



Governance

Name and Area

1. The group shall be referred to as the “RBWM Residents Action Group” or “RRAG”
2. The geographical area of activity shall be that covered by the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (“RBWM”)

Aims and Purpose

3. RRAG is strongly supportive of the need for a new RBWM Borough Local Plan (“BLP”) that includes a positive vision for the borough and is produced through consultation and engagement with local communities. A BLP that will deliver new homes, especially ones that young people and key workers can afford, provides employment opportunities and is infrastructure rich so that new development is sustainable.
4. RRAG shall seek to deliver a sustainable BLP that achieves the aims outlined in paragraph 3 above and/or other appropriate policies through, but not limited to:
 - a. Seeking to engage with RBWM, including Councillors and Officers, through consultation or any other process;
 - b. Seeking to have the current Reg 19 Submission version BLP substantially revised and, if not revised, challenging its soundness and legal compliance at examination;
 - c. Making representations to, and obtaining input from, any other bodies or persons, elected, public or private;
 - d. Seeking advice, input and/or intervention from central government in the making of the BLP;
 - e. Contracting with planning consultants, lawyers and others who may be conducive to attaining the aims and purpose of RRAG;
 - f. Taking any legal action that may contribute towards its aims and purpose.
5. RRAG shall have the power to undertake any lawful action or activity which may contribute towards its Aims and Purpose.

RRAG Structure and Decision-making

6. RRAG is an Association of individual residents and supporting organisations, as set out on its website: <http://rbwmresidentsactiongroup.co.uk>

7. Any organisation may ask to join, provided:
 - a. It is either a Parish/Town Council/Forum or a duly established organisation, *AND*
 - b. It shares the aims and purpose of RRAG as set out above.
8. The decision on whether to accept an organisation for membership will be made by majority vote of the RRAG Steering Group.
9. Anybody may register on the RRAG website to be kept informed of the group's activities.
10. RRAG will be managed and administered by a Steering Group which may exercise all the powers of RRAG not reserved to supporting organisations. The RRAG Steering Group shall consist of the following named individuals:
 - Jane Dawson
 - Ken Elvin
 - Patrick Griffin
 - Martin Hall
 - Naheed Majeed
 - George Midgley
 - Margaret Morgan
 - Diana Tombs

Any changes to the composition of the RRAG Steering Group will require a two thirds majority vote by all supporting organisations.

11. There shall be no permanent Chair or other officers of RRAG, and a Chair shall be appointed as necessary at each meeting by those present.
12. Day to day communications or other decisions of the RRAG Steering Group will be made by a minimum of 3 members of the RRAG Steering Group, who may consult and take decisions by telephone, email or other means.
13. When a decision of supporting organisations is required it may be taken at a meeting or by email, either requiring not less than 72 hours' notice.

Affiliations, Interests and Confidentiality

14. RRAG is non-political and is not affiliated to any political party. Organisations whose primary aim is political will not be permitted to join RRAG.
15. All individuals who are members of the RRAG Steering Group must declare any personal interest(s) that may be perceived as being relevant to the aims or purpose of RRAG or to a decision of the RRAG Steering Group.
16. The nature of RRAG's activities necessitates a high degree of confidentiality which will be respected by all those involved in RRAG.

Suspension or Exclusion from RRAG

17. Any individual or organisation may be suspended or excluded from RRAG for conduct or behaviour that is considered inappropriate, disruptive and/or does not promote the aims and purpose of RRAG. Decisions on such suspension or exclusion will be by 75% vote of the RRAG Steering Group. Any person or representative of an organisation which is the subject of such a vote shall have the right to present their case to the RRAG Steering Group but shall not be entitled to vote on that or any other matter.

Banking and expenditure

18. RRAG has a bank account, which has two signatories, at least one of which must be a member of the RRAG Steering Group.
19. All expenditure must be agreed in advance by at least 75% of the RRAG Steering Group. Such decisions will be minuted. No expenditure shall be committed unless sufficient cleared funds exist to cover the proposed costs.

Funding and contributions

20. RRAG may seek funding from individual named supporters or organisations, public or private. No anonymous donations will be accepted.

Dissolution

21. RRAG may be dissolved at any time by a majority vote of the RRAG Steering Group.
22. On dissolution, any funds remaining under its power or control shall be returned to the participant in the same proportion as their contribution to total contributions provided that such payments shall be a minimum of £5 each. The aggregate amount of all entitlements of less than £5 shall be donated to the Campaign to Protect Rural England or a successor organisation.

Amendments

23. Amendments to this Governance shall require at least a two thirds majority vote among all supporting organisations.

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