

COUNCIL MEETING – DEPUTATION/PETITION REQUEST FORM

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Does any member of the deputation have access requirements? If so, please tell us what they are: No	
Have you submitted a deputation request to the Council before? If so, please give details of the topic and the meeting to which it was submitted: No	

Please summarise below the key points you wish to make at the Council meeting (continue on a separate sheet if necessary):

We would like to take this opportunity to present the Good Neighbourhood Project – a community-led initiative delivered by The Winch, —and to ask Camden Council to support a set of community-backed recommendations developed by local residents to make Swiss Cottage and South Hampstead fairer for everyone.

Alongside showcasing the process and outcomes, we are using this deputation to call on the Council to act on three specific **recommendations for decision-makers**.

In 2024, The Winch recruited 16 local community members, known as the **Good Neighbourhood Collective**, tasked with coming up with a set of recommendations for making Swiss Cottage and South Hampstead a fairer place.

Over four months, the **Good Neighbourhood Collective** participated in a structured learning and engagement programme. We explored local issues, met with experts and stakeholders, engaged with the wider community, and held deliberative conversations to shape practical and inclusive ideas for change. Over 350 community members contributed in different ways to shaping these recommendations.

In February 2025, these ideas were presented at the **Good Neighbourhood Assembly**, attended by the local community, stakeholders, and decision-makers. To ensure democratic participation, we invited everyone who lives, works, studies or uses services in the neighbourhood to **vote on the final recommendations** at the event and online the following week. This deputation outlines:

- An overview of the project and how the community shaped it
- The six final recommendations developed and voted on by the local community
- A call for the Council to support and act on the three **recommendations for decision-makers**

Final Recommendations

Food & Nutrition

- *Community-led idea:* Cooking workshops & community cookbook
- *Recommendation for decision-makers:* Invest in community kitchens as part of new community facilities

Mental Health

- *Community-led idea:* Youth peer mentoring programme
- *Recommendation for decision-makers:* Increase investment in school counselling services across the neighbourhood

Community Spaces

- *Community-led idea:* Community skill-sharing programme
- *Recommendation for decision-makers:* Develop inclusive play areas for children with special needs

We are now entering the **Neighbourhood Action Phase**, where the **community-led ideas** will be implemented by residents. We invite Camden Council to work in partnership with the community to take forward the **recommendations for decision-makers**—ensuring that the priorities residents have identified are translated into tangible action.