



# CONSTITUTION

## St. George-Grosvenor Neighbourhood Association (SGGNA)

### ARTICLE 1 – NAME

The name of the Association shall be the St. George Grosvenor Neighbourhood Association hereinafter referred to as the Association.

### ARTICLE 2 – GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION

The geographical boundaries of the Association within the City of London shall be the centre line of Victoria Street to the north, the centre line of Waterloo Street to the east, the centre line of Oxford Street to the south and the Thames River to the west.

### ARTICLE 3 – VISION

To retain the residential nature and composition of the neighbourhood by preserving its inherent beauty and character including, but not limited to, streetscapes, built premises, yards and lanes while acknowledging and preserving the historical importance of this area within Old North London.

### ARTICLE 4 – PURPOSE

The purpose of the Association is:

1. To be non-partisan and inclusive;
2. To promote a strong, liveable community and empower residents of the neighbourhood through community involvement;
3. To be a forum and an opportunity for residents to be involved with preserving and improving the area's present characteristics as a liveable neighbourhood;
4. To consider all subjects tending to promote the welfare of the area and to preserve and improve its present characteristics;

5. To consider, recommend, and promote such legislative, municipal and other measures as may be deemed wise and expedient to the long-term interests of the area;
6. To be a credible, powerful, and representative voice for the area, neighbourhood, and community;
7. To receive funds and assets to apply in furthering the purposes of the Association;
8. To enter into contracts or arrangements with any person, corporation or institution which may further the purposes of the Association; and
9. To do all other things which are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the Association.

### ARTICLE 5 – OBJECTIVES

The primary objectives of the Association are:

1. To foster collaboration and camaraderie between residents;
2. To inform and engage residents regarding issues specific to the area;
3. To advocate for development within its boundaries that is appropriate and respectful of the heritage, historical character and values of the community;
4. To participate in planning and development matters affecting the area;

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5. To promote and encourage retaining and maintaining the residential nature and composition of the neighbourhood; and
6. To liaise and interact with governing bodies, institutions, businesses and other neighbourhood associations on common concerns and issues.

### **ARTICLE 6 – MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Association is open to all persons over the age of eighteen (18) years who reside within the boundaries of its defined area;
  2. Each member shall have the right to attend and speak at any and all meetings of the Association subject to the rules and by-laws governing such meetings; and
  3. Members of households whose annual membership fee has been paid for the current year shall have the right to vote and elect members of the Executive Committee at the Association's Annual General Meeting (AGM).
2. Notice of each General Meeting shall be given at least fourteen (14) calendar days in advance of the meeting in the form of a newsletter or notice distributed to members and by posting at appropriate community gathering places;
  3. A quorum of any properly called and noticed meeting of the general membership shall consist of the voting members present;
  4. The Executive Committee shall periodically meet as required but not less than twice a year. All members of the executive shall be notified of the date, time and place at least five (5) days in advance;
  5. A quorum of any properly called and noticed meeting of the Executive Committee shall consist of fifty (50) percent of the officers currently elected and appointed;
  6. Sub-committees shall meet as required with notification of the date, time and place provided at least five (5) days in advance; and
  7. All meetings of the Association, Executive Committee and Sub-committees shall be governed, and make decisions by a process of majority vote, under the current Robert's Rules of Order.

### **ARTICLE 7 – FEES**

1. Nominal annual membership fees shall be determined from time to time by the Executive Committee and approved by a vote of the Association membership at the AGM;
2. The Executive Committee may initiate separate campaigns to solicit for additional funding that will permit the Association to retain professional assistance and/or support to address specific issues that may impact the Association's Vision, Purpose and Objectives; and
3. The Association is not a registered charitable organization and cannot issue receipts for membership fees or additional funding for tax purposes.

### **ARTICLE 8 – MEETINGS**

1. The Association membership shall periodically meet as required but not less than once a year as an AGM for the purpose of elections and financial reporting;

### **ARTICLE 9 – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

All members of the Association whose annual household membership fee has been paid for the current year, and who do not hold political office, are eligible to stand for election to the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall:

1. Consist of the following officers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and up to twelve (12) Members at Large;
2. Be nominated before or during the AGM and be elected for a term of two (2) years; it being noted that the terms of office for its members shall be

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staggered so that one half of the positions shall be elected by the membership at each alternating AGM;

3. Be receptive to the general membership which they represent, keep them informed of Executive Committee activities and consult with them to ensure the Committee reflects their overall opinion;
4. Be responsible for the ongoing operation of the Association and be entrusted to make decisions on behalf of the Association between meetings of the general membership; and
5. Ensure that any officer who can possibly benefit financially directly from Association decisions declares a conflict of interest in the matter and refrains from discussing and voting on it.

### **ARTICLE 10 – FISCAL YEAR**

The fiscal year of the Association shall end on December 31st.

### **ARTICLE 11 – AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended or altered by:

1. A vote of two thirds of the attending members of any properly called and noticed AGM; and
2. Providing written notice of the proposed amendment(s) has been given to the general membership at least one (1) month in advance of the AGM.

### **ARTICLE 12 – DISSOLUTION**

The Association may be dissolved at any time by a vote of two (2) thirds of members present at a properly called and notified special meeting for that purpose. Any remaining assets of the Association shall be distributed to a not for profit organization voted on by the members.