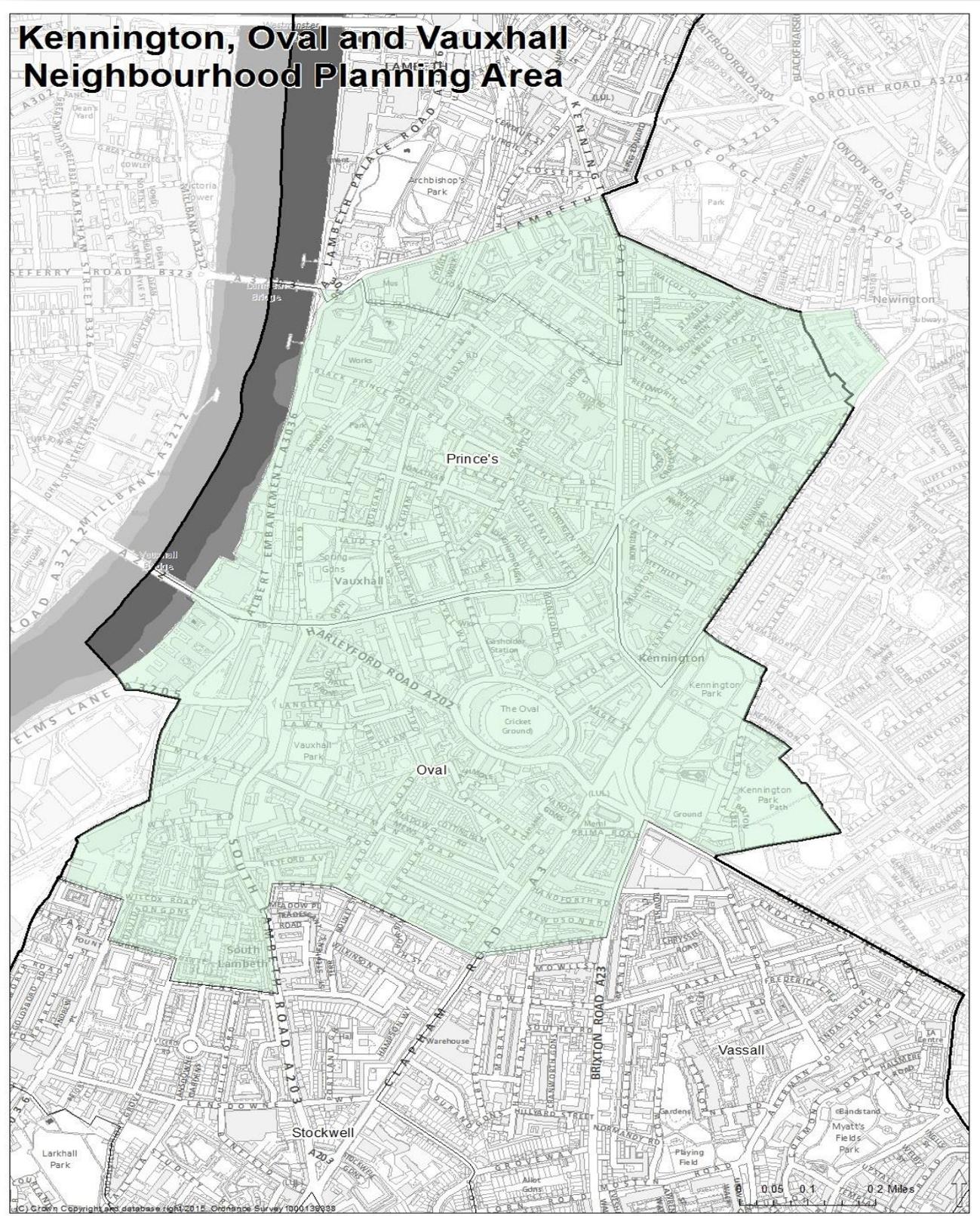
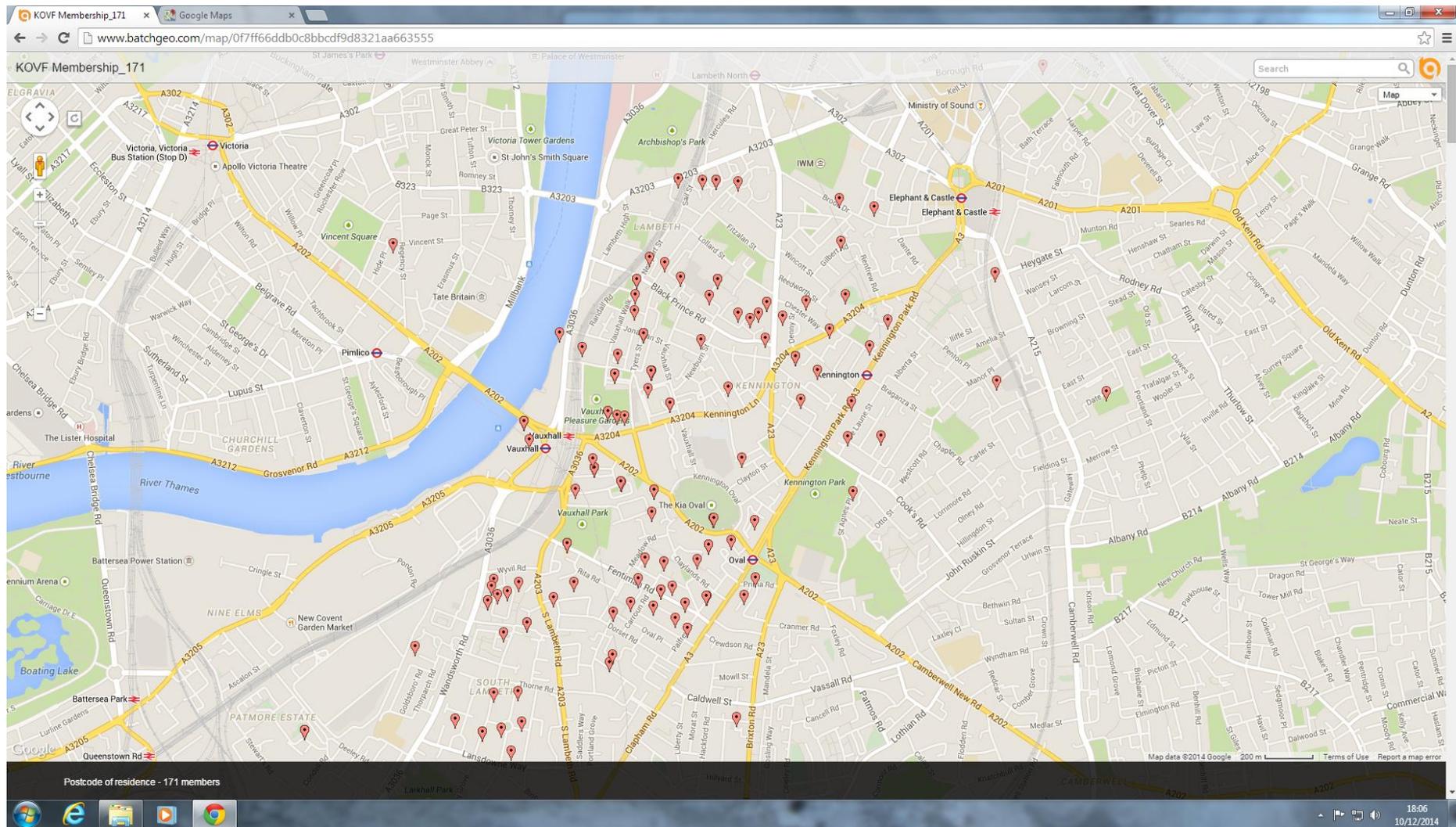


The Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Area Application

Neighbourhood Area Requirements under the Localism Act 2011	Included	Comments
A map which identifies the area to which the area application relates	Yes (<i>Map 1</i>)	The area taking the delineation around Oval and Prince's Wards and the small area of Bishop's ward.
A statement explain why the area is considered appropriate	Yes (<i>Map 2</i>)	The area chosen reflects the neighbourhood area in which members have collectively operated since the inception of the Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Forum for at least the last decade. The Forum includes: commercial areas represented at present by Vauxhall One, the Business Improvement District (BID); other commercial areas; local residents; tenants and leaseholder groups; and local interest groups such as libraries and parks.
A statement that states that the relevant body making the area application is a relevant body for the purposes of section 61G of the Localism Act 2011.	Yes (<i>Annex 1</i>)	KOV Forum is an existing body set up with a constitution that exists to foster public involvement in policy making and service provision at local level. It is funded by the Lambeth Forums Network and is the relevant eligible body for the area.



Map 1. The Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Proposed Neighbourhood Area Boundary [A high resolution KOV area map also available on request.]



Map 2. The Emerging Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall Neighbourhood Forum Membership by Postcode

Neighbourhood Forum Requirements under the Localism Act 2011	Included	Comments [Details enclosed in the KOV Forum Application]
Name of the proposed Neighbourhood Forum	Yes	Kennington Oval and Vauxhall Forum (KOVF)
A copy of the written constitution of the forum	Yes	Constitution on KOVF website, and attached as Appendix B
A name of the neighbourhood area and a map which identifies the area	Yes	Kennington Oval and Vauxhall. High resolution map attached as Appendix A, with a boundary which in the north is contiguous (without overlap) with the lower boundary of the Waterloo and South Bank NF and constitutes the lower boundary of Oval Ward in the south
The contact details of at least one member	Yes	David Boardman, Chair of KOVF Planning Group, as set out in application letter
A statement to show the proposed forum is established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental wellbeing of an area that consists of or includes the Neighbourhood area concerned.	Yes	See Constitution para 1.1
Its membership should be open to individuals who live, work and who are elected members.	Yes	Membership is open to all who live or work in the area or are local elected officials (Councillors and MP). We hold regular open meetings every 6-8 weeks to which all are invited. We have a membership of 695 as at February 2015 and regularly seek to update our list and recruit new people.
The membership must include a minimum of 21 individuals	Yes	See statement above – the tests are met with members in all categories, including ward councillors and representatives of the Vauxhall BID and Oval Business Partnership as KOVF Board members. A postcode analysis of members providing full postcodes shows a wide distribution of membership across the proposed area.
Each of whom: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lives in the area concerned; or • Works in the area; or • Is an elected member 	Yes	
It has a written constitution	Yes	As above
Such other conditions as prescribed – evidence of representativeness and inclusiveness	Yes	The group has a website. http://forumkov.wix.com/kov-forum We have promoted our meetings and other events widely. We regularly hold stands at the Oval Farmers' Market. We hold meetings every 6 to 8 weeks (except August) on thematic and pertinent issues of the day for the local area and have regular slots for planning issues to be aired, led by our Planning Group, including presentations from developers on forthcoming proposals.

		<p>Our core Planning Group, a sub-group of the Board, has members with relevant professional experience, and make regular representations in planning matters, guided by opinions gathered from survey and public meetings. There is a standing invitation for a local ward Councillor to attend any of the monthly meetings. Our latest notice to members on planning issues is attached.</p> <p>Efforts have been made to ensure that the Forum is representative of the demographic mix of the area and inclusive of all – we attend Pride Picnic, Vauxhall Trust Festival, St George’s Festival, Vauxhall Park Summer Fair and events at Pedlar’s Acre, and the Wyvil and Vauxhall Gardens Estates.</p> <p>Our meetings have been held in the Carmelita Centre and the Wheatsheaf Hall and we collect a list of those in attendance – some meetings have had in excess of 100 people present to discuss local issues.</p>
<p>An LPA must have regard to the desirability of designating a body; Who ensures that the membership includes at least one individual who lives, who works and is an elected member</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>The membership tests are met, with 695 members overall, and members in all the relevant categories. The geographical spread is illustrated by the postcode analysis, and the varied backgrounds of Board members are illustrated in the consolidated CV/election statements made by Board members at their election in October 2014, and now attached. A further co-opted member, Martin Osengor, has a BME background.</p>
<p>Whose membership is drawn from different places</p>	<p>Yes</p>	
<p>Whose purpose reflects the character of that area</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>KOV was set up as a forum primarily to encourage local participation in consultation and engagement with issues affecting our area. As part of this work, KOV is involved in commenting on local development in an area subject to heavy development pressures, ever increasing population density and increasing demands on local infrastructure. The Forum wishes to play its part in making and keeping the KOVF area a good place to live, work and visit, and wishes to promote a Neighbourhood Plan to this end.</p>