**Statement of compliance with Section 61F(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended**

As required under 8(e) of The Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum will comply with Section 61F(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, as amended, because it will meet the following requirements:

(a) It is being established for the express purpose of promoting or improving the social, economic and environmental well-being of an area that consists of or includes the neighbourhood area concerned (whether or not it is also established for the express purpose of promoting the carrying on of trades, professions or other businesses in such an area). This is set out in part 3, objective c in the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum constitution.

(b) Its membership will be open to—

(i) Individuals who live in the neighbourhood area concerned. This is set out in part 7.a in the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum constitution.

(ii) Individuals who work there (whether for businesses carried on there or otherwise). This is also set out in part 7.a in the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum constitution.

(iii) Individuals who are elected members of a district council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned. This is set out in part 7.b in the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum constitution.

(c) Its membership will includes a minimum of 21 individuals each of whom—

(i) Lives in the neighbourhood area concerned.

(ii) Works there (whether for a business carried on there or otherwise).

(iii) Is an elected member of a district council any of whose area falls within the neighbourhood area concerned.

This is set out in part 7.d in the proposed Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum constitution directly after parts 7.a- and 7b, which cover the matters set out in (c)(i)–(iii) above.

(d) It will have a written constitution. The prospective Abram Ward Neighbourhood Forum has a written constitution that will be adopted in May 2015.

(e) Such other conditions as may be prescribed. Other conditions prescribed in Regulations have been met.

**Wigan Council, April 2015**