notice is placed in the Libraries at Filwood Broadway and Marksbury Road as both cover the Forum area.

I hope this is satisfactory for the purposes of the Regulations. A copy of the formal notice would be appreciated for records.

The Forum is currently returning funding to a number of sources before closing its financial affairs.

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The intention in the longer term is to reconvene in some form to represent the community in the way the Regeneration Framework is being taken forward.

Can you please confirm whether it is the intention of the Council to keep the boundary agreed for the Forum, open for another Forum to take forward, and for how long?

Obviously, we are very saddened to lose this opportunity to enable the community in the widest sense to have a positive and direct input into the various planning and development initiatives underway in our area.

As previously discussed there will be a cheque for £120 which is the remainder of the funding received from Bristol City Council from DCLG following shortly; along with a financial statement which shows how the money has been spent.

The Council having been kept fully informed of progress of the Forum through minutes and papers, has already received copies of outputs from the Forum before it closed. Copies of these outputs will also be put on websites for public use.

A separate email will follow asking how the group even though it is not a Forum can be kept informed of planning applications.

Finally, we would like to say thank you for the help received from the Council, especially through the training events, your ongoing advice, and the attendance of Paul and Chris at our meetings.

This letter has been copied to the following people:
Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government – Greg Clark by Post
Andrew Mclean – Neighbourhoods
Paul Owens – Major Projects
Local Councillors in Filwood and Windmill Hill wards
Neighbourhood Planning Network

Yours sincerely

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On behalf of the KWANDF

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