

CONSTITUTION OF DRYSDALE AND DISTRICT RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION (DADRA)

as proposed to the Annual General Meeting on 18th September 2024

1. The Association shall be known as the Drysdale and District Residents' Association and/or DADRA and shall be strictly non-party political.
2. The objectives of the Association shall be to ensure fair and equal local government in the London Borough of Waltham Forest, through its own membership and in collaboration with other Associations and organisations of residents, and to direct the attention of all residents to matters of civic interest.

In addition, the Association will aim to promote social events for all members.

3. Membership shall be open to any resident within Amesbury Drive, Dells Close, Drysdale Avenue, Epping Glade, Epping Way, Harford Close, Harford Road, Hawkdene, Hawkwood Crescent, Holly Drive, Margaret Avenue, Mark Avenue, Markfield Gardens, Sewardstone Road (east side numbers 130-234 and west side numbers 85-131) and South Avenue. Membership is to be at the discretion of the Committee but will not be unreasonably denied to any resident.
4. Membership shall be open to all residents irrespective of race, colour, ethnic or national origin, sex, appearance, marital status, disability, sexual orientation or religious belief.
5. Subscriptions and other fund raising activities sufficient to enable the efficient running of the Association will be determined by the Association in general meeting or by the Committee.
6. The Financial Year of the Association shall commence on 1st April and terminate on 31st March of the following year.
7. No elected Officer or Official or Councillor of London Borough of Waltham Forest shall be eligible for election as a Committee Member of the Association.
8. Any Committee Member of the Association shall declare any financial or other beneficial interest in any matter under consideration by the Committee and shall not participate in any vote on the matter in question.
9. The Association may elect a Chair, Treasurer and other Committee Members: nominations for such positions may be put forward by any member of the Association and shall be approved by the Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting called for that purpose, when a two-thirds majority of those present and voting will be required. In like fashion, the Association may vote out the Chair, Treasurer or any Committee Member. The Chair, Treasurer and other Committee Members shall serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
10. The Committee shall consist of not less than five (5) and not more than twelve (12) members including the Chair and Treasurer, with the power to co-opt. Retiring officers shall be eligible for re-election. Should it become necessary, the Chair or Treasurer will be appointed by the Committee from amongst their members to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.
11. The Management of the Association shall be vested in the Committee and matters of urgency shall be decided by its members.
12. The Committee Meetings shall not take place unless at least one half of the Committee are present.

13. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in July, or as soon thereafter as is practical. Copies of the Agenda and Accounts will be circulated at the meeting.

Any resolution for the Annual General Meeting must be sent to the Secretary in writing, with names of the Proposer and Seconder, three clear days before the meeting takes place.

The Annual General meeting will require a quorum of at least 25 Members being present, not including the Officers of the committee, before any meeting can proceed.

14. A Special General Meeting of the Association may be called at any time by the Committee, or on the receipt by the Secretary of a request signed by twenty (20) members with fourteen (14) days clear notice being given.

15. The funds of the Association, except for a maximum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) to be held by the Treasurer for current expenditure, shall be held at a Bank approved by the Committee and cheques and transfers of funds shall be approved by the Treasurer or Chair.

Accounts shall be prepared annually by the Treasurer and audited by two Members appointed in General Meeting.

16. The Association reserves the right of expulsion of any member who uses the Association's name in any matter not appertaining to the specific business of the Association. The reason for any Expulsion will be notified to the individual concerned by the Committee. The same reasons may be circulated by the Association

17. The Association may be wound up upon a resolution approved by two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association called for that purpose.

18. Upon winding up of the Association pursuant to rule 17. the net assets of the Association, after deducting all the cost and expenses of the Winding Up, shall be handed to a legally registered Charity with the London Borough of Waltham Forest, to be nominated by a two-thirds majority of those Members present and voting at the General Meeting at which the resolution for winding up is passed.

19. This Constitution can be amended at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting on a proposal from the Officers or Committee or any Member: -

(a) submitted in writing to the Secretary, and

(b) notified to all members not less than fourteen days prior to the meeting, and

(c) approved by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting
