



Application to create a Crouch End Neighbourhood Area

In support of the application to designate the Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum

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1. The application is made with reference to the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 Part 2 Section 8, and the Town And Country Planning Act 1990 Schedule 9, Part 1 and Section 61F(5) (as amended).

2. The **map of the Crouch End Neighbourhood Area** is shown in the accompanying PDF file 'Proposed Crouch End Neighbourhood Area map'. The proposed boundary can also be viewed as a [google map here](#).

3. We believe that this is an **appropriate area to be designated as a Neighbourhood Area** as it is the locality widely recognised as 'Crouch End' by those who live or work here, and has an identity well defined and of long standing. The precise area has been decided through an extensive consultation exercise (see #6 and #7 below). **The boundary does not overlap with other existing or planned Neighbourhood Forum areas.**

4. We believe that the **Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum is a relevant body** for the purpose of applying for the designation of a Neighbourhood Area. Further supporting information can be found in our [Application to become a Neighbourhood Forum](#).

- a) The aim of the Neighbourhood Forum is to improve and promote the social, economic and environmental well-being of the defined Neighbourhood Area
- b) Our membership is open to everyone who lives or works in the area, or are elected members for the area
- c) Our membership includes more than 21 signatories in support of the application who live or work in the area or are elected members of the Council
- d) We have a written constitution

5. Guiding principles for the specification of the Crouch End Neighbourhood Area:

a) We have arrived at our proposed boundary by consulting local people over a period of several months on the street, at regular meetings, on our stall at the Crouch End Festival, at our Community Workshop in June, and by questionnaire.

b) Principles and precedents for boundary setting:

- i. To respect boundaries already defined by adjoining Neighbourhood Forums, and to offer a coherent boundary avoiding pockets of land between Forum areas

- ii. To respect borough boundaries – Crouch End Neighbourhood Forum area will be entirely contained within the London Borough of Haringey
- iii. To take note of other administrative boundaries where offering useful precedent, such as postcodes and CPZs
- iv. If the guidelines are compromised, there is strong fieldwork evidence to support
- v. Ward boundaries are not a good guide to the definition of an area

c) Other defining features employed:

- i. Topography and land use – including shopping districts and industrial zones
- ii. Open spaces – Crouch End Playing Fields and Shepherds Hill allotments became part of our area, others after consultation, did not, such as Priory Park and the Mount View reservoir
- iii. Schools – see notes below
- iv. Inclusivity – different housing types of tenure were looked at, Residents’ Associations and social housing developments contacted

6. Consultation and fieldwork undertaken to specify the Neighbourhood Area:

a) Walkabouts/Walking Tours.

Six ‘walkabouts’, led by members of the CENF steering group took place between May 17th-31st. The aim of the exercise was to familiarise ourselves with the topography and to speak to members of the public. In total around 90-100 people were interviewed. Areas covered: Shepherd’s Hill & NW Crouch End; Barrington Road & Park Avenue S; Elmfield area; Rathcoole area; Stationers Park area; Tregaron & Mount View Road. [Full reports are available here](#)

b) Map-Plotting Exercise: ‘Do you live in Crouch End?’.

Two maps were produced, one online (from April 30th, Map #2 appended below) and one physical (Map #3, photo appended), to assist us in attracting a more inclusive response. The physical map was deployed at the Crouch End Festival street stall and at the Community workshop. Total response: 413 online plots + 376 physical map plots = 789 responses

We ran a very successful stall over two weekends at the Crouch End Festival in June, located in the Town Hall Square. The aim was to promote the Neighbourhood Forum and to consult with the general public and contained an important mapping element. Many of our map-plots were gained at this event, and we talked to in excess of 1,000 people.

c) Community Workshop.

Our workshop took place on June 27th. Among the topics was a presentation and wide ranging discussion about the boundary. It was this discussion that led directly to a re-examination of the boundary line between Crouch End and Hornsey (see notes below).

d) Further Consultation.

Incl. direct contact with stakeholders, particularly those in difficult-to-determine areas; emails to over 400 people; posts on social media (including popular sites such as Opinion8, Crouch End Appreciation Society, Harringay Online); and publicity in the local paper Ham & High Broadway.

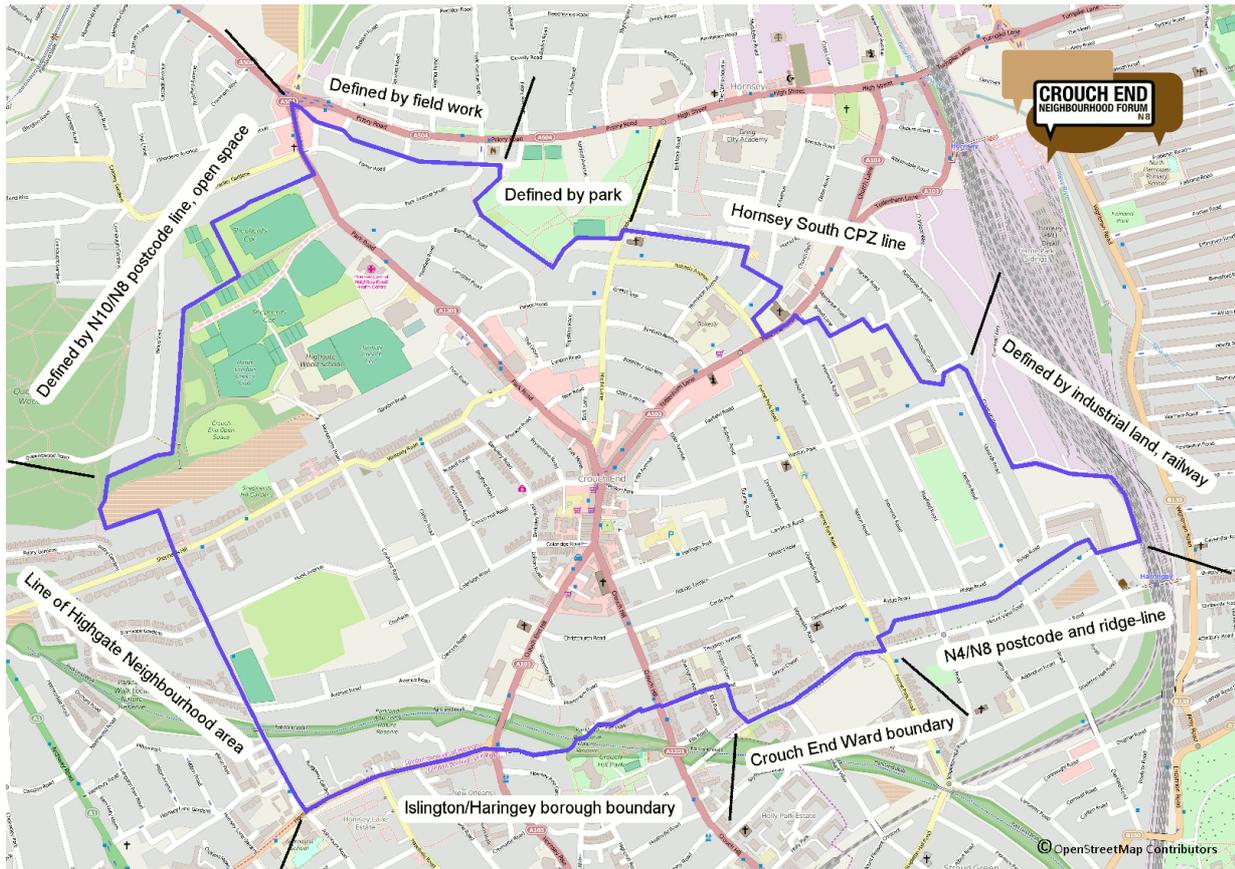
7. Supporting notes for the specification of the Area:

a). Annotated map (Map #1 appended below).

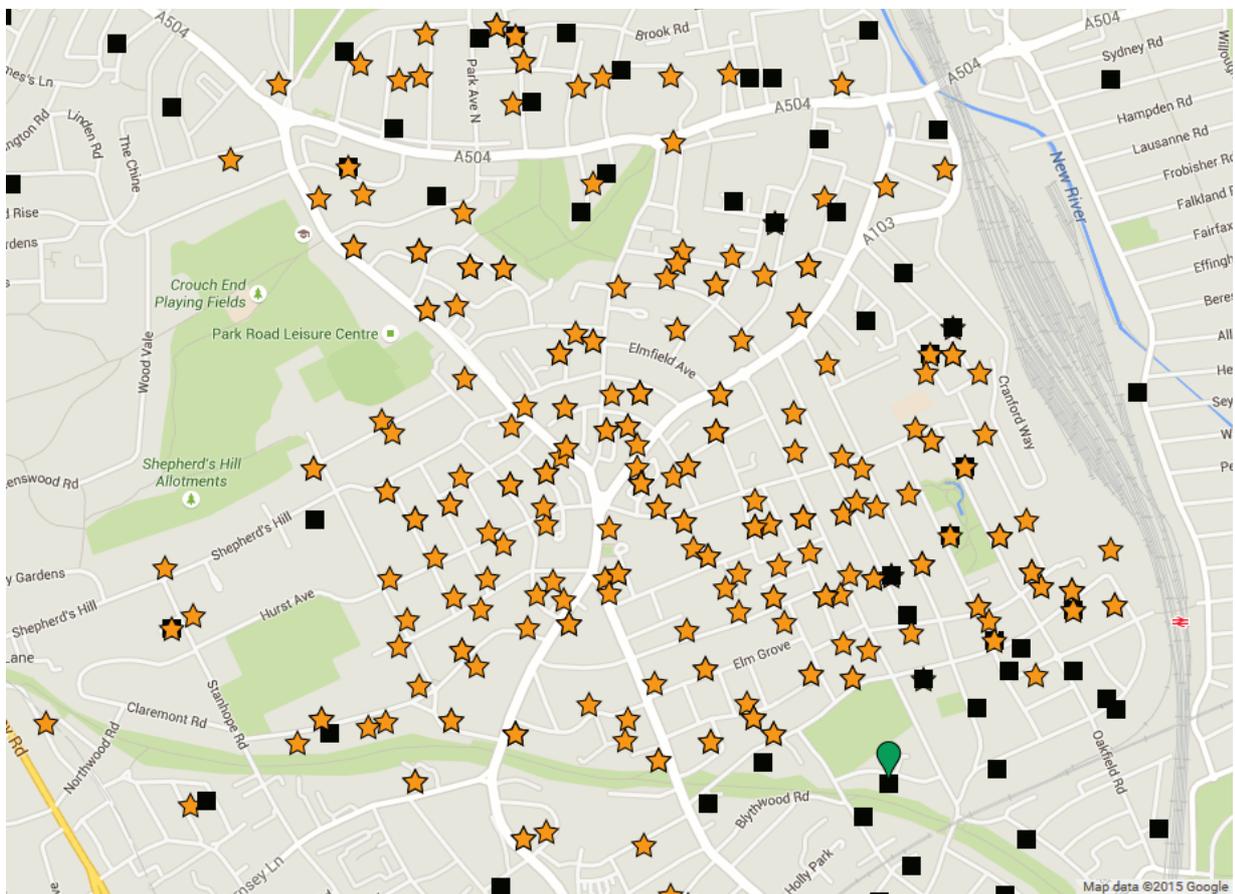
b). Notes running anti-clockwise from the NW.

- i. As can be seen on the annotated map a long stretch of the boundary running from NW to SE is comprised of the existing Highgate NA and the Islington/Haringey Borough boundary. These were adhered to.
- ii. Crouch End Playing Fields, also known as the Crouch End Open Space and Shepherd's Cot was examined in walkabouts. North Middlesex CC is not in the Shepherd's Cot Trust area, but based on observations of CREOS and its postcode (N8) it is included. Wood Vale LTC is the only part of the Playing Fields not included, as it is accessed solely from Wood Vale and has an N10 postcode, it therefore identifies as Muswell Hill.
- iii. Shepherds Hill Allotments Association confirmed their inclusion.
- iv. The section labelled 'Crouch End Ward boundary' is anomalous in that it includes part of the Stroud Green Conservation area although it is in the Crouch End ward and the Crouch End CPZ. In field work we found that the reservoir effectively acted as boundary, and this section of Mount View Road was incorporated.
- v. The 'ridge-line' of Crouch Hill/Hog's Back was confirmed as conclusive in field work.
- vi. Chettle Court, an important social housing development in the area, has an unclear location. After two visits, contact with the nascent residents' association, and an accompanied walking tour, it was included at their behest.
- vii. The Cranford Way Industrial Estate is excluded as its entrance is in Hornsey
- viii. Primary schools in the contentious areas of the SE and E were contacted through parental email lists.
- ix. For Hornsey School for Girls we used a more formal approach to the Head Teacher, governors and school parents body. They confirmed their inclusion.
- x. The boundary between Hornsey and Crouch End was the most difficult challenge for the group. However in field work we found that the new Hornsey South CPZ was gaining public recognition. This was employed apart from three exceptions which were derived from field work and direct representations – The Old Schoolhouse, which falls to Hornsey; the use of the Hillfield Avenue Conservation Area boundary; and the S side of Lightfoot Road, which falls to Crouch End.
- xi. Priory Park is excluded after widespread consultation with local groups such as Hornsey N8, and presentation to and consultation with the Friends of Priory Park group.
- xii. The top NW corner, comprising various phases of the Warner Estate, is an area long known as difficult to define. We undertook significant field work including a presentation to the Warner Estate Residents' Association AGM, and three walkabouts which included an extensive canvassing of the shops in the shopping parades. This gave us a boundary line which locates Park Road, Farrer Mews, Farrar Road, and Park Avenue South in the Crouch End area; and locates Priory Road and all the Estate to the N within Hornsey.
- xiii. The results of the Warner Estate shopkeepers canvass were:
 - Along Park Road/Farrar Mews – 7 Crouch End / 3 Hornsey / 4 don't know
 - Along Priory Road – 2 Crouch End / 5 Hornsey / 1 Muswell Hill / 1 don't know

Map #1. Annotated Map for Supporting Notes



Map #2. Online mapping exercise (image)



Map #3. Physical map (image)

