

## **Constitution of The Counties Residents' Association** **(As amended at the AGM held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007)**

- (1) The name of the Association shall be "The Counties Residents' Association" ("**CRA**" or the "**Association**").
- (2) The area covered by CRA shall be Buckingham Road, Leicester Road, Rutland Road, Warwick Road, Hereford Road, Gloucester Road, Nutter Lane, Preston Drive and Reydon Avenue and all land and institutions within the boundaries of that area (the "**Community**").
- (3) CRA is strictly non-party-political and non-sectarian.
- (4) The objects of the Association shall be (a) to conserve the harmonious and homogenous nature of the properties within the Community; (b) to monitor and react to planning applications within the Community and elsewhere in Wanstead as appropriate; (c) to foster greater communication within the Community; (d) to work with the local Neighbourhood Watch Association in the monitoring and prevention of crime within the Community; and (e) to apply the resources of the Association to such other appropriate matters which Members may from time to time consider to have an effect on the residents of the Community.
- (5) Subject to temporary vacancies, CRA will at all times have a committee (the "**Committee**") consisting of at least four Members which initially shall comprise a Chairperson; a Treasurer, a Membership Secretary and a Secretary (the "**Officers**") and in addition other positions may be created from time to time as appropriate (for example Vice Chair-Person, Planning Co-ordinator and Website Co-ordinator).
- (6) Any adult person of 18 years old or above, residing in the Community (as defined above) shall be eligible for membership of CRA. Acceptance and observation of these rules is a condition of membership.
- (7) The membership fee shall be £5.00 per household per annum (or part thereof) payable in advance (the "**Membership Fee**") with a concession for OAPs to £1 per household. Only current paid-up members of the Association residing in the Community (each a "**Member**") shall be permitted to vote or hold office. If a membership fee for any household remains unpaid for more than 3 months, residents at that household shall cease to be Members.
- (8) (a) The first Annual General Meeting ("**AGM**") was held on 3rd July 2006 (the "**First AGM**") and subsequent AGMs will be held annually within six months of the anniversary of the First AGM. Notice of the AGM shall be sent to each Member at least 14 days' prior to the date of such meeting.  
(b) If required, and at the request of at least either (i) four Officers of the Committee; (ii) or two Officers plus three other Members, a general meeting may be convened (a "**Special General Meeting**") PROVIDED THAT convening Members must all be residents of separate households. Members should be given as much notice as practicable in the circumstances and in any event not less than 48 hours notice. Notice in all cases should include date, time, venue and purpose of the meeting.  
(c) For the purposes of this Clause 8, "notices" shall mean either (i) notice in writing in hard copy to the Member's address or (ii) electronic message to the Member's e mail address; in each case using the most recent contact details provided by the relevant Member to the Membership Secretary.
- (9) At the AGM, at least one existing Officer will stand down and proposals invited from Members for a replacement Officer (which, for the avoidance of doubt may include the resigning Officer). Each name proposed will need to be seconded and in the event of more than one candidate for any position an election will be held either by a show of

hands or by ballot. At other times, vacant positions on the Committee may be filled at any Special General Meeting.

(10) At least 3 (three) Members must be present in order for a decision to be taken on behalf of the Association. Decisions will be made on a majority vote with the Chairperson having a casting vote in the event the vote is drawn.

(11) Minutes of all meetings of the Association (including Special Meetings) will be prepared by the Secretary, circulated to all Members and presented for approval at the next following meeting of the Association.

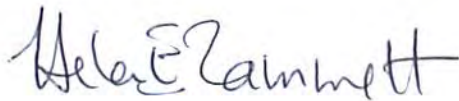
(12) The Membership Secretary will receive Membership Fees and records; issue receipts for payment of Membership Fees and the Treasurer will ensure that the financial records of CRA are maintained and presented at the AGM for approval. The financial year of the Association shall end on 30th June in each year.

(13) The constitution, once accepted at a Special General Meeting may be amended by a majority of Members only at an AGM or a Special General Meeting provided that suggested changes are circulated to all Members at least 14 days prior to any such meeting.

(14) The Committee shall have the power to suspend any Member whose conduct is in its opinion detrimental to the Association.

(15) The Committee shall have the power to appoint one or more sub-committees for a specific purpose or purposes.

This amended Constitution was adopted by the Counties Estate Residents Association at a meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2007.



Signature of the Chairperson



Signature of the Secretary