

Submission to apply for a Neighbourhood Forum

The name of the proposed Standish Neighbourhood Forum is Standish Voice. It has approximately 120 members, living or working in a geographic spread across the proposed Neighbourhood Area. Standish Voice meets legal requirements as it has an elected committee and a constitution.

The proposed Neighbourhood Area is known as Standish and it lies in the north of Wigan Borough. It shares boundaries with West Lancashire Borough to the north-west, Chorley Borough to the north and north-east, Haigh Parish to the east, Shevington Parish to the west and Wigan to the south. It includes most of the electoral Ward of Standish with Langtree and parts of the Wards of Aspull, New Springs, Whelley and Shevington with Lower Ground.

After leafleting homes and businesses across Standish, a public meeting open to all at the Unity Club, Cross Street, Standish, attracted 90 people. A vote to establish a Neighbourhood Forum was passed unanimously.

Anyone living or working in the proposed Neighbourhood Area can become a forum member, free of charge, and attend our monthly meetings.

The membership reflects gender balance, a broad geographic spread in our area, a spread of ages, socio-economic background (by looking at accommodation type), political belief and religious heritage. There are people who work in small businesses, in large private sector organisations and the public sector. There are parents and retired people. There are members who are also involved in other local organisations including Standish in Bloom, Standish Community Forum and Friends of Standish Library and are governors of local primary schools and the high school.

We are a non-political organisation and have asked all Ward Councillors in the three Wards concerned if they would like to be members of Standish Voice and/or attend meetings. Councillor George Fairhurst of Standish with Langtree Ward has attended meetings.

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