

<b>Comment reference – Area Application</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Support/Object</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
NA01	The area covers the main users and contributors to the central bell green traffic	Support	Noted
NA02	Bell Green has been overlooked for too long, as it sits at the junction of four wards. The Neighbourhood Area follows historical precedent, as representing the core of the original Manor and 16th century location of Sydenham. The central ex-industrial area provides an ideal opportunity for a redevelopment, with improvements to public transport access, and pedestrian safety.	Support	Noted
NA03	The neighbourhood area is in severe need of planning decisions made for the lasting benefit of the local community, therefore this is a positive move to realise the potential of the area and prevent further loss of local amenity.	Support	Noted
NA04	Important for neighbourhood to have a say in planning	Support	Noted
NA05	Support — local power matters	Support	Noted
NA06	No comment submitted	Not Answered	N/A
NA07	The more locals involved in decision making has to be good for the area	Not Answered	Noted

NA08	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA09	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA10	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA11	I live here with my children and want to help plan a more improved area for the future	Support	Noted
NA12	<p>Because you have included an area which is now part of Rushey Green ward which is not listed in your proposal Particularly [REDACTED]</p> <p>Because I do not want an unelected body comprising of people whose plans I don't know to have any control over my immediate neighbourhood</p>	Object	Noted
NA13	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA14	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA15	No comment submitted	Support	N/A

NA16	Direct Local involvement and accountability of actual residents is a democratic improvement	Support	Noted
NA17	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA18	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA19	This area is at the intersection of a couple of neighbourhoods and would benefit from a community designation, sense of place and defining characteristics. This would build custodianship and pride in the area, while encouraging businesses and investment.	Support	Noted
NA20	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA21	I believe this area really needs investment for people in this community to thrive.	Support	Noted
NA22	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA23	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA24	No comment submitted	Support	N/A

NA25	<p>It would be great to have an organisation that is focused on building up the community through activities and events, as there is not too much going on in the area currently.</p> <p>We have two young kids, and there are lots of families in the local area, Who I'm sure would like to see more family aimed community events.</p> <p>The river pool waterway path is such a great resource to have, I'm sure I could be made of it, and the surrounding green spaces.</p>	Support	Noted
NA26	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA27	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA28	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA29	<p>Bell green is a car dominated area, dominated by an out of town retail park and huge expanses of car park.</p> <p>I want to see changes which work for the people who live, work and use Bell Green as their home.</p>	Support	Noted
NA30	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA31	It covers an area that is sorely in need of attention and development.	Support	Noted

NA32	<p>To be honest I really don't understand what you're going to be doing. I did hear that you was planning to move lower Sydenham station to Sainsburys or somewhere near. Stupid</p>	Support	Noted
NA33	<p>The neighbourhood area (NA) boundary proposed does not define a coherent neighbourhood with common characteristics. It covers the Bell Green retail park (mainly the area of the former gasworks) and selective parts of the catchment / hinterland that are served by retail and other businesses of Bell Green. As such the adoption of a NA on these boundaries would effectively 'blight' the progress of other potential NAs covering parts of this area, which form parts of other neighborhoods with consistent common features, such as (but not limited to) the Bellingham 'cottage' estate (to the East), the residential / retail area of Lower Sydenham to the Southwest, and the mainly residential neighbourhood to the North along Perry Hill. Whilst these (and their residents) may all have a relationship with Bell Green, as users of services there as a retail/district centre, they will similarly relate to other, longer-established centres such as Catford and Sydenham.</p> <p>A NA with a more rational boundary could be of benefit to the Bell Green area and its' future regeneration, and be more representative of residents of the area, by being confined to the site itself and the immediately surrounding road network and transport links. It would include the Livesey Hall and associated land (which was connected to the former industrial site), but has little relationship to the houses of Selworthy Road and other residential roads further North. Bell Green is similarly divided by the river and railway line from the residential streets which are</p>	Object	Noted

	<p>clearly part of (and were developed with) the cottage estate of Bellingham. It makes sense to include the road network that now form the gyratory system and access to the site; and the present site of Lower Sydenham rail station in a NA; but the Home Park estate and Home Park itself have a distinct character of their own and their residents may not be well represented in the views of a NF with the arbitrary boundary proposed. A more viable Southern boundary would be Stanton Way. There is similarly no justification for including an arbitrary area of residential streets within Sydenham and Perry Vale wards.</p> <p>A more limited NA as described above would focus on the area of common history and character, and the present (small) and future (potentially much larger) residential population of this area.</p> <p>I am objecting to the present proposal mainly because it would preclude the development of a much more focused and beneficial area, and plan, and would risk dominating the views of residents and other stakeholders in the key area, by those of a few others with less direct interests.</p>		
NA34	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA35	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA36	The area has great potential but has never been considered holistically, and as such is very dysfunctional. It's almost impossible to cross the road within parts of the retail estate, the schools are surrounded by heavily polluted roads and there is no community hub to draw people together.	Support	Noted

NA37	Local residents should be consulted about changes that are happening/going to happen in their own areas in order to influence the planned changes for the better	Support	Noted
NA38	A neighbourhood plan will provide a tangible voice to the local community in planning policy.	Support	Noted
NA39	I don't know enough to object and am in principle supportive - currently consulting with the other Friends to find out what view we have overall.	Not Answered	Noted
NA40	It will help foster a sense of community participation in the area.	Support	Noted
NA41	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA42	I support the application as I see it as a way to promote a more cohesive approach to developing the area for its residents when development so far has been more focused on business and commercial development (large retail) with little or no attention to quality of life in the local area (traffic, road safety, green spaces, small business, community amenities -art, leisure, library...etc). I believe there could be other reasons for people to visit and enjoy the area than the large retail park.	Support	Noted
NA43	No comment submitted	Not Answered	N/A

NA44	<p>It's very confusing how half of Moremead Road will be in the Bell Green Forum and half will not as it seems to stop at Firhill. I feel the main users of the facilities in Bell Green do come from Bellingham.</p> <p>If it must be divided, perhaps stop/start from King Alfred Ave??</p>	Object	Noted
NA45	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA46	<p>Better planning is need in this area. No vision or forward thinking on how to better area. Blighted by ugly new builds. Poor traffic Infrastructure around Bill Green leading to excess traffic leading back up to Perry Hill. More housing would add to this problem. Need more community based areas. Home park, Southend lane park and bells green park can be unwelcoming areas. Fly tipping common problem in Bellingham &amp; bell green area with no consequence.</p>	Support	Noted
NA47	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA48	<p>It feels like a geographically coherent area, but seems as if it has developed piecemeal and no-one has taken an overview, except perhaps road planners. Driving down there is not too bad, but the experience for pedestrians and cyclists is unnecessarily unpleasant. There are 5 primary schools in the neighbourhood area, and it is increasingly residential. People in the area should be able to walk safely to school and shops. It would be even better if the walk were enjoyable!</p>	Support	Noted



NA49	It is important that local people have real input into plans for improving the area in which we live, and are able to object to closures, changes and new building proposals which do not enhance the local environment.	Support	Noted
NA50	No Comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA51	I support this proposed Bell Green neighbourhood area as it will give residents in the area more say on developments and improvements taking place.	Support	Noted
NA52	No comment submitted	Object	N/A
NA53	It's an area that is in a bit of a 'no mans land' and I think as a result does not have an identity or love and care given to it... could do with it!	Support	Noted
NA54	I strongly support this neighbourhood area. This area has been long forgotten and the area could be improved considerably through a forum that is able to lead initiatives and support the development of the area with the council.	Support	Noted
NA55	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA56	The area is of terrible outdated design. It could be argued that the hyper-market model of shopping is outmoded and that the shops could be reduced and the concessions such as specsavers /Argos houses in a range is smaller typical shops creating more of a high-street feel with apartments above and lots of trees.	Support	Noted

	<p>Development should include new facilities to match new resident volume:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- new sports centre with pool to replace Bridge</li> <li>-new health centre</li> <li>-new layout with gyratory removed</li> <li>-green spaces and plenty of new trees</li> <li>- Footbridge</li> <li>- better crossings on Southend Lane</li> <li>- opening of Southend Park on Southend lane opposite Moremead rd to promote green corridor</li> <li>-train station moved to petrol station or Southend Lane road</li> </ul> <p>bridge sites with bus connections</p> <p>These things will benefit the community on all sides of the Bell Green Area including in Bellingham and in Meadowview</p>		
NA57	<p>It's not very nice at the moment. Improving it will benefit all the areas mapped!</p>	Support	Noted
NA58	<p>No Comment Submitted</p>	Support	N/A
NA59	<p>I believe that we should have an organisation that has a say in the future of our area.</p>	Support	Noted
NA60	<p>See above. + The proposal feeds into the larger programme but is not advertised as such. It is disingenuous.</p>	Object	Noted

NA61	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA62	No Comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA63	I neither support nor object to the proposed neighbourhood designation. I would need to know how such a Forum would impact the service already rendered by the current Fora. Without such knowledge I feel I would be fumbling in the dark.	Not Answered	Noted
NA64	I support it on the grounds this should ensure that any development in the area positively affects the local residents.	Support	Noted
NA65	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA66	The Sydenham Society supports the proposed designation. In our view it will help facilitate a 'bottom up' rather than 'top down' approach to development. It will enable volunteers to get involved - their efforts will help support the work of the Council. In addition a neighbourhood forum will help create community cohesion and will enable all local stakeholders to get involved.	Support	Noted
NA67	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NA68	No comment submitted	Support	N/A

NA69	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
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**Table 2 – Citizen Space responses Neighbourhood Forum**

<b>Comment Reference - Forum Application</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Support/Object</b>	<b>Officer comment</b>
NF01	Bell Green has had radical development over the past ten years since we moved to the area, not all of it positive. I support having a group of invested people to represent those who live, work, study or receive some benefit of the area to ensure any further development is in the interests of those groups of people.	Support	Noted
NF02	The Neighbourhood Forum would allow the local communities to come together and have a say in the future of our environment. It would improve community cohesion, and bring about positive change for our futures.	Support	Noted
NF03	The forum will provide leadership and cohesive change	Support	Noted
NF04	It's a good idea to have a group that council need to consult with on planning	Support	Noted
NF05	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF06	I live almost in the centre of the proposed BGNF and therefore directly affected by the local issues. I am extremely keen to improve my local area - particularly in developing the 15-neighbourhood and walking/cycling and greenery. I think this group would go towards helping to achieve that and fully support the application	Support	Noted
NF07	I have no comment to make on the area chosen.	Not Answered	Noted
NF08	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF09	No comment submitted	Support	N/A

NF10	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF11	I live here with my children and want to help plan a more improved area for the future	Support	Noted
NF12	I object to an unelected group who I do not know, who may have specific business aims or development intentions to have control over decisions which may impact negatively on my immediate neighbourhood.  Because I don't know whether it's ultimate aims will be to my benefit	Object	Noted
NF13	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF14	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF15	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF16	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF17	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF18	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF19	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF20	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF21	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF22	No comment submitted	Support	N/A

NF23	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF24	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF25	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF26	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF27	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF28	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF29	I support the aims of the neighbourhood forum, as local people have a better visions of what would work for their area.	Support	Noted
NF30	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF31	It's vitally important to have the residents opinion and input into the development of their area	Support	Noted
NF32	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF33	For the reasons above relating to the area 'claimed' by the proposed forum. Also because the promotion and development of the forum to date has not been inclusive and seems to be driven by a collection of potentially conflicting interests.	Object	Noted
NF34	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF35	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF36	Having a group to consult on planned changes or seeking to improve the current area would be great. Given the poverty in our children's	Support	Noted

	school, many parents work multiple jobs and are time poor. The area, including the wonderful river, have huge potential to be far nicer and safer.		
NF37	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF38	Supported as it is a really good thing for the area, lots of local knowledge and opinions to influence planning.	Support	Noted
NF39	I don't know enough to object and am in principle supportive - currently consulting with the other Friends to find out what view we have overall.	Not Answered	Noted
NF40	It will help foster a sense of community participation in the area.	Support	Noted
NF41	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF42	Same reason as above – comment relates to comment ref[]	Support	Noted
NF43	<p>There is insufficient data within the prop [REDACTED] to ensure it is truest reflective. Indeed the voting forum membership appears to be less than 20 fir and area with hundreds of households and significant numbers of businesses.</p> <p>The engagement set out is incomplete! As a long standing resident of over 25 years living exceptionally close to bell green I have not received any leaflet nor notification of this proposal and or plans. The engagement and apparent representation process is flawed and exclusive if you do not already belong or have been invited to join an existing neighbourhood group!</p> <p>The proposals the forum have set out are very generic overarching aims within which any number of activities could be considered over the 5years of members tenure. A more detailed manifesto is required.</p>	Object	<p>Noted</p> <p>The consultation activities undertaken by the council during this consultation meet the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (General) 2012 and the Lewisham Council SCI</p>



	The data submitted in relation to children and deprivation is floating with little to no reference to its relevance nor targets, aspirations and plans for improvement.		
NF44	It's very confusing how half of Moremead Road will be in the Bell Green Forum and half will not as it seems to stop at Firhill. I feel the main users of the facilities in Bell Green do come from Bellingham.  If it must be divided, perhaps stop/start from King Alfred Ave??	Object	Noted
NF45	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF46	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF47	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF48	See above  I hope the forum will take an overview and improve the neighbourhood for residents and those who live nearby. If this makes it less accessible to some who are more distant, then so be it.	Support	Noted
NF49	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF50	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF51	I support the Bell Green Neighbourhood Forum as it will give residents more say over developments affecting the area, especially those relating to transport, housing, historic buildings and green spaces.	Support	Noted
NF52	I am not convinced the forum is truly representative of the composition of the area. It is well-established that the forum has been created by	Object	Noted

	<p>some residents who have very strong views on planning and development in the area, and who have campaigned vigorously on these issues previously.</p> <p>While those views are entirely legitimate, there is a real risk that this forum is not a genuine consultative forum to formulate views representative of the entire area. Rather, there is a risk that it serves as a vehicle that presents the already-formed views of a small number of residents as those of the community as a whole. This would risk stifling the views of residents who favour a different approach to development but are not represented in the forum.</p> <p>The claim that the BGNF enjoyed wide public support and has received "very positive" feedback is un-evidenced. The proposed methods for consultation on the proposed plan is also unexplained.</p>		
NF53	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF54	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF55	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF56	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF57	<p>It's not very nice at the moment. The train station is in a very silly place which doesn't connect with the buses and the walkways to the shopping centre are horrible, full of rubbish and look like a prison. Or you walk through /across a Petrol station which is not safe. The carpark is massive, and almost never full. It would be so good to have proper transport connections and less car parks, more facilities (leisure centre? Doctors? especially if more densely packed housing is going to go in)</p> <p>The traffic runs too close to the school. It's just badly planned out. The river walk should continue across Southend lane into the park there -</p>	Support	Noted

	<p>open up the river!  Make it into something streets with shops at the bottom and flats on the top. 10 stories max.  Green space/ parks!</p>		
NF58	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF59	I believe that we should have an organisation that has a say in the future of our area	Support	N/A
NF60	See all the above – comment relates to comment ref[]	Object	Noted
NF61	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF62	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF63	I need to know more about the mandate of such Forum being set up.	Not Answered	Noted
NF64	No comment submitted	Support	N/A
NF65	<p>I believe residents should have a chance to give input on plans for the neighbourhood.</p> <p>The area is currently marred by bad planning especially in respect to traffic. We don't want this to keep happening. Development has made the area vehicle-centric and impossible for pedestrians to navigate. It has also made the area aesthetically unattractive despite its potential advantages such as the riverside, the beautiful home park, library and livesey hall . The result is an uncoordinated characterless neighbourhood plagued by crime, vandalism and traffic fumes. Give residents a chance to have an input and create a liveable neighbourhood designed to promote their well being and capitalise on the area's assets.</p>	Support	Noted

NF66	The Sydenham Society supports the proposed designation. In our view it will help facilitate a 'bottom up' rather than 'top down' approach to development. It will enable volunteers to get involved - their efforts will help support the work of the Council. In addition a neighbourhood forum will help create community cohesion and will enable all local stakeholders to get involved.	Support	Noted
NF67	Early signs suggest the volunteers behind the neighbourhood area have a positive vision for an area that has been unloved for some time. This also includes a significant amount of new housing which is much needed.	Support	Noted
NF68	N/A	Support	N/A
NF69	N/A	Support	N/A

**Table 3 – Citizen Space Further Comments Neighbourhood Area and Forum**

<b>Comment Reference – Further Comments (Citizen Space)</b>	<b>comment</b>	<b>Officer comment</b>
FC01	Please let us do this. It is really important locally, and the area needs the attention it has missed, being peripheral to four wards. A Neighbourhood Forum could bring focus onto the area, and plan for a better future.	Noted
FC02	Yes  While I have received this by email I think many local residents will be unaware and will have a decision to form a quango made without a genuine Consultation	Noted  The consultation activities undertaken by the council during this consultation meet the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (General) 2012 and the Lewisham Council SCI
FC03	This consultation has to reach a wider number of people and its aims and the people and possible devopers behind it need to be more transparent	Noted  The consultation activities undertaken by the council during this consultation meet the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (General) 2012 and the Lewisham Council SCI
FC04	This area has long had a neglected feel to it from the council, a neighbourhood forum run by residents will ensure the needs of the residents are considered and improvements are made.	Noted
FC05	If it was actually clearer as to what you are intending to do that would be a good thing to know	Noted

		This is not a Council project. If successful in their designation it will be the responsibility of the Neighbourhood Forum to draft a Neighbourhood Plan for the proposed Neighbourhood Area.
FC06	As a individual, it all seems fine; but I will check with the other Friends as to whether the organisation supports the plans.	Noted
FC07	<p>I strongly oppose this application in the basis that it's level I'd engage the abs inclusivity us extremely flawed in fact there is only one reference to equality in the document when the demographics of the proposed area is exceptionally diverse. There is no data about engagement other than a referee to 40 people attending a meeting and unsubstantiated positive feedback to the creation of a forum.</p> <p>Before an unknown group of 12 people are given the authority for an area with several hundred of residents and businesses, full abs proper engagement must take place.</p> <p>The vast majority of those that will be affected are unaware snd will be deemed 'hard to reach' when in fact little concerted effort to reach them has been made!</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>The proposed forum met the requirements for membership outlined in the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 and the Town and Country Planning Act 1990</p>
FC08	The rail crossing within the Bell Green neighbourhood isn't accessible to buggy users (mums with children in a buggies that can't easily be carried), wheelchair users or bike users( the provisional bike rail can't be safely used by children or even riders that are less able physically to lift their bikes). There is space for ramps either way of the rail, so more people had easier access to the linear park, shopping centre in Bell Green and access to Sydenham.	Noted

FC09	I can't wait to see how the area will improve and evolve in the coming years.	Noted
FC10	It's great that it is happening. Exciting future!	Noted
FC11	This is a further proof of the lack of scrutiny at Lewisham.	Noted  The consultation activities undertaken by the council during this consultation meet the requirements set out in the Neighbourhood Planning Regulations (General) 2012 and the Lewisham Council SCI
FC12	I presume that by having a Councillor make the application for this Forum, it will be funded by the Council, taking priority over, for example, Forums like Lewisham Pensioners Forum. Until the status is clarified I feel unable to respond more positively.	Noted  The Neighbourhood Forum if successful in their designation will not receive funding directly from the Council and will be required to apply for funding through the Neighbourhood Plans Grant program available from central government and administered through Locality
FC13	Neighbourhood Forums have been set up in other parts of the borough (eg Crofton and Grove Park) and have a track record of success.	Noted
FC14	I'm very enthusiastic about the proposed neighbourhood area & neighbourhood forum designations for Bell Green. The area is very unique & has great potential, but suffers from a bit of an 'identity crisis' as it sits in a no-man's land between Catford, Bellingham, Sydenham & Forest Hill. Having an official neighbourhood	Noted

	designation should help the community grow and evolve with renewed confidence.	
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**Table 4 – Written Representations Neighbourhood Area and Forum**

<b>Comment reference – Written Responses</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Support/Object</b>	<b>Officer Comment</b>
WR01	<p>I am writing in response to the public consultation on the application for a Bell Green Neighbourhood Forum.</p> <p>As you know, I was a Councillor for Bellingham Ward from the period of 2006 until May 2022. I have an intimate knowledge of the locality and the neighbourhoods surrounding Bell Green having been an active local advocate and Councillor for the area and Lewisham as a Borough. I maintain links with the area as a campaigner for the nationally Listed Livesey Hall, as a Member of the Brent Knoll and Watergate Schools' Trust and as a local resident in west Lewisham myself. Of course, I am listed as a signatory to the proposed application.</p> <p>This proposed Bell Green Neighbourhood Area and Forum application centres around Bell Green and the old Gas Works. This area has been the subject of a large and complex planning application and the subject of a public inquiry. In February 1993, outline planning permission was granted for the entire Bell Green Gas Works site, for the redevelopment of the former gas works to provide a mix of retail and industrial uses, along with the provision of a linear park.</p> <p>Subsequently, the Pool River Linear Park has been created and this is recognised by the boundaries of the proposed Forum. The Borough boundary is respected in the south as a longstanding natural dividing line. Areas either side of the River Pool moving towards the railway bridge at Catford Bridge have been included. The low railway bridge at Catford station makes a familiar natural barrier that local residents and south circular drivers' will know well. This was chosen as the administrative boundary for the old Bellingham Ward up until 2022.</p>	Support	Noted

	<p>Indeed, the Bellingham &amp; Perry Hill, Middle Super Output Area use this railway bridge circa 1889, as the boundary.</p> <p>It is important to include land either side of the River Pool within the Bell Green Neighbourhood Area and Forum as these form important flood defences and recreation alike. For example, the Catford Wildcat Wilderness on an allotment site provides a useful open, green space.</p> <p>The Bellingham Play Park and the Bellingham railway footbridge linking the Bellingham Estate, Bell Green and Perry Hill are import local community facilities for the residents of Perry Hill roads including Clowers Road, Datchet Road, Winsford Road etc. They are the immediate neighbours of the old Gas Works as it was developed in the mid to late 19th Century and remain the nearest neighbours of the retail park now. I should mention that the Grade II Listed Livesey Memorial Hall and surrounding land was built as a social club for the people working within the Gas Works. The catchment area includes Lower Sydenham - again an area with many historic links to the old Gas Works - but these links remain with the new and continuing uses now. Including them all within the proposed boundaries will strengthen community engagement within the neighbourhood - it is right to include all these residents from the outset.</p> <p>Immense opportunities exist to improve the area around Bell Green. The establishment of this forum will provide the Council with a real mechanism to consult meaningfully with informed local residents on any emerging development proposals. An objective that I hope we can all agree.</p>		
WR02	Thank you for your notification dated 30 May 2022, inviting National Highways to comment on an application for a Bell Green Neighbourhood Area and Forum; seeking responses no later than 07 July 2022.	Support	N/A

	<p>National Highways has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the strategic road network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such National Highways works to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long-term operation and integrity.</p> <p>We will therefore be concerned with proposals that have the potential to impact the safe and efficient operation of our network. The area in question is circa 17km from M25 J3, with the proposal presenting no discerable impact on our network.</p> <p>National Highways have undertaken a review of the application for Bell Green Neighbourhood Area and Forum, and raise no objections.</p>		
WR03	<p><b>Application for Designation of the Bell Green Neighbourhood Neighbourhood Area and Forum</b></p> <p>Thank you for your consultation request dated and received 26th May 2022 notifying Natural England of the above application for the <b>Neighbourhood Area and Forum</b>.</p> <p>Natural England does not wish to make comment on the suitability of the proposed plan area or the proposed neighbourhood planning body.</p>	Neither Support or Object	N/A
WR04	<p>Thank you for consulting the Port of London Authority (PLA) on the above mentioned consultation, from a local community group in the Bell Green Area seeking the designation of a new neighbourhood area and neighbourhood forum. Given the location of the proposed area and its proximity to the Tidal Thames, the PLA has no comments to make.</p>	Neither Support or Object	N/A

WR05	<p>Thank you for consulting Transport for London (TfL). The proposed Neighbourhood Area extends to the A205 South Circular which forms part of the Transport for London Road Network (TLRN) at the northern tip and Lower Sydenham station in the south. As noted in the application, there are also a number of bus routes through the area. In response to feedback from our 2019 public consultation, TfL is carrying out feasibility work on a potential further stage of the Bakerloo line extension (BLE) project beyond Lewisham using the existing rail route to Hayes and Beckenham Junction including the section of line included in the proposed Neighbourhood Area.</p> <p>As well as its statutory role in the delivery of the Mayor’s Transport Strategy and London Plan transport policies, TfL has responsibility for the planning and operation of bus services and for the TLRN as highway authority. However, the railway lines and stations are the responsibility of Network Rail and the Train Operating Companies (Thameslink and South Eastern).</p> <p>We look forward to engaging with the Forum on strategic transport issues as the Neighbourhood Plan is developed. However due to the current TfL finding situation it is likely that potential transport improvements will only be delivered if they are fully funded through development or by using other sources of external funding such as CIL or Levelling Up Funds.</p>	Neither Support or Object	<p>N/A</p> <p>This consultation is considering whether or not there is support for the designation for a Neighbourhood Area and Forum. Any planning policy considerations submitted through this consultation will not be considered at this stage</p>
WR05	<p>As Councillors of Rushey Green we are objecting to the formation of the Bell Green Neighbourhood Area and Forum on the following grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It does not represent a natural community identifiable by us as local councillors nor within Lewisham Council’s own Lewisham Borough Characterisation study, which places Catford firmly in the central part of the borough. “The Central Area includes Lewisham, Catford and Hither Green all of which have a strong</li> </ul>	Object	Noted

	<p>relationship with the Ravensbourne, Pool and Quaggy rivers. This area has a varied housing character which reflects where areas have grown and those which were destroyed in WWII. In this area the focus is on opportunities to reinforce the high road and create new connections through large inflexible blocks in the town centres, whilst improving the prominence of the green and blue assets in the valley.”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The designation of a neighbourhood plan that transects part of the Catford Opportunity area, but not wholly, will lead to a discontinuous approach to place-making and shaping, and will be unhelpful to good citizen engagement.</li> <li>• The communities of Bell Green and Catford are not the same. Their experience of interacting with the built environment and their needs from their locality are different.</li> <li>• Principally we do not feel that local neighbourhood fora should be of this size and a smaller more localised approach is preferable. We would also have reservations about a forum setting a suite of planning policies, approaches and priorities where there is such an imbalance between the communities it is trying to straddle. Specifically we are concerned that receipts raised for regeneration in Catford to ameliorate the impact of that development will be dispersed beyond the community which is feeling its impacts.</li> </ul>		
WR06	<p>Thank you for your notification below regarding the Bell Green Neighbourhood Area and Forum Consultation</p> <p>The Coal Authority is only a statutory consultee for coalfield Local Authorities. As Lewisham Council lies outside the coalfield, there is no requirement for you to consult us and / or notify us of any emerging neighbourhood plans.</p>	Neither Support or Object	N/A

	<p>This email can be used as evidence for the legal and procedural consultation requirements at examination, if necessary.</p>		
	<p>Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above neighbourhood plan.</p> <p>Government planning policy, within the <b>National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)</b>, identifies how the planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Encouraging communities to become more physically active through walking, cycling, informal recreation and formal sport plays an important part in this process. Providing enough sports facilities of the right quality and type in the right places is vital to achieving this aim. This means that positive planning for sport, protection from the unnecessary loss of sports facilities, along with an integrated approach to providing new housing and employment land with community facilities is important.</p> <p>It is essential therefore that the neighbourhood plan reflects and complies with national planning policy for sport as set out in the NPPF with particular reference to Pars 98 and 99. It is also important to be aware of Sport England’s statutory consultee role in <b>protecting playing fields</b> and the presumption against the loss of playing field land. Sport England’s playing fields policy is set out in our Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document.</p> <p><a href="https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy">https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy</a></p> <p>Sport England provides guidance on <b>developing planning policy</b> for sport and further information can be found via the link below. Vital to the development and implementation of planning policy is the evidence base on which it is founded.</p>	<p>Neither Support or Object</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>This consultation is considering whether or not there is support for the designation for a Neighbourhood Area and Forum. Any planning policy considerations submitted through this consultation will not be considered at this stage</p>

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Sport England works with local authorities to ensure their Local Plan is underpinned by robust and up to date evidence. In line with Par 99 of the NPPF, this takes the form of **assessments of need and strategies for indoor and outdoor sports facilities**. A neighbourhood planning body should look to see if the relevant local authority has prepared a playing pitch strategy or other indoor/outdoor sports facility strategy. If it has then this could provide useful evidence for the neighbourhood plan and save the neighbourhood planning body time and resources gathering their own evidence. It is important that a neighbourhood plan reflects the recommendations and actions set out in any such strategies, including those which may specifically relate to the neighbourhood area, and that any local investment opportunities, such as the Community Infrastructure Levy, are utilised to support their delivery.

Where such evidence does not already exist then relevant planning policies in a neighbourhood plan should be based on a proportionate assessment of the need for sporting provision in its area. Developed in consultation with the local sporting and wider community any assessment should be used to provide key recommendations and deliverable actions. These should set out what provision is required to ensure the current and future needs of the community for sport can be met and, in turn, be able to support the development and implementation of planning policies. Sport England's guidance on assessing needs may help with such work.

<http://www.sportengland.org/planningtoolsandguidance>

If **new or improved sports facilities** are proposed Sport England recommend you ensure they are fit for purpose and designed in accordance with our design guidance notes.

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Any **new housing** developments will generate additional demand for sport. If existing sports facilities do not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then planning policies should look to ensure that new sports facilities, or improvements to existing sports facilities, are secured and delivered. Proposed actions to meet the demand should accord with any approved local plan or neighbourhood plan policy for social infrastructure, along with priorities resulting from any assessment of need, or set out in any playing pitch or other indoor and/or outdoor sports facility strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and its Planning Practice Guidance (Health and wellbeing section), links below, consideration should also be given to how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing planning policies and developing or assessing individual proposals.

Active Design, which includes a model planning policy, provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The guidance, and its accompanying checklist, could also be used at the evidence gathering stage of developing a neighbourhood plan to help undertake an assessment of how the design and layout of the area currently enables people to lead active lifestyles and what could be improved.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>



	<p>PPG Health and wellbeing section: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing</a></p> <p>Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <a href="https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign">https://www.sportengland.org/activedesign</a></p> <p><i>(Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role or any grant application/award that may relate to the site.)</i></p> <p>If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.</p>		
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