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LOOK! St Albans

our community voice on design

"In the spirit of community-led neighbourhood planning our ethos is to be transparent, proactive, respectful, collaborative, open, diverse, explorative and community-rooted."

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Proposed changes to Look St Albans Constitution May 2019

Our existing Constitution can be found here

https://www.lookstalbens.org/uploads/2/7/7/4/27749191/look_st_albens_constitution_final_adopted_16th_feb_2015_1_updated_june_2018.pdf

Item 3 Area:

Proposed amended wording:

*"The Area shall be those areas within central St Albans variously described as the Civic Centre, Drivers Way, the Coupers Garage Site (Catherine Street) and the Cathedral Quarter and their respective environs, together with any other significant development sites within the central area, but also including such other sites in **St Albans District** as the Local Authority or a developer may consider as appropriate for the involvement of Look! St Albans."*

The wording agreed will become the new expression for use in the first sentence of the Ethical Collaboration Policy.

https://www.lookstalbens.org/uploads/2/7/7/4/27749191/our_ethical_collaboration_policy_27_10_2017.pdf

The reason for this amendment is to clarify the original wording, which was intended to include significant developments within the district of St Albans, where the Local Authority or developer wants to involve the community in a charrette process and where Look! St Albans experience and methodology in hosting would be welcomed by all parties.

This amendment would mirror the rest of the constitution as to the defined area where the Representatives' Group can be drawn from and those eligible to vote at our AGM.



Item 4 Purpose and Aims:

Proposed amended wording is an additional bullet point after the ninth one:

“support and promote other forms of community engagement on design where these are genuine attempts to reflect the views of the community within the development process, and where the outcomes will be publicly available. This is in accord with the Ethos of Look! St Albans and the first of the Purpose and Aims.”

The reason for this amendment is that Look! St Albans wishes to do all it can to further its aims and recognises that some other initiatives might provide another route for genuine community engagement, and indeed that over time there may be other emerging methodologies which will be within Look! St Albans’ Ethos and Aims and Purpose. This clause recognises these possibilities.

Item 8 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and other Special Meetings (b):

Proposed amended wording:

“A combination of supporters of Look! St Albans and members of the Representatives’ Group totalling at least **ten** (which number is to include at least one third of the then current members of the Representatives’ Group) must be present at the start of any AGM or SGM for it to be declared quorate.”

The reason for this change from 20 to 10 is to ensure that the business of Look! St Albans is not compromised by a lack of attendance on a single evening of the year, for what is often seen by the general public as a technical exercise rather than an important element of governance, whilst at the same time ensuring that a significant proportion of the most actively engaged individuals and organisations are represented at the meeting. As a small specialist community group this can be an unnecessary burden, especially when there is not a relevant project to focus interest.

