



South Newnham (Cambridge City) Neighbourhood Forum Membership Statement

South Newnham Neighbourhood Forum was established in January 2017 and designated by Cambridge City Council on 22 March 2017. As of 22 March 2022, the membership numbers 50 and is drawn from across the South Newnham neighbourhood area as shown in the map below.

Members are representative of the community and include current and retired schoolteachers, current and retired council employees, home makers, part-time office workers, engineers, business owners with employees living in the neighbourhood area, current and retired university academics and researchers, and members of medical, legal, accounting, architectural, writing and journalism professions.

The Forum continues to encourage and welcome new members, and membership continues to grow and is open to all those who live and work in the area, are elected members for the area, or are representatives of community groups in the area.

The South Newnham Neighbourhood Forum was set up with the following objectives which are laid out in the Forum's constitution:

- To promote and improve the social, economic and environmental well-being of the area defined as 'South Newnham'.
- To prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for the South Newnham Neighbourhood Area.
- Any other appropriate purpose agreed by the Forum, through the Annual General Meeting (AGM) or Extraordinary General meeting (EGM).

Outlined below are the prime activities that the Forum has been engaged in, which are in line with the objectives detailed above and in the Constitution.

The Forum has worked with Newnham Residents' Associations, and in particular has supported initiatives to form Friends' Groups to help protect and enhance the environmental well-being of the neighbourhood area. Friends' Groups that the Forum has played a role in establishing within the neighbourhood area include Friends of Paradise Nature Reserve, Friends of Sheep's Green and Lammas Land, and Friends of Skaters Meadow Footpath.

As a Statutory Consultee, the Forum has commented on 59 planning applications of concern for residents, and supported by residents, has submitted 8 applications for local heritage assets to be recognised as Buildings on Local Interest.

The Forum has also responded to consultations material to the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the neighbourhood including:

- The Newnham Residents Parking Scheme
- The Greater Cambridge Barton/Haslingfield Greenways Consultation
- The Government White Paper on Planning
- Lighting on the Driftway and across Lammas Land

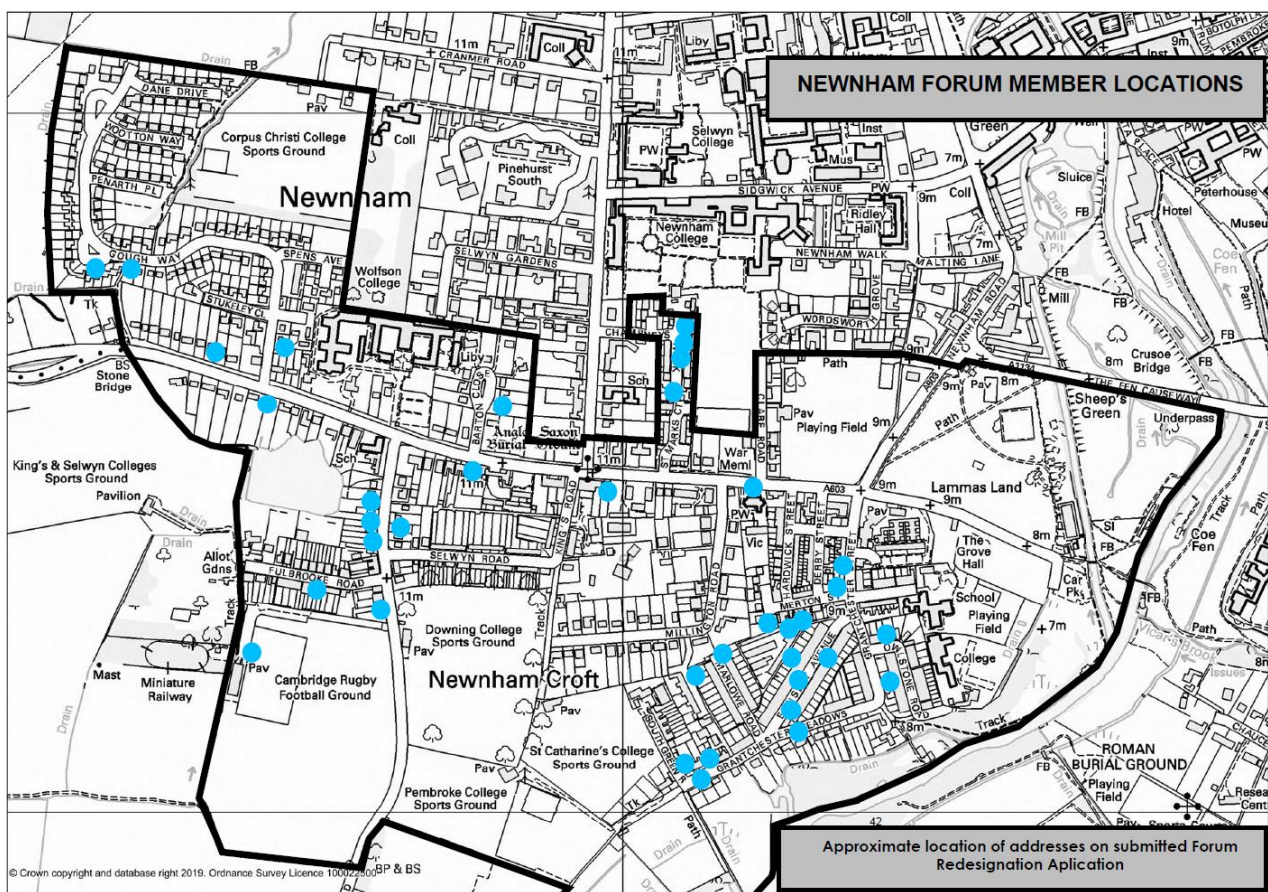
The Forum has worked to develop and write a Neighbourhood Plan, and 46 volunteers have collected a comprehensive database on our neighbourhood, street by street. Using this information and reflecting input from residents at community workshops, and the advice of Greater Cambridge Shared

Planning, a writing team has drafted a Neighbourhood Plan. A draft was submitted for review by the Shared Planning Service in Sept/October 2019. Unfortunately, the Covid Pandemic caused a substantial delay in rewriting the Plan following feedback from the Shared Planning Service. The Plan has now been rewritten and is ready for review by Shared Planning. The Plan comprises a core plan with development policies and maps that are supported by a Basic Condition Statement, a Consultation Statement, an Evidence Base, and Street Appraisals.

Residents who were not members of the Forum have been actively engaged in and contributed to plan making. Community workshops were held to solicit input on what residents valued and they wanted to keep and wanted to change. The volunteers who collected data street by street to provide a comprehensive database were not always Forum members. When drafted, the plan has been presented and discussed at a number of local meetings to solicit feedback that has resulted in amendments and edits to the Plan.

An AGM was held on 8 March 2022 to review the activities and achievements of the Forum to date, and to vote on whether the Forum should continue and work to submit and gain approval for the Neighbourhood Plan, and whether the Forum should seek redesignation by the Greater Cambridge Shared Planning.

Eighteen members and two ward councillors attended the meeting, and the members voted unanimously that the Forum should continue, work to complete the Plan, and apply to Greater Cambridge Shared Planning to be redesignated.



22 March 2022