

DENBIGH STREET RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

NAME AND AREA

- 1. The name of the association is "Denbigh Street Residents' Association (DSRA) (The Association)
- 2. The Area is known as "Denbigh Street, Pimlico"

MISSION STATEMENT

- 1. Our mission "to build a strong and connected community that supports and empowers all residents".
- 2. Our vision "We envision a community where all residents feel safe, supported, and engaged in creating a better future for themselves and their families"

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

The Objectives of the DSRA are to

- 1. To represent the interests of all residents living in Denbigh Street and the surrounding area (connecting to Denbigh Street)
- 2. To promote a sense of community and encourage residents to participate in the association's activities.
- 3. Maintaining and improving the environment and services in the area.
- 4. To act as a voice for residents in discussions with local authorities, developers, and other organisations.
- 5. To promote social, cultural, and educational activities among residents.
- 6. To ensure that all activities are inclusive and non-discriminatory.

MEMBERSHIP

- 1. Eligibility
 - a. Membership is open to all residents of Denbigh Street
 - Membership is open to those in its immediate surrounding areas, that do not have access to other Resident Associations. These members will be Associate Members
 - c. Each household is entitled to one membership

2. Joining

- a. Residents can join the association by completing a membership form and paying any applicable membership fees.
- 3. Termination of Membership
 - a. Members may be terminated if a member moves out of the area, or for conduct that is deemed to bring the association in disrepute, subject to a vote by the committee.
 - b. If members do not renew their membership fee their membership will be terminated



GENERAL MEETINGS

- 1. Annual General Meeting (AGM)
 - a. The AGM shall be held once a year at a time and place determined by the committee.
 - b. Notice of the AGM shall be given to all members at least 7 days in advance.
 - c. The AGM shall include
 - i. A report on the activities of the association over the past year.
 - ii. A representation of the financial accounts
 - iii. Election of the committee members
 - iv. Consideration of any proposals submitted by members
- 2. Extraordinary General Meetings (EGM)
 - a. An EGM may be called by the committee or at the request of at least 10 members.
 - b. Notice of an EGM shall be given to all members at least 14 days in advance.
- 3. Quorum
 - a. A quorum for general meetings shall be 10 members or 10% of the membership, whichever is less.
- 4. Voting
 - a. Each member (i.e. household) is entitled to one vote at general meetings.
 - b. Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of those present and voting, except where specified otherwise in this constitution.

COMMITTEE

1. Composition

The committee shall consist of four titled members: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to three other members as needed.

- a. At each Annual General Meeting (AGM), all committee members shall have the option to stand for re-election. If they wish to continue, they must confirm their intention to do so before the AGM.
- b. If no new members wish to stand for election, and all current members have opted to continue, they shall be confirmed in their roles by the members present at the AGM without the need for a formal vote.
- c. If new members wish to stand, a vote will be held for the available positions. If no positions are available, an election will be held for the non-titled roles (ordinary committee members).
- d. Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer must first be elected as ordinary committee members before being voted into their specific roles.
- e. If an existing non-titled committee member or any candidate wishes to stand for a titled role (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, or Treasurer), an



election for that role will take place at the AGM, provided no other member is also standing for the same role. If multiple members are standing for the same-titled role, a vote will be held to determine who will assume the position.

f. Multiple votes can take place at the AGM. For example, a candidate may stand for election as a non-titled committee member and then stand for a titled role (e.g., Treasurer) during the same meeting. Elections for non-titled roles will take place first, followed by elections for titled roles.

2. Roles and Responsibilities

- a. Chairperson Chairs meetings, represents the association externally, and ensures the smooth running of the association.
- b. Vice-Chairperson supports the Chairperson and acts in their absence.
- c. Secretary -Manages correspondence, keeps minutes of meetings, and maintains membership records
- d. Treasurer Manages the association's finances, including keeping accurate records and presenting financial reports at the AGM

3. Meetings

- a. The committee shall meet at least two times a year (either in person or virtual).
- b. A quorum for committee meetings shall be three members

4. Co-opted Members

a. The committee may co-opt up to two additional members during the year if necessary.

5. Resignation and Removal

- a. Committee members may resign by giving written notice to the Secretary
- b. Committee members may be removed by a two-thirds majority vote of members present at an EGM.

FINANCE

- 1. Accounts
 - a. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the association

2. Bank Account

- a. The association shall maintain a bank account in its name
- b. Signatories for the bank account shall be the Treasurer and at least one other committee member
- c. All cheques or withdrawals must be signed by two signatories.

3. Funding

- a. The association may raise funds through membership fees, fundraising events, donations, and grants.
- b. Any income generated shall be used solely for the objectives of the association.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION

- 1. Amendments to the constitution may be made at an AGM or EGM
- 2. Proposals for amendments must be submitted in writing to the secretary at least 14 days before the meeting.



3. Amendments require a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.

DISSOLUTION

- 6. The association may be dissolved by a two-thirds majority vote at an AGM or EGM
- 7. In the event of dissolution, any remaining funds shall be donated to a local charity or community group, as decided by the members.

ADOPTION OF THE CONSTITUTION

8. This constitution was adopted at a meeting of the Denbigh Street Residents Association on 17.09.24.