

# Neighbourhood Planning forum Refusal Statement

**Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (section 61F) and The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (Regulation 10(2))**

**Name of designated Neighbourhood Planning area:** Bell Green Neighbourhood Area

**Name of Applicant:** Bell Green Neighbourhood Forum

**Consultation Period:** 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2022

## **Decision**

Notice is hereby given that the London Borough of Lewisham, pursuant to a decision made on the 24<sup>th</sup> August 2022, has refused the designation of the Bell Green Neighbourhood Forum.

## **Reasons for Decision**

The council considers that the submitted forum application has been made for an area which is not appropriate as a neighbourhood area as it covers a wide ranging area, incorporating parts of 4 wards, which is not an easily identifiable neighbourhood

The council therefore concludes that because the area applied for is not agreed as constituting an appropriate area, the membership of the applied for forum cannot be found to comply with Section 61F(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 part (c);

- Having a membership of a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom lives, works or is an elected member in the neighbourhood concerned

## **Inspection**

This refusal statement can be inspected on the Council's neighbourhood planning webpages at

<https://lewisham.gov.uk/myservices/planning/policy/neighbourhood-plans/neighbourhood-planning-a-new-method-of-planning>

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