

Hatcham Conservation Society

Constitution

Objectives

- a) To conserve and enhance the character and appearance of the Hatcham Conservation area "an area of special architectural and historic interest which it is desirable to preserve or enhance". Section 69 Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
- b) To conserve and enhance the characteristics of Hatcham Conservation area as described in the active Lewisham Conservation Area Character Appraisal dated 2006 and subsequent revisions. The residential streets are described as largely unspoilt with a strong group identity but still holding variety in detail revealing the individuality expressed by different builders. (Character Appraisal appended to Constitution).
- c) To monitor and respond to planning applications, ensuring they are consistent and in keeping with the conservation area and conservation law.
- d) To consult with Lewisham Council, Transport Authorities, Government Departments on planning and conservation issues.
- e) To increase awareness of the area's history and character through occasional lectures, the dissemination of online information and the creation of printed material.
- f) To work as part of Lewisham's Amenity Societies panel on planning issues.
- g) To cooperate with other local conservation societies and community groups.

In furtherance of the said objectives but not otherwise, the Hatcham Conservation Society will have an Executive Committee made up of Officers.

Membership

Membership shall be open to residents and others who formally support the purposes of the Society.

Membership shall be free but subscriptions can be charged at an amount that officers may from time to time decide and announce.

Meetings, Officers and Accounts

The Society shall hold an Annual General Meeting. A quorum shall number not less than four people. The Executive Committee shall decide when meetings of the Society shall be held and shall give at least 7 days notice of such meetings to all members.

Members shall elect a Chair and such other Officers as deemed necessary and shall have the power to co-opt and establish Sub-Committees. Officers shall serve for a term of two years.

Minutes to be kept of all Meetings.

Accounts to be kept by Treasurer and presented at AGM where the chair will also present a yearly report.

The Officers of the Society shall consist of: **Chair, Vice Chair, Honorary President, Secretary, Treasurer.**

Powers

The Society shall operate on a not for profit basis.

Officers shall have the power to open and operate a bank account. They shall be responsible for ensuring the safe management of the account with two signatories to each cheque.

Officers shall have the power to raise funds, apply for and receive grants and donations. Funds raised can be used only for the Society's purpose.

If there is a planning application submitted by a member of the committee (or a close friend or family member) or an application which directly affects the home of a committee member, the committee member must recuse themselves from having a say on the application. This excludes non residential or large scale developments. The individual committee member retains the right to respond to the planning application in a private capacity.

April 2026

Signed by

CHAIR *Nicholas Hitchens*

VICE CHAIR *Benact HEYNDERICKX*

SECRETARY *VICTORIA HORNER*