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**MAY  
MEETING**

**MAY 19TH, 2021  
ONLINE MEETING  
6.00-7.15 PM**

**Find about the Forum  
recent development**

**Hear about projects and  
recent activities**

**ask questions, get  
involved**

# WELCOME!

PLEASE PUT YOUR CAMERA ON AND MICROPHONE ON MUTE IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING.

**WE WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AND VALUED DURING THE MEETING.**

- ☀ There will be time allocated for Q&A
- ☀ You can also ask questions or comment on the chat
- ☀ The meeting is scheduled for 1 hour and 15 minutes
- ☀ We will do our best to respect timing
- ☀ Ensure people physical and mental wellbeing

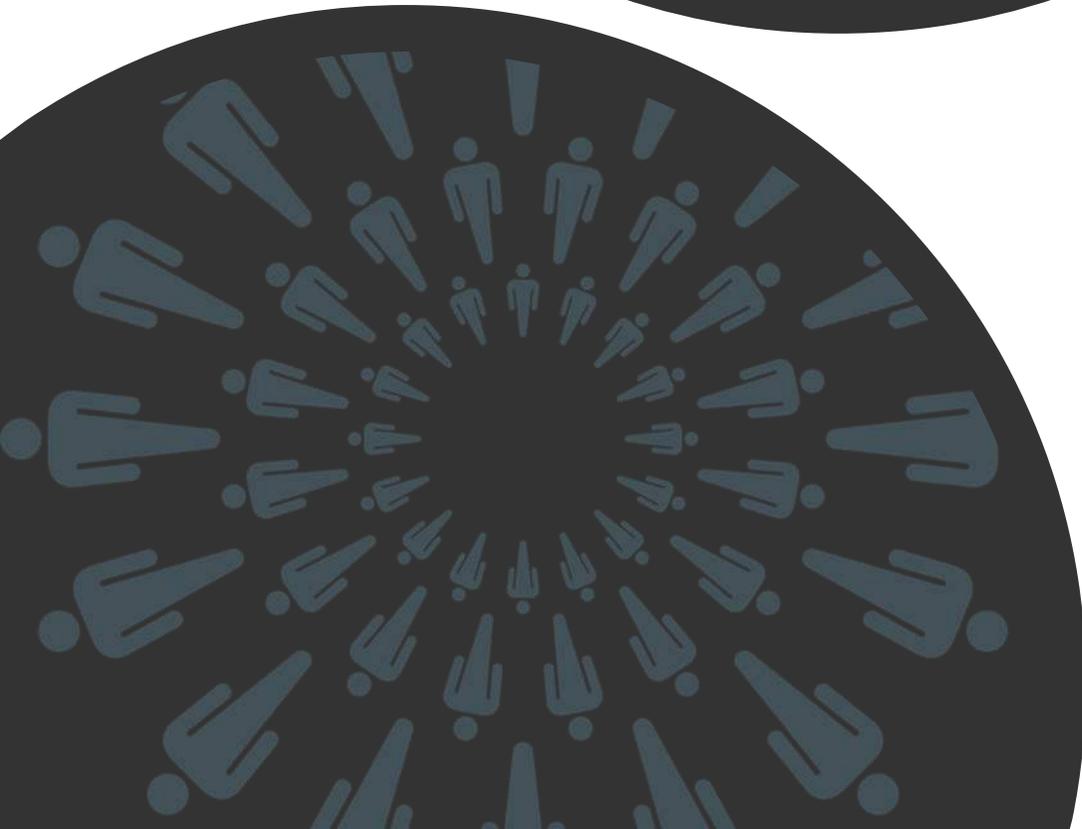
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!**

# AGENDA

- 6:00** ● Welcome and Introduction  
Online Procedures
- 6:05** ● Approval of the previous Meeting Minutes
- 6:10** ● HNF Reports and future activities
- 6:40** ● **Tom Welsh** Climate Emergency Strategy Manager  
Brent Council
- 6:45** ● **Sandra White**  
Vice-Chair Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum
- 6:50** ● **Catherine Gladwell**  
Chief Executive, Refugee Education UK (REUK)
- 6:55** ● Q&A
- 7:10** ● **Madeleine Jennings**  
Chair Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum
- 7:15** ● CLOSING



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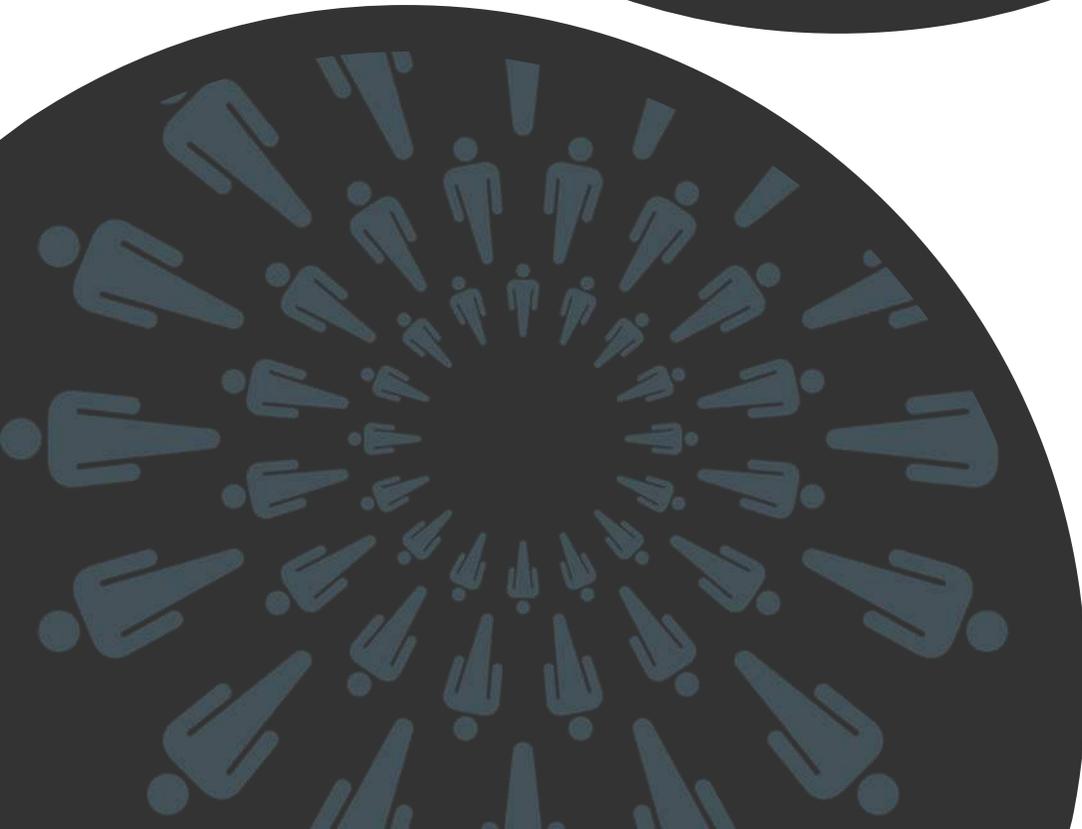


**Welcome from the Chair**  
**Madeleine Jennings**

# February 2021 HNF minutes



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**Chair's update**

**Madeleine Jennings**

# Working Together for Harlesden

## Part of a network of organisations

Influencing local decision makers and engaging stakeholders and statutory bodies

WE ARE ONE OF THE MANY GROUPS WORKING ACROSS DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND ISSUES  
**WE BELIEVE IN PARTNERSHIPS**



**OPDC**  
OLD OAK AND  
PARK ROYAL  
DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION



**Brent**

**Making Planning Relevant**

**Making Planning Real**

**Making a Difference**





### Growing the Membership:

- ~ 350 individuals
- 78 member organizations



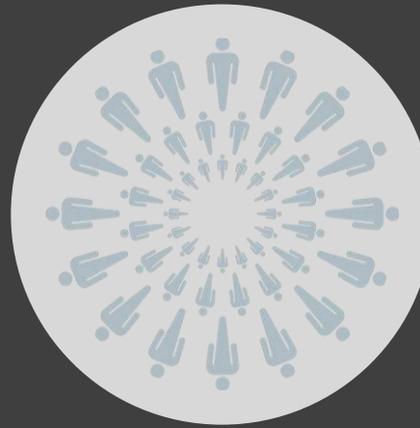
# Redesignation

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) is a neighbourhood planning form established under the Localism Act 2011.

Neighbourhood Forums need to renew their application every 5 years

## LOCALISM ACT 2011

- Neighbourhood Forum exist to improve and promote the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the defined neighbourhood area
- the purpose of the Neighbourhood Forum is in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood area
- the membership of the Neighbourhood Forum is open to those who live in, work in or are elected members for the defined Neighbourhood area.



**The Forum has been officially redesignated for other 5 years by OPDC Board and Brent Council between March and April 2021**



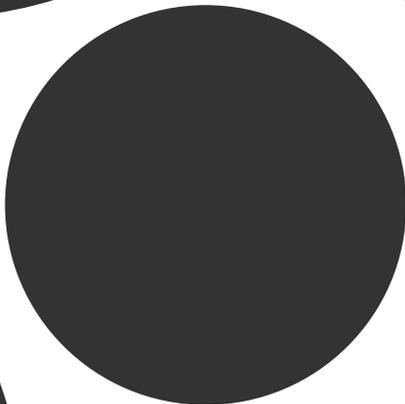
**The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is five years old.**

By law we have to re-register with our local authorities for the next five years. To begin, we are informally consulting our members plus other Harlesden residents and businesses before the formal consultation by Brent Council starts later in the autumn.

Since 2015 we have written a comprehensive **Neighbourhood Plan** for



Presenting our  
forum ambassadors



Support the Forum **their way**

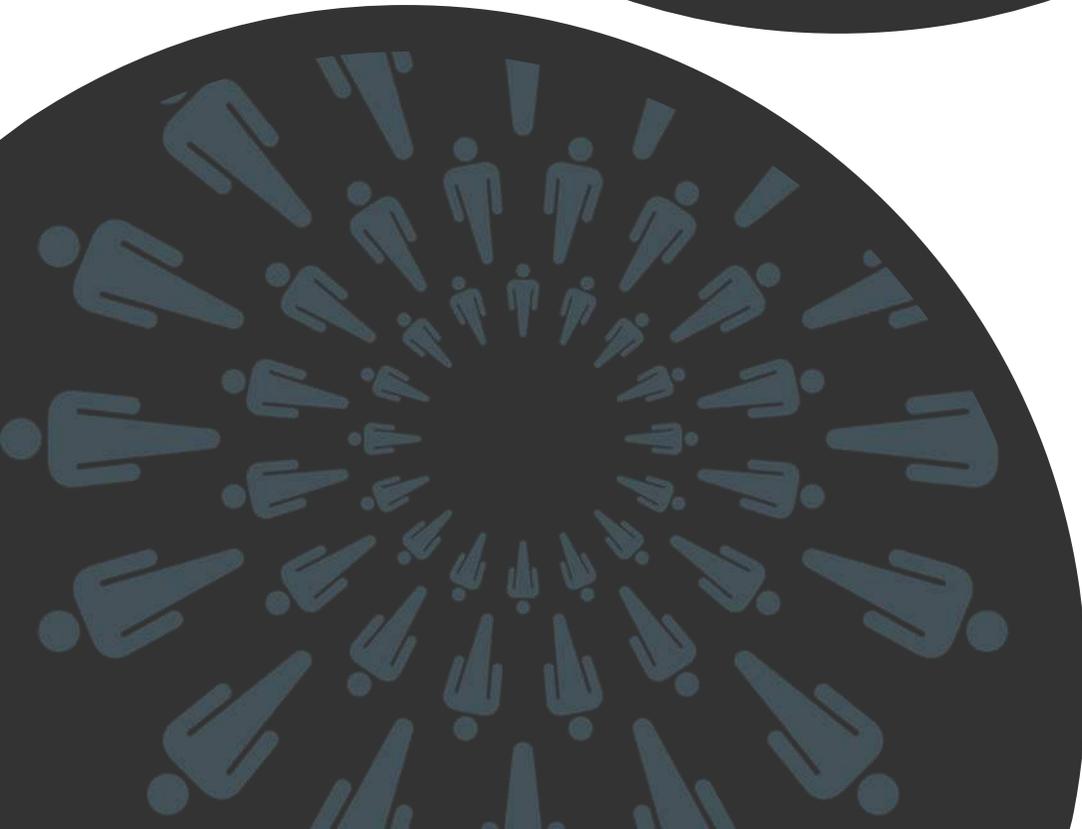
- Specialist skills
- Specialist knowledge
- Special interests

**FORUM  
AMBASSADORS**





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**Nouh Abukar**  
**Culture**

## Engagement

- ☀ **Weekly walks through Harlesden speaking to business owners and community leader to take in the views of developments in the neighborhood.**

## Brent Cultural Centre

- ☀ **Engagement with the leaders of the Brent Cultural Centre**
- ☀ **Listening to feedback regarding the High Street Heritage Action Zone**
- ☀ **Continue to work with Brent Cultural Centre to ensure the community involvement.**

*Harlesden as a cultural hub of London with various communities such as Afro Caribbean, West African, Somali, Brazilian, Portuguese, and Central and Southern European...*



# Art Works

**Harlesden High Street was founded with the mission of facilitating access between experimental/outsider artists and the traditional gallery system. We host several spaces across London exhibiting contemporary art by local and international artists, centering work by people of color.**





## Wayfinding Project – Second Wave

- ❖ The community decided the new theme
- ❖ Design Competition Opened in March
- ❖ 2 workshops delivered by local organisation Abundance Art
- ❖ 1 face to face workshop delivered by Local artist and illustrator Marco Ferrara
- ❖ Received ~ 40 entries
- ❖ Formed a judges 'panel
- ❖ Winners will be announced on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021

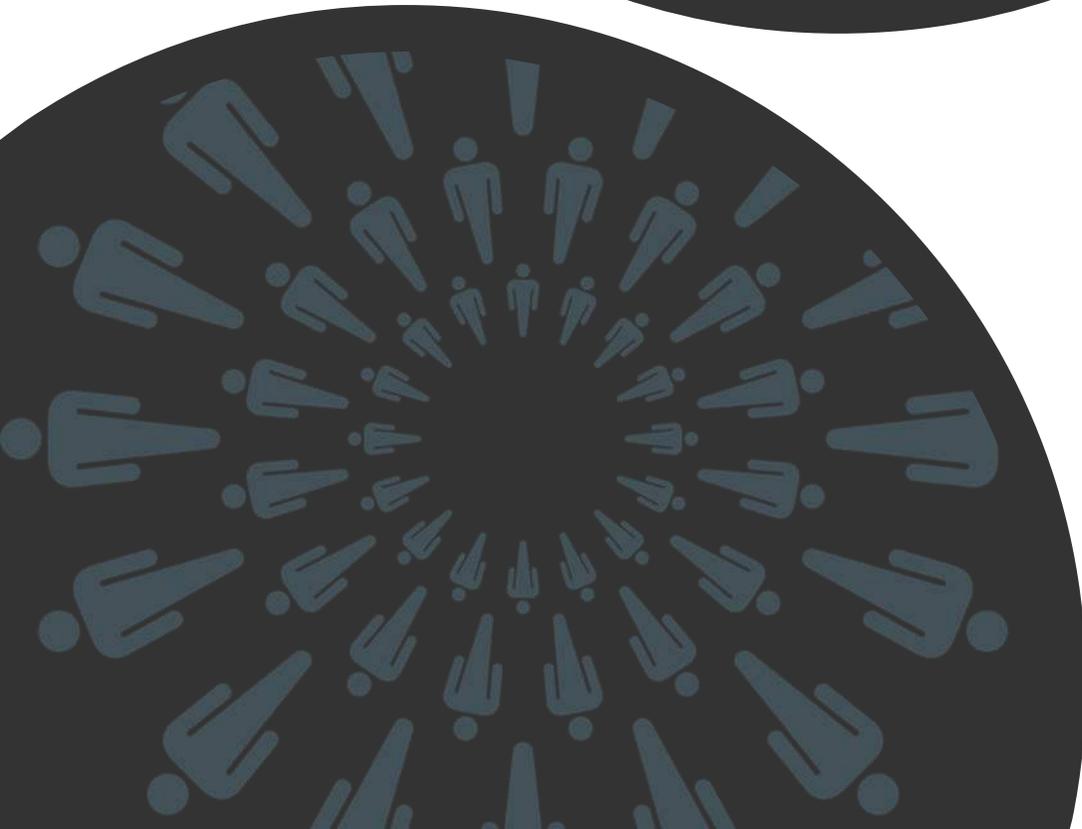


**Picture showing groups drawing, creating and doodling during the workshops**





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**Clean Air & Environment**  
**Margaret Cox**

- Started the year with a re-wilding plan.
- In negotiation with Tesco / carpark landlord to plant more trees and greenery.
- Started a voluntary garden group for planting and maintaining planted spaces. **Anyone interested get in touch.**
- Improving Harlesden's re-cycling with Veolia's community fund - **CLEAN UP COMPETITION SCHEDULED FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021**



## Nature and Green Spaces

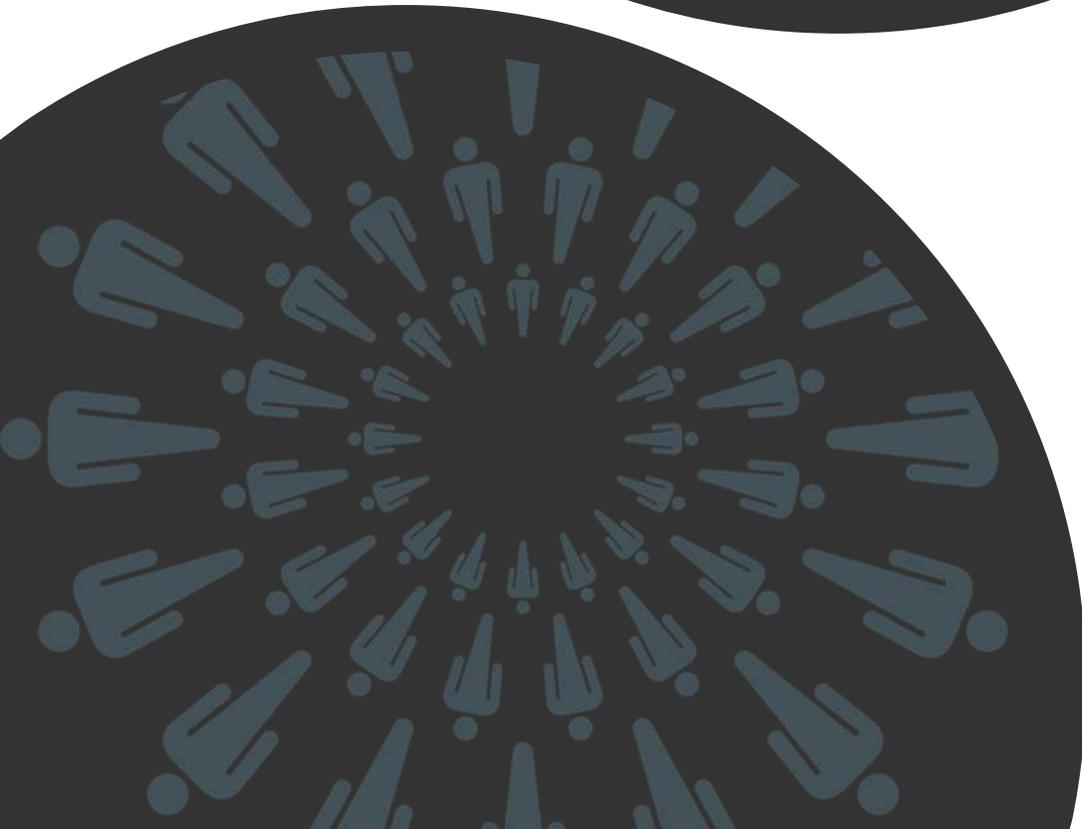


## Environment

- Joining forces with Brent Council in regard to climate change
- BRENT CLIMATE CHANGE STRATEGY** - Recently connected with Tom Welsh from Brent Council who leads on this. HNF will attend climate change strategy meetings and will update members as we go along.
- Over to Tom Welsh – overview on Brent Climate Emergency Strategy***



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**Tom Welsh**

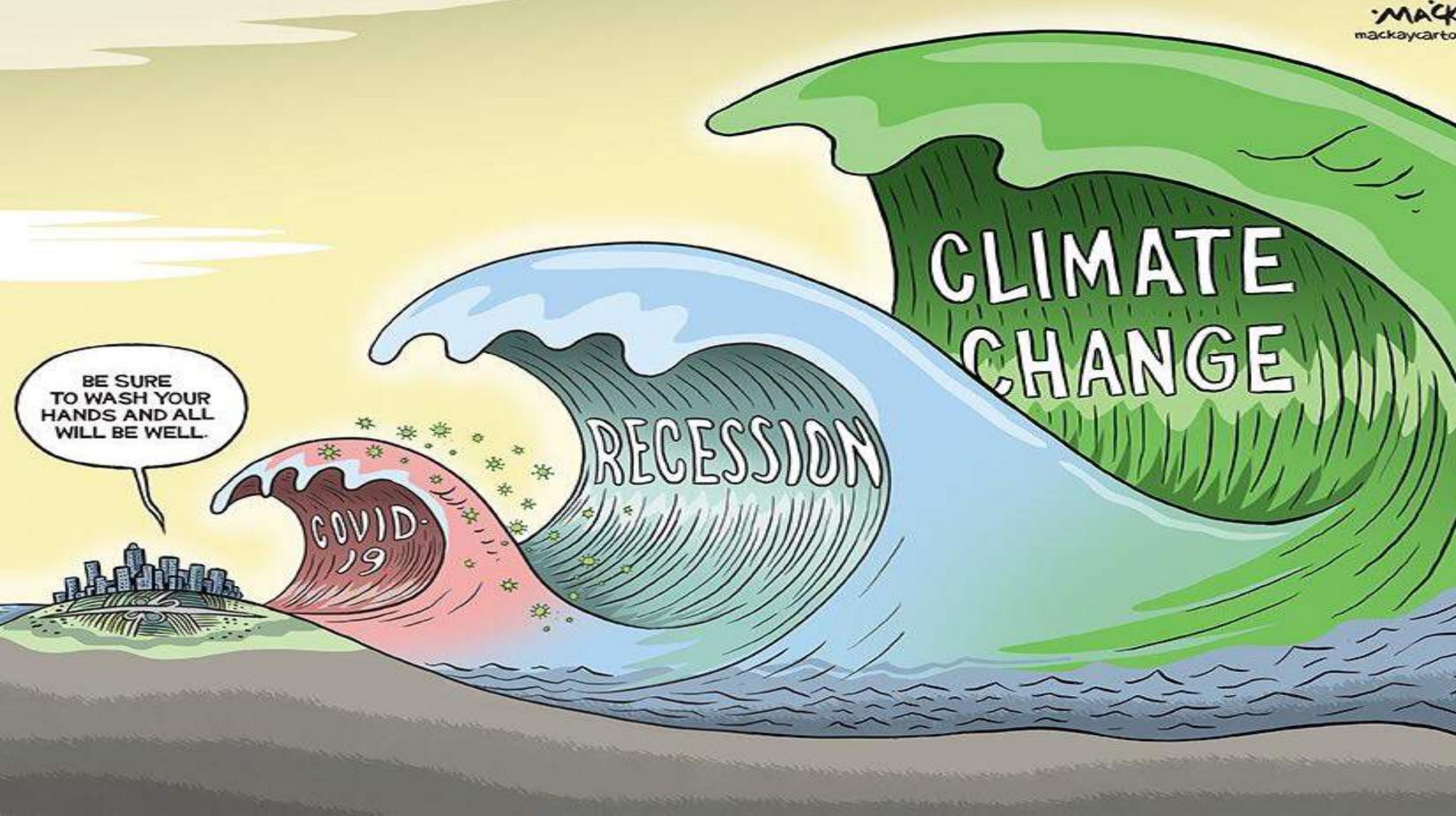
**Climate Emergency Strategy Manager  
Brent Council**

# Tackling the Climate & Ecological Emergency in Brent



**Brent  
Together**  
Towards Zero





BE SURE  
TO WASH YOUR  
HANDS AND ALL  
WILL BE WELL.

COVID-19

RECESSION

CLIMATE  
CHANGE

# Brent's Climate & Ecological Emergency Strategy (2021-2030)



- ▶ Sets out our proposed priorities for achieving carbon neutrality by 2030.
- ▶ Built on extensive research and consultation conducted over the past year
- ▶ Final Strategy document adopted by Cabinet in April 2019
- ▶ Also forms part of the refreshed Borough Plan and will be factored into service planning





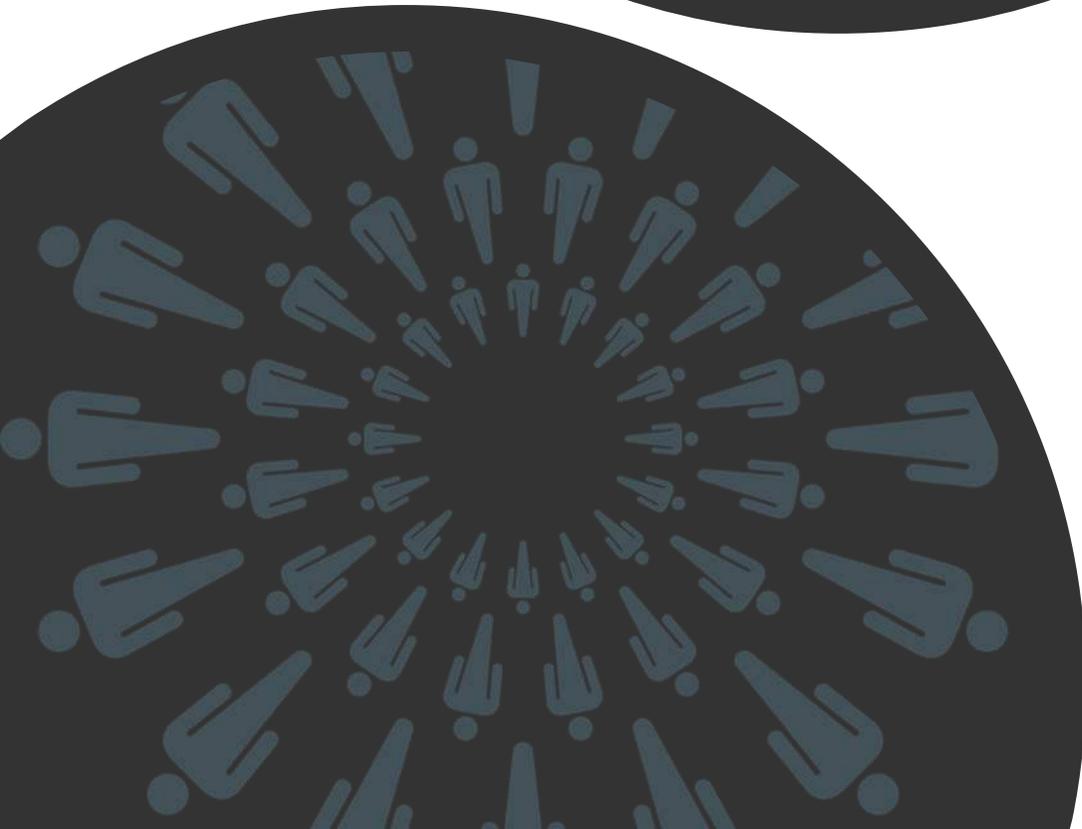
# What can you do? What is on the horizon?

- Join the Brent Environmental Network
- Engage with events, tools, help spread the word
- Grant funding will be available
- Take action to reduce your carbon footprint, or within your community
- Finalising comms and engagement plan at the moment
- Bike Week 30 May
- World Environment Day – 5<sup>th</sup> June
- London Climate Action Week – 26 June-4 July
- November 2021 - COP26 Conference in Glasgow





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**Sandra White**  
**Vice – Chair**  
**Inclusive growth**

# Inclusive Growth and Heritage Action Zone (HAZ)

- ❁ Inclusive Growth plan still being finalised.
- ❁ No action to date on Design Works.
- ❁ HSBC Bank you will hear from Refugee Education UK
- ❁ Picture Palace – Still in tender process. No decision at this time. But v soon.
- ❁ HAZ- Heritage Action Zone includes:
  - ❁ Consortia bid awaiting decision
  - ❁ Hight Street Works to affect 97-109 High Street.



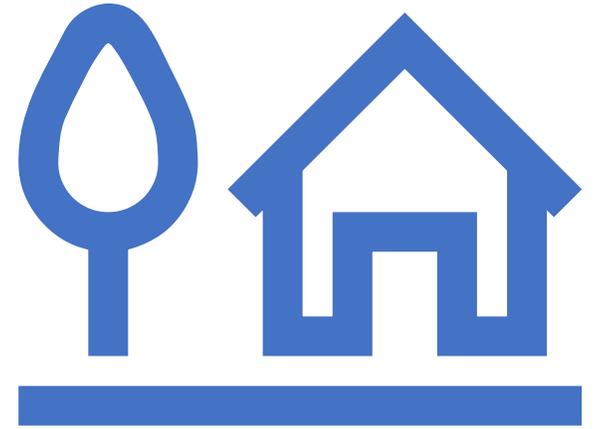
A Harlesden  
for everyone

Investment  
means growth



Strength in  
Unity

## Community Engagement



## How the Harlesden High Street Heritage Action Zone will help

- Support the local economy, traders and entrepreneurs
- Offering local people high quality community spaces to come together and maintain their sense of local identity
- A key stretch of buildings is set to be restored at an important gateway to the area.
- Town centre more attractive and welcoming
- Harlesden retaining its character and sense of place in the face of major new developments nearby.

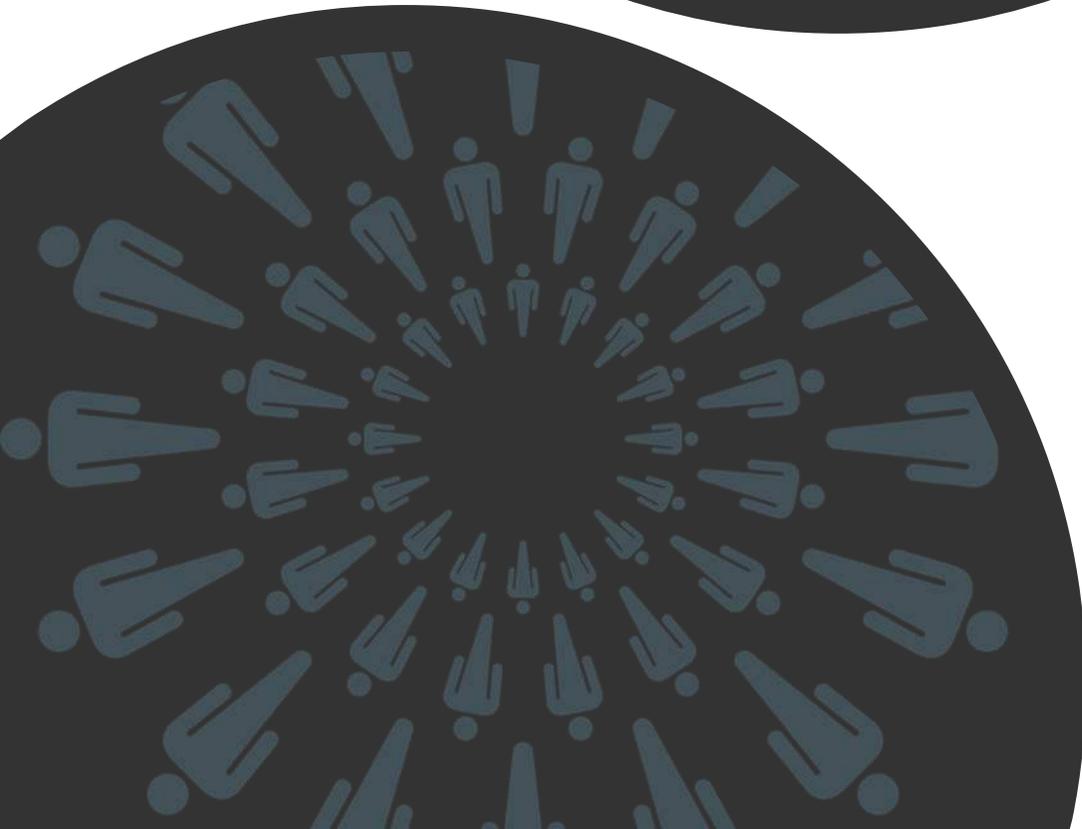


## Harlesden High Street Heritage Action Zone

*Harlesden is a bustling, vibrant and multi-cultural hub within Brent. But its High Street has declined over a number of decades. Some of the High Street's Victorian and Edwardian buildings have seen better days.*



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**Catherine and Jessica  
Gladwell**

**Refugee Education UK (REUK)**



# 60–62 High Street, Harlesden



Refugee Education UK

# Introducing REUK

Equipping young  
refugees  
to build positive  
futures by thriving  
in education.

# Our mission

In conflict, schools are destroyed, occupied by armed groups and used to shelter displaced people. Where learning continues, students and teachers can be targets of violence. For many, continuing to learn is just not possible.

When children and families are forced to flee their homes, they miss out on more education as they make dangerous journeys trying to find a place of safety.

For refugees arriving in Europe, education is a priority: it's how lives begin to be rebuilt and hope for the future is rekindled. But getting back into and progressing in education is fraught with challenge.

We want things to be different.



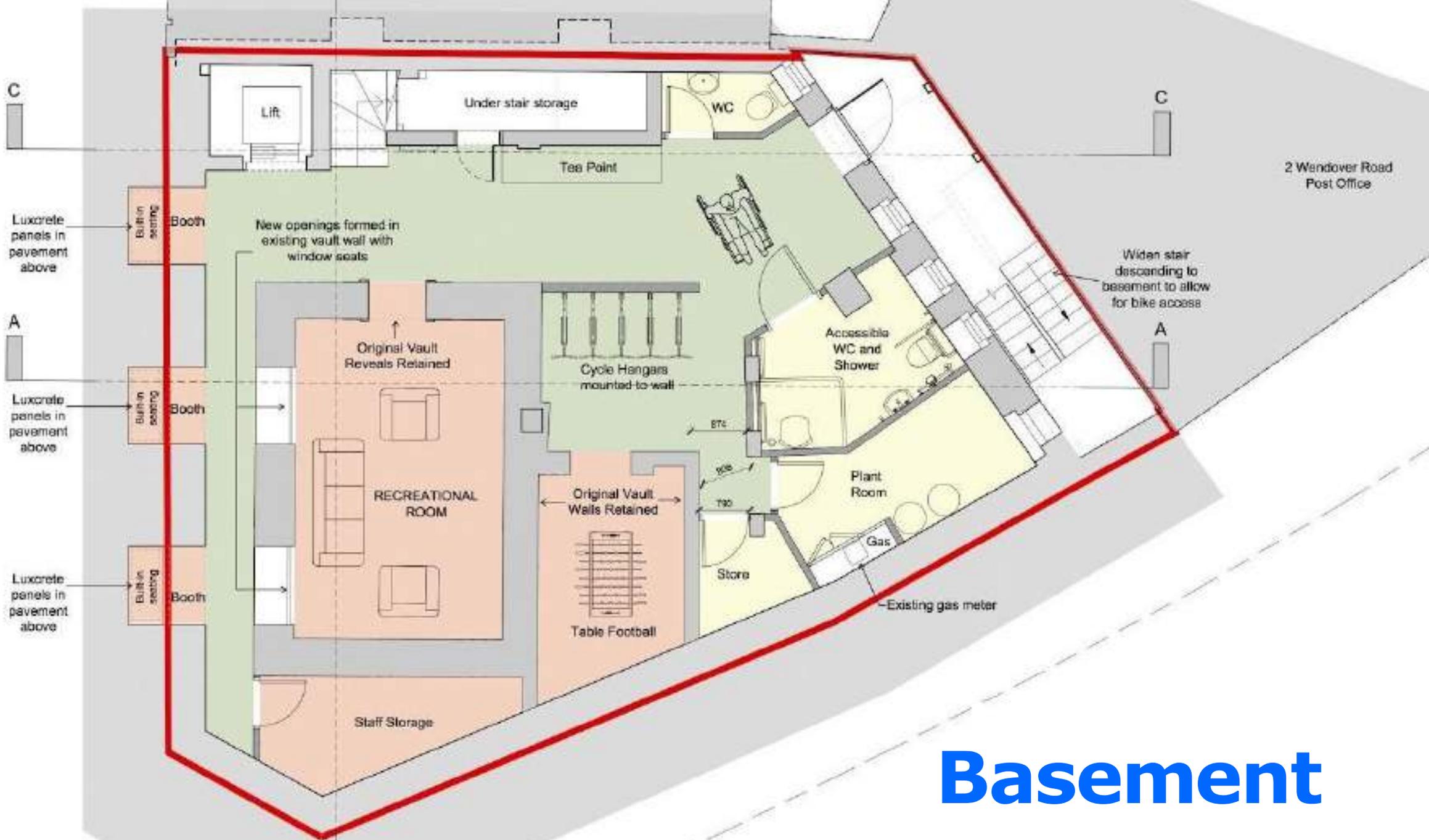


- Education Access
- Education Outcomes

- Education Impact
- Changing the landscape

# Building plans





# Basement

High Street

C

New luxcrete paving slabs above basement vaults

A

New luxcrete paving slabs above basement vaults

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C

2 Wendover Road Post Office

A

Refuse and Recycling 1400

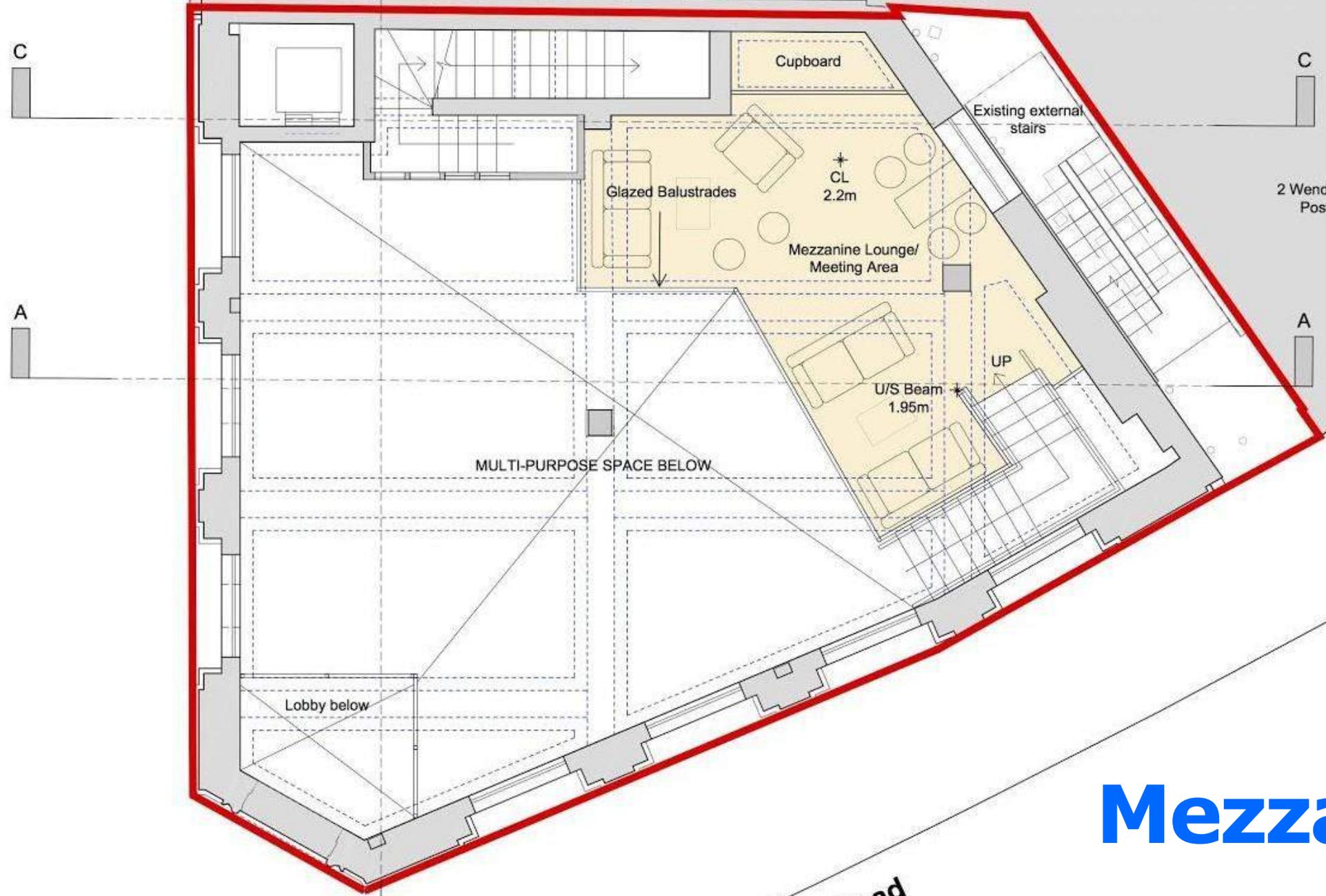
REAR ENTRANCE

FRONT ENTRANCE

Wendover Road

**Ground floor**

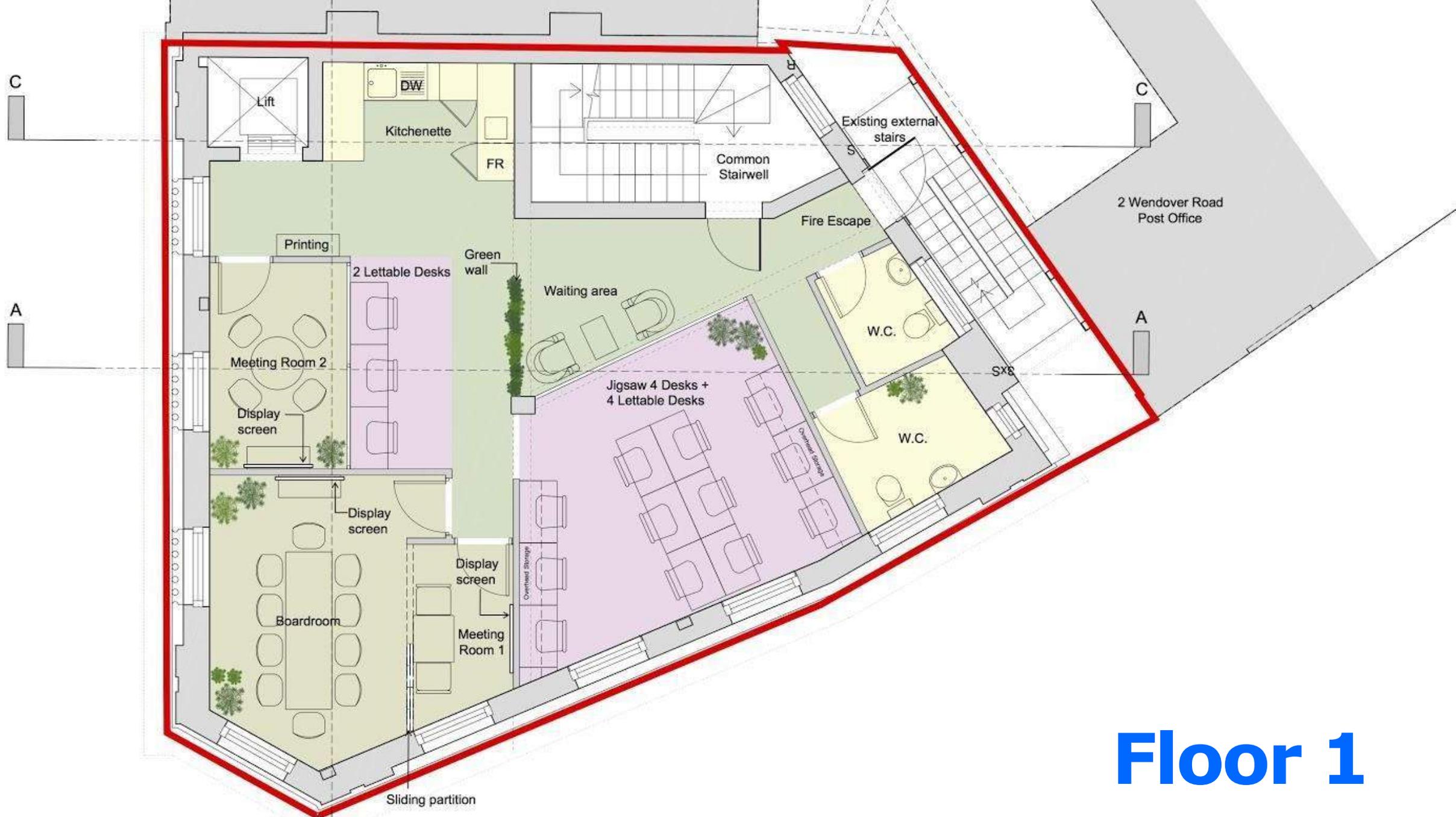
High Street



**Mezzanine**

Wendover Road

High Street



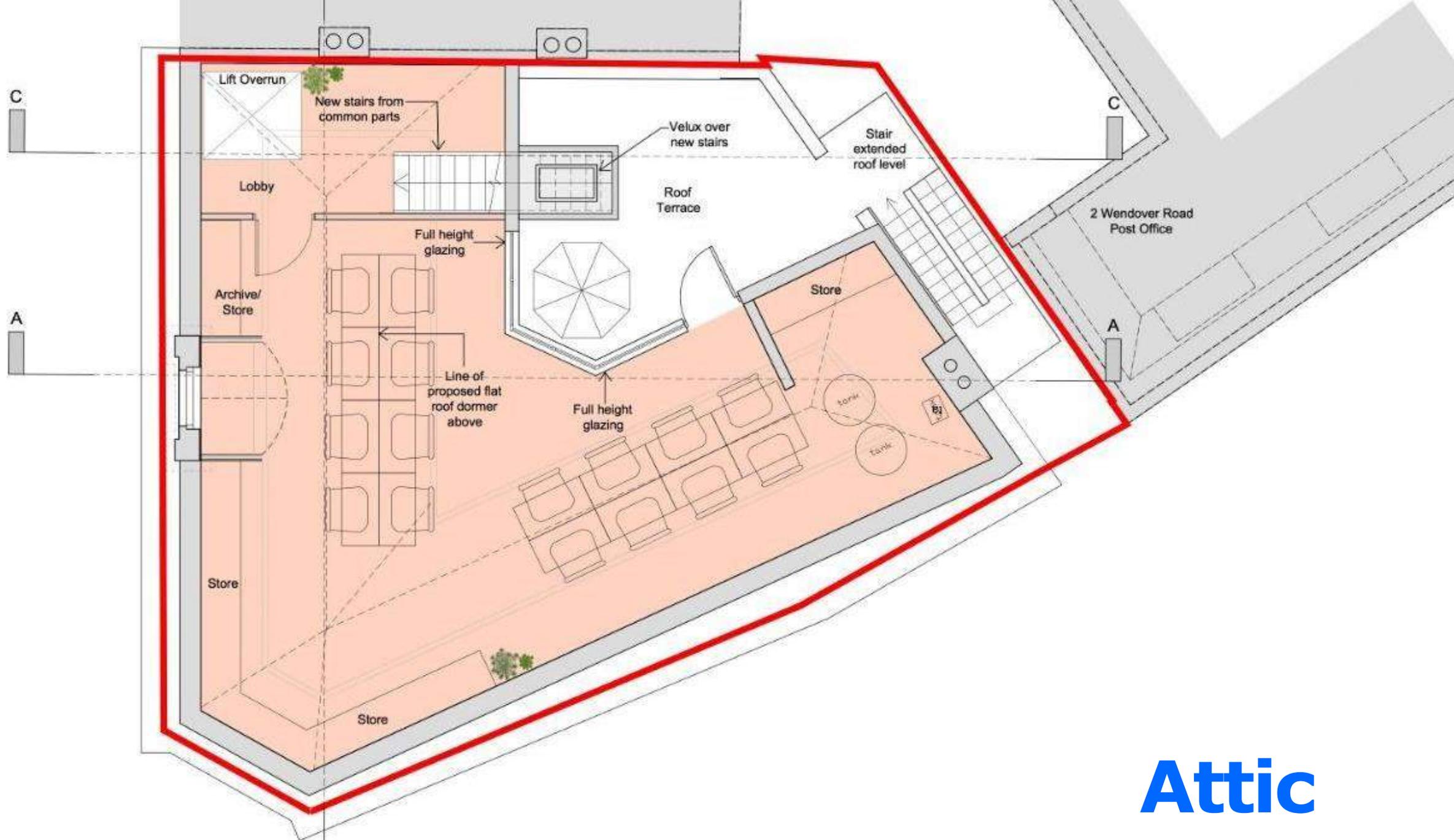
**Floor 1**

High Street



# Floor 2

High Street



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# Getting involved

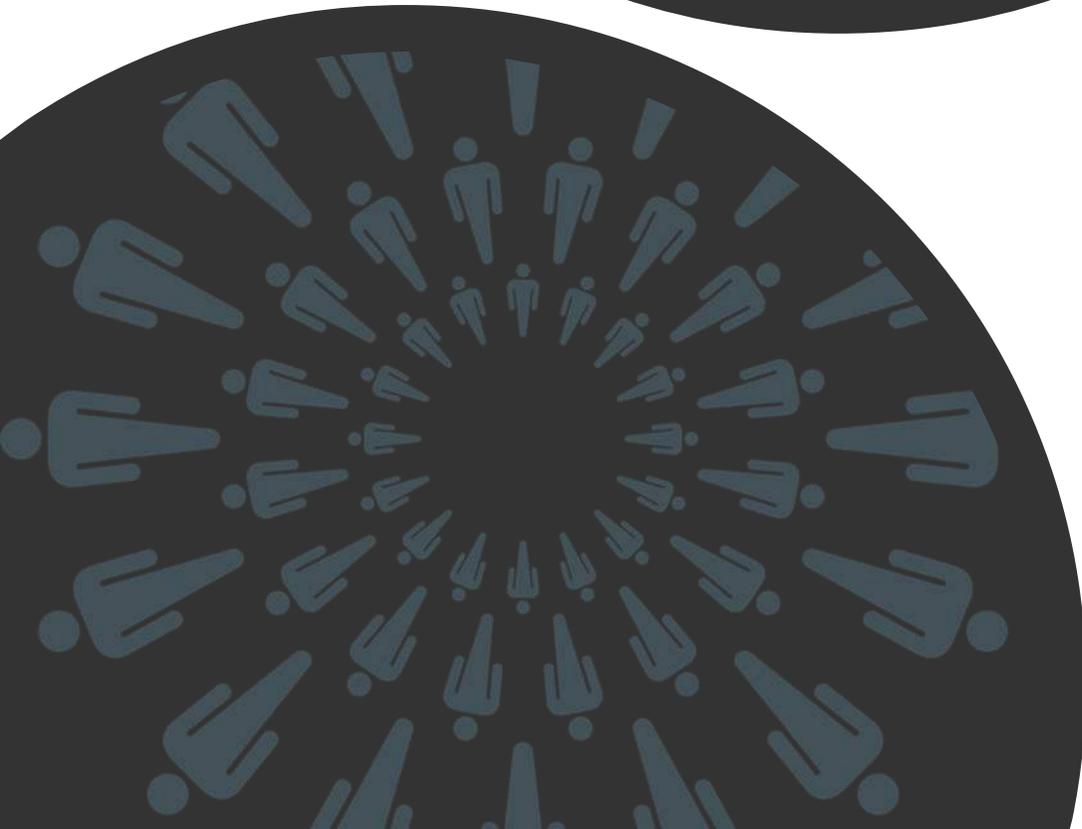


# Questions and answers





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**Madeleine Jennings**  
**Chair**  
Trustees' recruitment

 **Do you have strong feelings about:**

 **What should the Forum be doing?**

 **How it should be doing it?**

**BECOME A HARLESDEN  
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM TRUSTEE**



COLLABORATION

RESPONSIBILITY

BE A COMMUNITY  
LEADER!



HNF is looking for energetic, committed  
people to get more involved

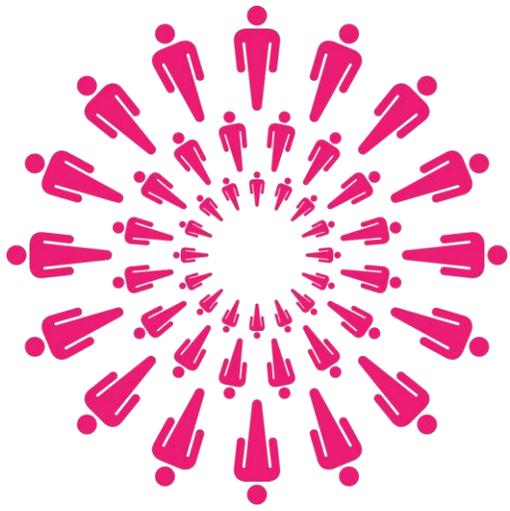
STRATEGIC  
THINKING

If you are:

- Prepared to lead or co-lead on a portfolio
- Work supportively with other trustees
- Represent the forum in the community with professionalism and integrity

then HNF is looking for you!

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**AOB**



**Thank you!**

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