

**Leomansley Area Residents Association
Annual General Meeting**

Proposed changes to the LARA Constitution

Replace all occurrences of the word “Chairman” with the accepted convention of “Chair”.

Replace the whole of Section 2 Objects with:

“2. Aims and Objectives

2.1 The Association exists to protect, improve and enhance the environment and amenities of Leomansley and surrounding areas.

2.2 The Aims and Objectives of the Association are:

- To canvas, represent and promote the views and interests of all residents in the area covered by the Association on issues such as planning, health, transport and the environment, including developing positive relationships with local businesses, the police and the Council.
- To encourage recreational and social activities for all residents in the Area.
- To uphold equal opportunities and anti-discriminatory practice and to work for and foster good community relations between all residents.
- To create a closer community with a focus on local issues and promoting community spirit.

2.3 To fulfil these Objects, the Association is empowered to:

- employ staff and/or engage professional representation,
- raise funds and receive donations,
- deposit and invest such funds not in immediate use,
- rent, lease or purchase property,
- purchase or lease equipment,
- represent residents in the Area on key issues affecting the community determined by resolution at a General or Open meeting of the Association.”

In Section 6.1

After: “plus up to seven ordinary members”

Add: “and a Youth representative”

In Section 10.1:

Replace: “No resolution of an Open Meeting shall be binding on the Executive Committee.”

With: “The Executive Committee shall have regard to decisions taken at General and Open Meetings. No commitment shall be made or agreement entered into, except in connection with the normal administration of the Association, by any Officer of the Executive Committee on behalf of LARA without prior consultation with all registered members.”

In Section 10.2:

Replace: “Ten members shall form a quorum at a general Meeting.”

With: “Fifteen members or 10% of the number of registered LARA members, whichever is the lower number, shall form a quorum at a General Meeting”

In Section 10.3:

After: "Twenty one days notice shall be given"

Replace: "to all members of any General Meeting"

With: "in writing or by email (by prior agreement) to all registered members of LARA. Additionally, publicity relating to the subjects to be covered at LARA meetings shall be distributed, as appropriate, within 14 days of the meeting, to residents of the Leomansley Area who are eligible to become members of LARA."

In Section 10.4:

After "All matters voted on by members shall require a simple majority of members present, except matters relating to the Constitution"

Replace: "(see clause 12)." **With:** "(see clause 13)."

then Add: "The Agenda for all General meetings of LARA shall include an item 'Declarations of Interest'. The Chair shall remain impartial throughout debates associated with any resolutions but may vacate the chair temporarily in favour of another LARA Officer in order to participate in such debates."

In Section 12. Finance:

Add: "12.3. The Executive shall review annually and make a recommendation to the LARA Annual General Meeting as to whether or not a nominal subscription should be charged to registered LARA members."

In Section 14. Urgent Decisions:

Replace: "at the next Executive Committee meeting,"

With: "at a Special General Meeting called in accordance with the LARA Constitution, and held not more than 30 days from the date of the decision being taken."