

APPENDIX 3
Supporting Statement

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Dear

This is to advise that the Management Committee of the Denton South Neighbourhood Forum is formally requesting recognition from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.

In accordance with the requirements for the establishment of a Neighbourhood Planning Forum, a written constitution has now been drafted and a copy is attached with this application. The name shall be the *Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum*. A map of the Denton South area identifying the proposed area of benefit for the Neighbourhood Planning Forum is also attached.

The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum is already meeting the legal requirements demanded. Our purpose is to promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Denton South area - as outlined in Article 4 of our constitution.

The objectives of the Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum are:

4a. To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the Denton South area.

4b. To promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Denton South area; including the carrying on of trades, professions or other businesses reflecting the character of the neighbourhood area.

4c. Any other appropriate purpose agreed by the Forum.

We have already surpassed the minimum membership requirement of 21 members and each one of our members lives in the Denton South area. Membership is open to all who live and work in the Denton South area as stated in Article 6 of our constitution.

6a. The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum will comprise at least 21 individuals who live or work in the Denton South Neighbourhood Area or who are elected members of a district council, any of whose area falls within the Denton South Neighbourhood Area. 6b. Membership is open to all individuals who live or work in the Denton South Neighbourhood Area. It is also open to individuals who are elected members of Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council whose ward falls within the Denton South Neighbourhood Area. 6c. Membership shall be drawn from different parts of the Denton South Neighbourhood Area and different sections of the community in the Denton South Neighbourhood Area. 6d. Members shall be accepted by the Forum; resignations from membership shall be received by the Forum.

The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum has an open membership policy and this is enshrined in Article 3 of our constitution.

Inclusion/Equalities Statement. 3a. The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum shall not be affiliated to any political party or organisation. 3b. The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum is committed to a policy of inclusion of all members of the community and to the prevention of any form of discrimination regarding age, gender, sexual orientation, disability, religious belief or in any other form: 3c. The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum is also committed to seeking out the views of those in the community who may be harder to reach, to maximise inclusion and participation in its activities and the decision making process.

The Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum has been and is continuing to secure membership from each required category and from different places and sections of the community in the Denton South area through holding regular public meetings, use of poster displays and online media and by the continuing distribution of leaflets across the Denton South area which are providing information regarding the aims and activities of the Forum to local residents.

The officers of the Management Committee are:

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In conclusion, the Management Committee and Members have met each of the requirements necessary for the formal designation of the Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum; and we respectfully request recognition from Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council.

Yours faithfully,

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Carl Simmons
Chair
Denton South Neighbourhood Planning Forum