

## **This is your chance to get involved and have your say**

If you think about it, the best things about local communities don't just happen, they are made to happen by energetic and committed people. Community engagement is ongoing and we want more residents to get involved and contribute to building a better future for Ham and Petersham.

Visit the Neighbourhood Forum web site – [www.hamandpetershamforum.org](http://www.hamandpetershamforum.org) where more information is available.

Help make the Plan a true reflection of what our community wants by answering the questions below:

**What do you most like about Ham and Petersham?**

**What aspects of Ham and Petersham do you feel need to be improved or changed to make living here better?**

**Do you have any other comments or suggestions?**

If you want to be notified of progress, meetings and other news please give your name and contact – (email and/or address) below.

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Please return to Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum, c/o Grey Court School, Ham Street, Ham, TW10 7HN or email:

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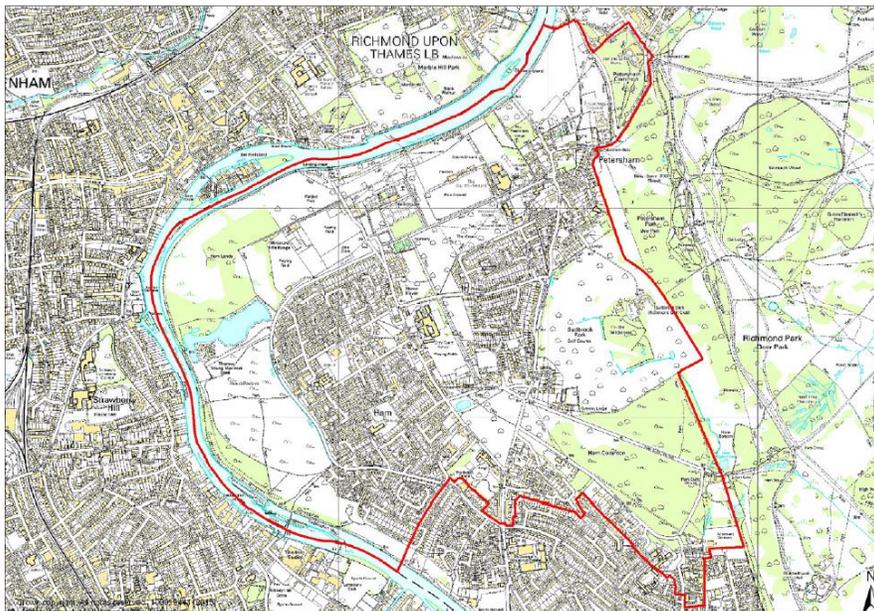
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## Ham and Petersham Neighbourhood Forum

If you care about Ham and Petersham and want a say in the areas future, this is your opportunity to get involved.

### A few facts about the Neighbourhood Forum

- Neighbourhood Forums were set up by the current government under the Localism Act 2011 to encourage communities to make their own decisions by writing Neighbourhood Plans.
- An application was submitted from Ham and Petersham in March 2013 and the Forum and Area was designated by Richmond Council in January 2014.
- It is the first Neighbourhood Forum in Richmond but we are not alone, in London there are 75 and nationally over 1000 communities producing Neighbourhood Plans.
- Everyone who lives and works in Ham and Petersham is a member of the Forum. It includes as many different people as possible: involving local organisations, including sports clubs, churches and amenity groups.



- The Forum is **not** political although there are two Councillors (1 Liberal Democrat and 1 Conservative) on the Committee of 20 members.
- The Forum holds public events every quarter to which all local residents are invited.
- The Forum Committee is made up of enthusiastic local residents workers and meets every month and is working to produce a Neighbourhood Plan. The Committee also includes representatives from some of the main public service providers in Ham and Petersham, including the police and RHP.



- The Forum Committee Chair is Maggie Bailey, Headteacher at Grey Court School.
- The Committee is supported by a Plan Drafting Team of 12 volunteer local planners and architects as well as other environmental professionals who all live in the area.
- £7000 of funding from central government has already been received and Richmond Council has promised additional financial support to help us produce the Plan.
- The 500+ comments made at the two public meetings in September and December 2013 and the 'drop-in' sessions at Ham library on 3-4 April are being analysed and these will be used to produce a draft Neighbourhood Plan that should be available at the Forum meeting in early October.
- Nothing is too big or too small to be included.
- The whole process will take another 18 months. Following an examination by an independent Inspector it will end in a Referendum for the whole community.