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**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION
OF A
COMMUNITY INTEREST COMPANY**

Company No. 8307499

The Registrar of Companies for England and Wales, hereby certifies that:

INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES FOR OPEN ACCESS C.I.C.

is this day incorporated under the Companies Act 2006 as a Community Interest Company; is a private company, that the company is limited by guarantee; and the situation of the registered office is in England/Wales



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Given at Companies House on **26th November 2012.**



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Application to register a company



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✓ What this form is for
You may use this form to register a
private or public company

X What this form is NOT for
You cannot use this form to register
a limited liability partnership
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Part 1 Company details

A1

Company name

To check if a company name is available use our WebCheck service and select
the 'Company Name Availability Search' option

www.companieshouse.gov.uk/info

Please show the proposed company name below

Proposed company
name in full ①

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ACCESS C.I.C.

For official use

→ Filling in this form
Please complete in typescript or in
bold black capitals.

All fields are mandatory unless
specified or indicated by *

① Duplicate names
Duplicate names are not permitted
A list of registered names can
be found on our website. There
are various rules that may affect
your choice of name. More
information on this is available in
our guidance booklet GP1 at:
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

A2

Company name restrictions ②

Please tick the box only if the proposed company name contains sensitive
or restricted words or expressions that require you to seek comments of a
government department or other specified body

☐ I confirm that the proposed company name contains sensitive or restricted
words or expressions and that approval, where appropriate, has been
sought of a government department or other specified body and I attach a
copy of their response

② Company name restrictions
A list of sensitive or restricted
words or expressions that require
consent can be found in our
guidance booklet GP1 at
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

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Exemption from name ending with 'Limited' or 'Cyfyngedig' ③

Please tick the box if you wish to apply for exemption from the requirement to
have the name ending with 'Limited', 'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative

☐ I confirm that the above proposed company meets the conditions for
exemption from the requirement to have a name ending with 'Limited',
'Cyfyngedig' or permitted alternative

③ Name ending exemption
Only private companies that are
limited by guarantee and meet other
specific requirements are eligible
to apply for this. For more details,
please go to our website
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

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Company type ④

Please tick the box that describes the proposed company type and members'
liability (only one box must be ticked)

☐ Public limited by shares
☐ Private limited by shares
☒ Private limited by guarantee
☐ Private unlimited with share capital
☐ Private unlimited without share capital

④ Company type
If you are unsure of your company's
type, please go to our website
www.companieshouse.gov.uk

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Situation of registered office •

Please tick the appropriate box below that describes the situation of the proposed registered office (only one box must be ticked)

- ☒ England and Wales
☐ Wales
☐ Scotland
☐ Northern Ireland

① Registered office

Every company must have a registered office and this is the address to which the Registrar will send correspondence

For England and Wales companies, the address must be in England or Wales.

For Welsh, Scottish or Northern Ireland companies, the address must be in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively

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Registered office address •

Please give the registered office address of your company

Building name/number

2

Street

CLYST WORKS

CLYST ROAD

Post town

TOPSHAM

County/Region

DEVON

Postcode

EX3 0EP

② Registered office address

You must ensure that the address shown in this section is consistent with the situation indicated in section A5

You must provide an address in England or Wales for companies to be registered in England and Wales.

You must provide an address in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland for companies to be registered in Wales, Scotland or Northern Ireland respectively

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Articles of association •

Please choose one option only and tick one box only

Option 1

I wish to adopt one of the following model articles in its entirety Please tick only one box

- ☐ Private limited by shares
☐ Private limited by guarantee
☐ Public company

Option 2

I wish to adopt the following model articles with additional and/or amended provisions I attach a copy of the additional and/or amended provision(s) Please tick only one box

- ☐ Private limited by shares
☐ Private limited by guarantee
☐ Public company

Option 3

☒ I wish to adopt entirely bespoke articles. I attach a copy of the bespoke articles to this application

③ For details of which company type can adopt which model articles, please go to our website www.companieshouse.gov.uk

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Restricted company articles •

Please tick the box below if the company's articles are restricted

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④ Restricted company articles

Restricted company articles are those containing provision for entrenchment For more details, please go to our website www.companieshouse.gov.uk

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Part 2**Proposed officers**

For private companies the appointment of a secretary is optional, however, if you do decide to appoint a company secretary you must provide the relevant details. Public companies are required to appoint at least one secretary.

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

For a secretary who is an individual, go to Section B1. For a corporate secretary, go to Section C1. For a director who is an individual, go to Section D1; For a corporate director, go to Section E1.

Secretary**B1****Secretary appointments ①**

Please use this section to list all the secretary appointments taken on formation.
For a corporate secretary, complete Sections C1-C5.

Title*	
Full forename(s)	
Surname	
Former name(s) ②	

① Corporate appointments

For corporate secretary appointments, please complete section C1-C5 instead of section B.

Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one secretary, please use the 'Secretary appointments' continuation page.

② Former name(s)

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

B2**Secretary's service address ①**

Building name/number	
Street	
Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	

① Service address

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of secretaries as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

B3**Signature ①**

I consent to act as secretary of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature

Signature

X

X

① Signature

The person named above consents to act as secretary of the proposed company.

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Corporate secretary**C1 Corporate secretary appointments ①**

Please use this section to list all the corporate secretary appointments taken on formation

Name of corporate body/firm

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

① Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one corporate secretary, please use the 'Corporate secretary appointments' continuation page

Registered or principal address

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number

C2 Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm

Is the corporate secretary registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)?

→ Yes Complete **Section C3 only**→ No Complete **Section C4 only****C3 EEA companies ②**

Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register

Where the company/firm is registered ②

Registration number

② EEAA full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance www.companieshouse.gov.uk

③ This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)

C4 Non-EEA companies

Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register

Legal form of the corporate body or firm

Governing law

If applicable, where the company/firm is registered ④

Registration number

④ Non-EEA

Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered, you must also provide its number in that register

C5 Signature ⑤

I consent to act as secretary of the proposed company named in Section A1

Signature

Signature

X

X

⑤ Signature

The person named above consents to act as corporate secretary of the proposed company

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Director**D1****Director appointments ①**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	DR
Full forename(s)	ALMA PATRICIA
Surname	SWAN
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	UNITED KINGDOM
Nationality	BRITISH
Date of birth	2 2 10 1 9 5 2
Business occupation (if any) ④	PUBLISHING CONSULTANT

① Appointments

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

② Former name(s)

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

③ Country/State of residence

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in section D4.

④ Business occupation

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

D2**Director's service address ①**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	2
Street	CLYST WORKS CLYST ROAD
Post town	TOPSHAM
County/Region	DEVON
Postcode	EX3 0DB
Country	UK

① Service address

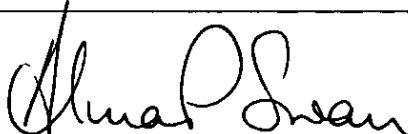
This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

D3**Signature ①**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">X</div> <div style="flex-grow: 1;">  </div> <div style="margin-left: 10px;">X</div> </div>
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① Signature

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.

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Director**D1****Director appointments ①**Please use this section to list all the director appointments taken on formation
For a corporate director, complete Sections E1-E5

Title*	MS.
Full forename(s)	CAROLINE DAWN
Surname	SUTTON
Former name(s) ②	
Country/State of residence ③	NORWAY
Nationality	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
Date of birth	d 1 0 m 1 0 y 1 9 6 9
Business occupation (if any) ④	PUBLISHER, CO-FOUNDER

① Appointments

Private companies must appoint at least one director who is an individual. Public companies must appoint at least two directors, one of which must be an individual.

② Former name(s)

Please provide any previous names which have been used for business purposes in the last 20 years. Married women do not need to give former names unless previously used for business purposes.

③ Country/State of residence

This is in respect of your usual residential address as stated in Section D4.

④ Business occupation

If you have a business occupation, please enter here. If you do not, please leave blank.

Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one director, please use the 'Director appointments' continuation page.

D2**Director's service address ⑤**

Please complete the service address below. You must also fill in the director's usual residential address in Section D4.

Building name/number	2
Street	TROLLFARET 2
Post town	SKENS MOKORSET
County/Region	
Postcode	2 0 2 0
Country	NORWAY

⑤ Service address


This is the address that will appear on the public record. This does not have to be your usual residential address.

Please state 'The Company's Registered Office' if your service address will be recorded in the proposed company's register of directors as the company's registered office.

If you provide your residential address here it will appear on the public record.

D3**Signature ⑥**

I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in Section A1.

Signature	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="margin-right: 20px;">X</div>  <div style="margin-left: 20px;">X</div> </div>
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⑥ Signature

The person named above consents to act as director of the proposed company.

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Corporate director**E1****Corporate director appointments**

Please use this section to list all the corporate directors taken on formation

Name of corporate body or firm

Building name/number

Street

Post town

County/Region

Postcode

Country

Additional appointments

If you wish to appoint more than one corporate director, please use the 'Corporate director appointments continuation page'

Registered or principal address

This is the address that will appear on the public record. This address must be a physical location for the delivery of documents. It cannot be a PO box number (unless contained within a full address), DX number or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number

E2**Location of the registry of the corporate body or firm**

Is the corporate director registered within the European Economic Area (EEA)?

→ Yes Complete **Section E3 only**→ No Complete **Section E4 only****E3****EEA companies**

Please give details of the register where the company file is kept (including the relevant state) and the registration number in that register

Where the company/firm is registered

Registration number

EEA

A full list of countries of the EEA can be found in our guidance www.companieshouse.gov.uk

This is the register mentioned in Article 3 of the First Company Law Directive (68/151/EEC)

E4**Non-EEA companies**

Please give details of the legal form of the corporate body or firm and the law by which it is governed. If applicable, please also give details of the register in which it is entered (including the state) and its registration number in that register

Legal form of the corporate body or firm

Governing law

If applicable, where the company/firm is registered

If applicable, the registration number

Non-EEA

Where you have provided details of the register (including state) where the company or firm is registered you must also provide its number in that register

E5**Signature**I consent to act as director of the proposed company named in **Section A1**

Signature

Signature

X

X

Signature

The person named above consents to act as corporate director of the proposed company

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Part 3 Statement of capital

Does your company have share capital?

→ Yes Complete the sections below

→ No Go to Part 4 (Statement of guarantee)

F1 Share capital in pound sterling (£)

Please complete the table below to show each class of shares held in pound sterling

If all your issued capital is in sterling, only complete Section F1 and then go to Section F4

Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ❶	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ❶	Number of shares ❷	Aggregate nominal value ❸
				£
				£
				£
				£
Totals				£

F2 Share capital in other currencies

Please complete the table below to show any class of shares held in other currencies

Please complete a separate table for each currency

Currency				
Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ❶	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ❶	Number of shares ❷	Aggregate nominal value ❸
Totals				

Currency				
Class of shares (E g Ordinary/Preference etc)	Amount paid up on each share ❶	Amount (if any) unpaid on each share ❶	Number of shares ❷	Aggregate nominal value ❸
Totals				

F3 Totals

Please give the total number of shares and total aggregate nominal value of issued share capital

Total number of shares

Total aggregate
nominal value ❸

❶ Total aggregate nominal value
Please list total aggregate values in
different currencies separately For
example £100 + €100 + \$10 etc

❶ Including both the nominal value and any
share premium❷ Number of shares issued multiplied by
nominal value of each share

❸ Total number of issued shares in this class.

Continuation PagesPlease use a Statement of Capital continuation
page if necessary

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Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)

Please give the prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares for each class of share shown in the statement of capital share tables in Sections F1 and F2

Class of share

Prescribed particulars

1

Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares

The particulars are

- a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances,
- b particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution
- c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and
- d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares

A separate table must be used for each class of share

Continuation pages

Please use the next page or a 'Statement of Capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary

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Class of share		
Prescribed particulars ①		<p>① Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares The particulars are a particulars of any voting rights, including rights that arise only in certain circumstances, b. particulars of any rights, as respects dividends, to participate in a distribution, c particulars of any rights, as respects capital, to participate in a distribution (including on winding up), and d whether the shares are to be redeemed or are liable to be redeemed at the option of the company or the shareholder and any terms or conditions relating to redemption of these shares</p> <p>A separate table must be used for each class of share</p> <p>Continuation pages Please use a 'Statement of capital (Prescribed particulars of rights attached to shares)' continuation page if necessary</p>

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Initial shareholdings

This section should only be completed by companies incorporating with share capital

Please complete the details below for each subscriber

The addresses will appear on the public record. These do not need to be the subscribers' usual residential address

Initial shareholdings

Please list the company's subscribers in alphabetical order

Please use an Initial shareholdings' continuation page if necessary

Subscriber's details	Class of share	Number of shares	Currency	Nominal value of each share	Amount (if any) unpaid	Amount paid
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						
Name						
Address						

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Part 4**Statement of guarantee**

Is your company limited by guarantee?

→ Yes Complete the sections below

→ No Go to Part 5 (Statement of compliance)

G1**Subscribers**

Please complete this section if you are a subscriber of a company limited by guarantee. The following statement is being made by each and every person named below

I confirm that if the company is wound up while I am a member, or within one year after I cease to be a member, I will contribute to the assets of the company by such amount as may be required for

- payment of debts and liabilities of the company contracted before I cease to be a member,
- payment of costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and,
- adjustment of the rights of the contributors among ourselves, not exceeding the specified amount below

1 Name

Please use capital letters

2 Address

The addresses in this section will appear on the public record. They do not have to be the subscribers' usual residential address.

3 Amount guaranteed

Any valid currency is permitted

Continuation pages

Please use a 'Subscribers' continuation page if necessary

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	ALMA PATRICIA		
Surname ①	SWAN		
Address ②	2 DENVER PLACE, ELM GROVE RD TOPSHAM, DEVON		
Postcode	EX3	0EP	
Amount guaranteed ③	£ 1.00		

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①	CAROLINE DAWN		
Surname ①	SUTTON		
Address ②	TRALLFARET 2 SKEDSMOKORSET NORWAY		
Postcode	20	20	
Amount guaranteed ③	£ 1.00		

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ①			
Surname ①			
Address ②			
Postcode			
Amount guaranteed ③			

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Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ❶	
Surname ❶	
Address ❷	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ❸	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ❶	
Surname ❶	
Address ❷	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ❸	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ❶	
Surname ❶	
Address ❷	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ❸	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ❶	
Surname ❶	
Address ❷	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ❸	

Subscriber's details

Forename(s) ❶	
Surname ❶	
Address ❷	
Postcode	
Amount guaranteed ❸	

❶ Name

Please use capital letters

❷ Address

The addresses in this section will appear on the public record. They do not have to be the subscribers' usual residential address.

❸ Amount guaranteed

Any valid currency is permitted

Continuation pages

Please use a 'Subscribers' continuation page if necessary

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Part 5**Statement of compliance**

This section must be completed by all companies

Is the application by an agent on behalf of all the subscribers?

- **No** Go to **Section H1** (Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers)
- **Yes** Go to **Section H2** (Statement of compliance delivered by an agent)

H1**Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers ^①**

Please complete this section if the application is not delivered by an agent for the subscribers of the memorandum of association

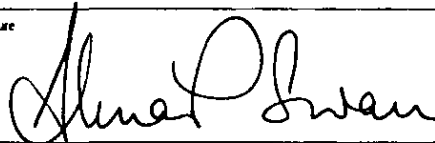
I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with

① Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers
Every subscriber to the memorandum of association must sign the statement of compliance.

Subscriber's signature

Signature

X



X

Subscriber's signature

Signature

X



X

Subscriber's signature

Signature

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Subscriber's signature

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Subscriber's signature

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Subscriber's signature

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Subscriber's signature

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Subscriber's signature

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Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	Continuation pages Please use a 'Statement of compliance delivered by the subscribers' continuation page if more subscribers need to sign
Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	
Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	
Subscriber's signature	Signature X	X	

H2

Statement of compliance delivered by an agent

Please complete this section if this application is delivered by an agent for the subscribers to the memorandum of association

Agent's name	
Building name/number	
Street	
Post town	
County/Region	
Postcode	
Country	
	I confirm that the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 as to registration have been complied with
Agent's signature	Signature X

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**Presenter information**

You do not have to give any contact information, but if you do it will help Companies House if there is a query on the form. The contact information you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Contact name **DR A SWAN**

Company name **INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

FOR OPEN ACCESS

Address **2 CLYST WORKS**

CLYST ROAD

Post town **TOPSHAM**

County/Region **DEVON**

Postcode **EX3 0DB**

Country **UK**

DX

Telephone **01392 879702**

**Certificate**

We will send your certificate to the presenters address (shown above) or if indicated to another address shown below

- ☐ At the registered office address (Given in Section A6)
☐ At the agents address (Given in Section H2)

**Checklist**

We may return forms completed incorrectly or with information missing

Please make sure you have remembered the following

- ☐ You have checked that the proposed company name is available as well as the various rules that may affect your choice of name. More information can be found in guidance on our website
- ☐ If the name of the company is the same as one already on the register as permitted by The Company and Business Names (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 2008, please attach consent
- ☐ You have used the correct appointment sections.
- ☐ Any addresses given must be a physical location. They cannot be a PO Box number (unless part of a full service address), DX or LP (Legal Post in Scotland) number
- ☐ The document has been signed, where indicated
- ☐ All relevant attachments have been included
- ☐ You have enclosed the Memorandum of Association
- ☐ You have enclosed the correct fee

**Important information**

Please note that all information on this form will appear on the public record, apart from information relating to usual residential addresses

**How to pay**

A fee is payable on this form. Make cheques or postal orders payable to 'Companies House'. For information on fees, go to www.companieshouse.gov.uk

**Where to send**

You may return this form to any Companies House address, however for expediency we advise you to return it to the appropriate address below

For companies registered in England and Wales
The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Crown Way, Cardiff, Wales, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland
The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Fourth floor, Edinburgh Quay 2,
139 Fountainbridge, Edinburgh, Scotland, EH3 9FF
DX ED235 Edinburgh 1
or LP - 4 Edinburgh 2 (Legal Post)

For companies registered in Northern Ireland
The Registrar of Companies, Companies House,
Second Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38 Linenhall Street,
Belfast, Northern Ireland, BT2 8BG
DX 481 N R Belfast 1

Section 243 exemption

If you are applying for, or have been granted a section 243 exemption, please post this whole form to the different postal address below
The Registrar of Companies, PO Box 4082,
Cardiff, CF14 3WE

**Further information**

For further information, please see the guidance notes on the website at www.companieshouse.gov.uk or email enquiries@companieshouse.gov.uk

This form is available in an alternative format. Please visit the forms page on the website at www.companieshouse.gov.uk

The Companies Act 2006

Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee

Memorandum of Association

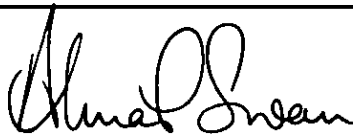
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Infrastructure Services For Open Access C.I.C.

Each subscriber to this Memorandum of Association wishes to form a company under the Companies Act 2006 and agrees to become a member of the Company.

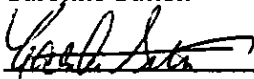
Alma Swan



Signature

13 October 2012

Caroline Sutton



Signature



07.10.2012

Dated

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Declarations on Formation of a Community Interest Company¹

*Please
complete in
typescript,
or in bold
black
capitals.*

Company Name in full

Infrastructure Services for Open Access

Community Interest Company

SECTION A: COMMUNITY INTEREST STATEMENT – beneficiaries

- 1 We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company will carry on its activities for the benefit of the community, or a section of the community². [Insert a short description of the community, or section of the community, which it is intended that the company will benefit below]³

The company's activities will provide benefit to the global community of users of open accessible research publications and data. Researchers, students in higher education, industry, innovative companies, small- and medium sized (SME) companies, doctors, practitioners, civil servants and the general public are (potential) users of research results. During the recent decade research results (publications) are increasingly publishing on an open access model (which is different to the existing dominant model, which is based on subscriptions (reader pay)). However open access publications are not always easy to locate (discover). The activities of our company will facilitate easy access and discoverability of open access resources by enabling libraries to integrate the open access publications in their services (library catalogues, web-portals etc.), ensuring these services are free to use (no charges of fees). This wider distribution and dissemination of research material will benefit all sectors of society worldwide.

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SECTION B: Community Interest Statement – Activities & Related Benefit

Please indicate how it is proposed that the company's activities will benefit the community, or a section of the community. Please provide as much detail as possible to enable the CIC Regulator to make an informed decision about whether your proposed company is eligible to become a community interest company. It would be useful if you were to explain how you think your company will be different from a commercial company providing similar services or products for individual or personal gain.

Activities (Tell us here what the company is being set up to do)	How will the activity benefit the community? (The community will benefit by . . .)
The company will collect bibliographic records (metadata) of open accessible research publications and other relevant open accessible output from primarily research and build services that enable easier distribution and dissemination	Enabling and facilitating easier discovery of open accessible research publications and data will reduce the time researchers, students, industry, doctors, practitioners and the general public spend on locating relevant information and it will enable aggregators like (academic) libraries to integrate these publications in the digital services. This will benefit all stakeholders on a global level.
If the company makes any surplus it will be used for further development of the services in terms of functionality, quality and completeness. Other potential uses of surplus are an award to groups and individuals that reflect the mission of the organisation.	

(Please continue on separate sheet if necessary.)

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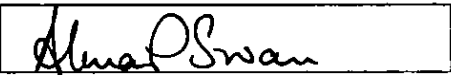

SECTION C:

1. We/I, the undersigned, declare that the company in respect of which this application is made will not be:

- (a) a political party;
- (b) a political campaigning organisation; or
- (c) a subsidiary of a political party or of a political campaigning organisation.³

SECTION D:

Each person who will be a first director of the company must sign the declarations.

Signed		Date	13/10/2012
Signed		Date	07.10.2012
Signed		Date	
Signed		Date	
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CHECKLIST

This form must be accompanied by the following documents:

- (a) Memorandum of Association
- (b) Articles of Association, which comply with requirements imposed by section 32 of the Act and Part 3 of the Regulations or which are otherwise appropriate in connection with becoming a community interest company
- (c) Form IN01- you need to indicate that the proposed company is adopting bespoke articles.
- (d) Any completed continuation sheets
- (e) A cheque for £35 made payable to Companies House

You do not have to give any contact information in the box opposite but if you do, it will help the Registrar of Companies to contact you if there is a query on the form. The contact

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information that you give will be visible to searchers of the public record.

Tel 01392 879702	
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When you have completed and signed the form, please send it to the Registrar of Companies at:

For companies registered in England and Wales: Companies House, Crown Way, Cardiff, CF14 3UZ
DX 33050 Cardiff

For companies registered in Scotland: Companies House, 4th Floor, Edinburgh Quay 2, 139
Fountainbridge, EH3 9FF DX 235 Edinburgh

For companies registered in Northern Ireland: Companies House, 2nd Floor, The Linenhall, 32-38
Linenhall Street, Belfast, BT2 8BG

NOTES

¹ This form will be placed on the public record. Any information relevant to the application that you do not wish to appear on the public record, should be described in a separate letter addressed to the CIC Regulator and delivered to the Registrar of Companies with the other documents.

² The community interest test is referred to in section 35 of the Companies (Audit, Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004 and is expanded upon in regulations 3, 4 & 5 of the Regulations.

³ A company is not eligible to be formed as a community interest company if it will be an "excluded company". If you are not sure whether the company which you wish to form falls into any of these categories, you should refer to the definitions of the terms "political party", "political campaigning organisation" and "subsidiary" (and of the related terms "election", "governmental authority", "public authority" and "referendum") in Regulation 2 of the Regulations before completing this form.

The Companies Act 2006

Community Interest Company Limited by Guarantee

Articles of Association¹

of

Infrastructure Services for Open Access C.I.C.

(CIC Limited by Guarantee, Schedule 1, Large Membership)

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INTERPRETATION

1. Defined Terms

The interpretation of these Articles is governed by the provisions set out in the Schedule at end of the Articles

COMMUNITY AND INTEREST COMPANY AND ASSET LOCK

2. Community Interest Company

The Company is to be a community interest company

3. Asset Lock²

3.1 The Company shall not transfer any of its assets other than for full consideration

3.2 Provided the conditions in Article 3.3 are satisfied, Article 3 1 shall not apply to

(a) the transfer of assets to any specified asset-locked body, or (with the consent of the Regulator) to any other asset-locked body; and

(b) the transfer of assets made for the benefit of the community other than by way of a transfer of assets into an asset-locked body.

3.3 The conditions are that the transfer of assets must comply with any restrictions on the transfer of assets for less than full consideration which may be set out elsewhere in the Memorandum and Articles of the Company.

3 4 If

3.4 1 the Company is wound up under the Insolvency Act 1986, and

3 4.2 all its liabilities have been satisfied

any residual assets shall be given or transferred to the asset-locked body specified in Article 3.5 below.

3.5 For the purposes of this Article 3, the following asset-locked body is specified as a potential recipient of the Company's assets under Articles 3.2 and 3 4:

Name: Stichting SPARC Europe

(Please note that a community interest company cannot nominate itself as the asset locked body. It also cannot nominate a non-asset locked body. An asset locked body is defined as a CIC or charity, a permitted industrial and provident society or non-UK based equivalent)

Charity Registration Number (if applicable): Registered in the Commercial Register of the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of The Netherlands under number 30193812

Company Registration Number (if applicable): []

Registered Office SPARC Europe, Watermanstraat 98, 7324 AK Apeldoorn, The Netherlands

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4. Not for profit

The Company is not established or conducted for private gain. Any surplus or assets are used principally for the benefit of the community.

OBJECTS, POWERS AND LIMITATION OF LIABILITY

5. Objects⁴

The objects of the Company are to carry on activities which benefit the community and in particular (without limitation) furthering the benefit of openly accessible material to the global community of users of research publications and data. The activities of our company will facilitate easy access and discoverability of open access resources enabling libraries to integrate open access publications in their services, making them free to use (no charges or fees). This wider distribution and dissemination of research material will benefit all sectors of society worldwide.

6. Powers

To further its objects the Company may do all such lawful things as may further the Company's objects and, in particular, but, without limitation, may borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds.

7. Liability of members⁵

The liability of each member is limited to £1, being the amount that each member undertakes to contribute to the assets of the Company in the event of its being wound up while he or she is a member or within one year after he or she ceases to be a member, for:

- 7.1 payment of the Company's debts and liabilities contracted before he or she ceases to be a member;
- 7.2 payment of the costs, charges and expenses of winding up, and
- 7.3 adjustment of the rights of the contributories among themselves

DIRECTORS

DIRECTORS' POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

8. Directors' general authority

Subject to the Articles, the Directors are responsible for the management of the Company's business, for which purpose they may exercise all the powers of the Company

9. Members' reserve power

9 1 The members may, by special resolution, direct the Directors to take, or refrain from taking, specific action.

9.2 No such special resolution invalidates anything which the Directors have done before the passing of the resolution.

10. Chair

The Directors may appoint one of their number to be the chair of the Directors for such term of office as they determine and may at any time remove him or her from office

11. Directors may delegate⁶

11 1 Subject to the Articles, the Directors may delegate any of the powers which are conferred on them under the Articles:

11 1.1 to such person or committee,

11 1.2 by such means (including by power of attorney),

11 1.3 to such an extent,

11.1.4 in relation to such matters or territories, and

11.1 5 on such terms and conditions;

as they think fit

11 2 If the Directors so specify, any such delegation may authorise further delegation of the Directors' powers by any person to whom they are delegated

11 3 The Directors may revoke any delegation in whole or part, or alter its terms and conditions.

12. Committees

- 12.1 Committees to which the Directors delegate any of their powers must follow procedures which are based as far as they are applicable on those provisions of the Articles which govern the taking of decisions by Directors
- 12.2 The Directors may make rules of procedure for all or any committees, which prevail over rules derived from the Articles if they are not consistent with them.

DECISION-MAKING BY DIRECTORS

13. Directors to take decisions collectively⁷

Any decision of the Directors must be either a majority decision at a meeting or a decision taken in accordance with Article 19

14. Calling a Directors' meeting

- 14.1 Two Directors may (and the Secretary, if any, must at the request of two Directors) call a Directors' meeting.
- 14.2 A Directors' meeting must be called by at least seven Clear Days' notice unless either:
 - 14.2.1 all the Directors agree, or
 - 14.2.2 urgent circumstances require shorter notice.
- 14.3 Notice of Directors' meetings must be given to each Director.
- 14.4 Every notice calling a Directors' meeting must specify
 - 14.4.1 the place, day and time of the meeting; and
 - 14.4.2 if it is anticipated that Directors participating in the meeting will not be in the same place, how it is proposed that they should communicate with each other during the meeting.
- 14.5 Notice of Directors' meetings need not be in Writing.
- 14.6 Notice of Directors' meetings may be sent by Electronic Means to an Address provided by the Director for the purpose

15. Participation in Directors' meetings

- 15.1 Subject to the Articles, Directors participate in a Directors' meeting, or part of a Directors' meeting, when:
 - 15.1.1 the meeting has been called and takes place in accordance with the Articles; and
 - 15.1.2 they can each communicate to the others any information or opinions they have on any particular item of the business of the meeting

15 2 In determining whether Directors are participating in a Directors' meeting, it is irrelevant where any Director is or how they communicate with each other.⁸

15 3 If all the Directors participating in a meeting are not in the same place, they may decide that the meeting is to be treated as taking place wherever any of them is

16. Quorum for Directors' meetings⁹

16 1 At a Directors' meeting, unless a quorum is participating, no proposal is to be voted on, except a proposal to call another meeting.

16.2 The quorum for Directors' meetings may be fixed from time to time by a decision of the Directors, but it must never be less than two, and unless otherwise fixed it is [two].

16 3 If the total number of Directors for the time being is less than the quorum required, the Directors must not take any decision other than a decision

16 3.1 to appoint further Directors, or

16 3.2 to call a general meeting so as to enable the members to appoint further Directors

17. Chairing of Directors' meetings

The Chair, if any, or in his or her absence another Director nominated by the Directors present shall preside as chair of each Directors' meeting.

18. Decision making at a meeting¹⁰

18.1 Questions arising at a Directors' meeting shall be decided by a majority of votes

18.2 In all proceedings of Directors each Director must not have more than one vote.¹¹

18.3 In case of an equality of votes, the Chair shall have a second or casting vote

19. Decisions without a meeting¹²

19.1 The Directors may take a unanimous decision without a Directors' meeting by indicating to each other by any means, including without limitation by Electronic Means, that they share a common view on a matter. Such a decision may, but need not, take the form of a resolution in Writing, copies of which have been signed by each Director or to which each Director has otherwise indicated agreement in Writing.

19.2 A decision which is made in accordance with Article 19.1 shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at a meeting duly convened and held, provided the following conditions are complied with

19 2 1 approval from each Director must be received by one person being either such person as all the Directors have nominated in advance for that purpose or such other person as volunteers if necessary ("the Recipient"), which person may, for the avoidance of doubt, be one of the Directors;

19.2.2 following receipt of responses from all of the Directors, the Recipient must communicate to all of the Directors by any means whether the resolution has been formally approved by the Directors in accordance with this Article 19 2;

19.2.3 the date of the decision shall be the date of the communication from the Recipient confirming formal approval,

19.2.4 the Recipient must prepare a minute of the decision in accordance with Article 478

20. Conflicts of interest¹³

20.1 Whenever a Director finds himself or herself in a situation that is reasonably likely to give rise to a Conflict of Interest, he or she must declare his or her interest to the Directors unless, or except to the extent that, the other Directors are or ought reasonably to be aware of it already

20.2 If any question arises as to whether a Director has a Conflict of Interest, the question shall be decided by a majority decision of the other Directors

20.3 Whenever a matter is to be discussed at a meeting or decided in accordance with Article 19 and a Director has a Conflict of Interest in respect of that matter then, subject to Article 21, he or she must

20 3.1 remain only for such part of the meeting as in the view of the other Directors is necessary to inform the debate,

20 3.2 not be counted in the quorum for that part of the meeting, and

20.3.3 withdraw during the vote and have no vote on the matter.

20.4 When a Director has a Conflict of Interest which he or she has declared to the Directors, he or she shall not be in breach of his or her duties to the Company by withholding confidential information from the Company if to disclose it would result in a breach of any other duty or obligation of confidence owed by him or her.

21. Directors' power to authorise a conflict of interest

21.1 The Directors have power to authorise a Director to be in a position of Conflict of Interest provided·

21 1.1 in relation to the decision to authorise a Conflict of Interest, the conflicted Director must comply with Article 20 3,

21 1.2 in authorising a Conflict of Interest, the Directors can decide the manner in which the Conflict of Interest may be dealt with and, for the avoidance of doubt, they can decide that the Director with a Conflict of Interest can participate in a vote on the matter and can be counted in the quorum;

21 1 3 the decision to authorise a Conflict of Interest can impose such terms as the Directors think fit and is subject always to their right to vary or terminate the authorisation, and

- 21.2 If a matter, or office, employment or position, has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with Article 21.1 then, even if he or she has been authorised to remain at the meeting by the other Directors, the Director may absent himself or herself from meetings of the Directors at which anything relating to that matter, or that office, employment or position, will or may be discussed
- 21.3 A Director shall not be accountable to the Company for any benefit which he or she derives from any matter, or from any office, employment or position, which has been authorised by the Directors in accordance with Article 21.1 (subject to any limits or conditions to which such approval was subject).

22. Register of Directors' interests

The Directors shall cause a register of Directors' interests to be kept. A Director must declare the nature and extent of any interest, direct or indirect, which he or she has in a proposed transaction or arrangement with the Company or in any transaction or arrangement entered into by the Company which has not previously been declared.

APPOINTMENT AND RETIREMENT OF DIRECTORS¹⁴

23. Methods of appointing directors

- 23.1 Those persons notified to the Registrar of Companies as the first Directors of the Company shall be the first Directors.
- 23.2 Any person who is willing to act as a Director, and is permitted by law to do so, may be appointed to be a Director:
- (a) by ordinary resolution, or
 - (b) by a decision of the Directors.
- 23.3 In any case where, as a result of death, the Company has no members and no Directors, the personal representatives of the last member to have died have the right, by notice in writing, to appoint a person to be a member
- 23.4 For the purposes of Article 23.3, where two or more members die in circumstances rendering it uncertain who was the last to die, a younger member is deemed to have survived an older member

24. Termination of Director's appointment¹⁵

A person ceases to be a Director as soon as

- (a) that person ceases to be a Director by virtue of any provision of the Companies Acts, or is prohibited from being a Director by law,
- (b) a bankruptcy order is made against that person, or an order is made against that person in individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;

- (c) a composition is made with that person's creditors generally in satisfaction of that person's debts,
- (d) the Directors reasonably believe he or she is suffering from mental disorder and incapable of acting and they resolve that he or she be removed from office;
- (e) notification is received by the Company from the Director that the Director is resigning from office, and such resignation has taken effect in accordance with its terms (but only if at least two Directors will remain in office when such resignation has taken effect);
- (f) the Director fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the Directors and the Directors resolve that the Director be removed for this reason, or
- (g) at a general meeting of the Company, a resolution is passed that the Director be removed from office, provided the meeting has invited the views of the Director concerned and considered the matter in the light of such views

25. Directors' remuneration¹⁶

25 1 Directors may undertake any services for the Company that the Directors decide.

25 2 Directors are entitled to such remuneration as the Directors determine:

- (a) for their services to the Company as Directors; and
- (b) for any other service which they undertake for the Company

25 3 Subject to the Articles, a Director's remuneration may

- (a) take any form, and
- (b) include any arrangements in connection with the payment of a pension, allowance or gratuity, or any death, sickness or disability benefits, to or in respect of that director.

25 4 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors' remuneration accrues from day to day

25 5 Unless the Directors decide otherwise, Directors are not accountable to the Company for any remuneration which they receive as Directors or other officers or employees of the Company's subsidiaries or of any other body corporate in which the Company is interested.

26. Directors' expenses

The Company may pay any reasonable expenses which the Directors properly incur in connection with their attendance at

- (a) meetings of Directors or committees of Directors,
- (b) general meetings, or

- (c) separate meetings of any class of members or of the holders of any debentures of the Company,

or otherwise in connection with the exercise of their powers and the discharge of their responsibilities in relation to the Company.

MEMBERS¹⁷

BECOMING AND CEASING TO BE A MEMBER¹⁸

27. Becoming a member¹⁹

- 27.1 The subscribers to the Memorandum are the first members of the Company.
- 27.2 Such other persons as are admitted to membership in accordance with the Articles shall be members of the Company and may be any persons, organisations or authorised persons representing organisations as are deemed appropriate by the Directors from time to time.
- 27.3 No person shall be admitted a member of the Company unless he or she is approved by the Directors.
- 27.4 Every person who wishes to become a member shall deliver to the Company an application for membership in such form (and containing such information) as the Directors require and executed by him or her. Persons representing organisations must indicate on the application that they act on behalf of the organisation that they represent.

28. Termination of membership²⁰

- 28.1 Membership is not transferable to anyone else save when the authorised representative of an organisation is changed by that organisation to another individual, where membership for that individual is transferred upon completion of the relevant form
- 28.2 Membership is terminated if.
- 28.2.1 the member dies or ceases to exist, or membership is transferred under 28.1 above;
- 28.2.2 otherwise in accordance with the Articles, or
- 28.2.3 at a meeting of the Directors at which at least half of the Directors are present, a resolution is passed resolving that the member be expelled on the ground that his or her continued membership is harmful to or is likely to become harmful to the interests of the Company. Such a resolution may not be passed unless the member has been given at least 14 Clear Days' notice that the resolution is to be proposed, specifying the circumstances alleged to justify expulsion, and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity of being heard by or of making written representations to the Directors. A member expelled by

such a resolution will nevertheless remain liable to pay to the Company any subscription or other sum owed by him or her.

ORGANISATION OF GENERAL MEETINGS²¹

29. General meetings

- 29.1 The Directors may call a general meeting at any time
- 29.2 The Directors must call a general meeting if required to do so by the members under the Companies Acts ²²

30. Length of notice

All general meetings must be called by either

- 30.1 at least 14 Clear Days' notice, or
- 30.2 shorter notice if it is so agreed by [a majority of the members having a right to attend and vote at that meeting. Any such majority must together represent at least [90%] of the total voting rights at that meeting of all the members]

31. Contents of notice

- 31.1 Every notice calling a general meeting must specify the place, day and time of the meeting, whether it is a general or an annual general meeting, and the general nature of the business to be transacted.
- 31.2 If a special resolution is to be proposed, the notice must include the proposed resolution and specify that it is proposed as a special resolution
- 31.3 In every notice calling a meeting of the Company there must appear with reasonable prominence a statement informing the member of his or her rights to appoint another person as his or her proxy at a general meeting.

32. Service of notice

Notice of general meetings must be given to every member, to the Directors and to the auditors of the Company

33. Attendance and speaking at general meetings

- 33.1 A person is able to exercise the right to speak at a general meeting when that person is in a position to communicate to all those attending the meeting, during the meeting, any information or opinions which that person has on the business of the meeting.
- 33.2 A person is able to exercise the right to vote at a general meeting when
 - 33.2.1 that person is able to vote, during the meeting, on resolutions put to the vote at the meeting, and

33.2 2 that person's vote can be taken into account in determining whether or not such resolutions are passed at the same time as the votes of all the other persons attending the meeting.

33 3 The Directors may make whatever arrangements they consider appropriate to enable those attending a general meeting to exercise their rights to speak or vote at it

33 4 In determining attendance at a general meeting, it is immaterial whether any two or more members attending it are in the same place as each other.

33 5 Two or more persons who are not in the same place as each other attend a general meeting if their circumstances are such that if they have (or were to have) rights to speak and vote at that meeting, they are (or would be) able to exercise them.

34. Quorum for general meetings

34 1 No business (other than the appointment of the chair of the meeting) may be transacted at any general meeting unless a quorum is present

34.2 Two persons entitled to vote on the business to be transacted (each being a member, a proxy for a member or a duly Authorised Representative of a member), or 10% of the total membership (represented in person or by proxy), whichever is greater, shall be a quorum

34.3 If a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting, the meeting shall stand adjourned to the same day in the next week at the same time and place, or to such time and place as the Directors may determine, and if at the adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half an hour from the time appointed for the meeting those present and entitled to vote shall be a quorum.

35. Chairing general meetings

35 1 The Chair (if any) or in his or her absence some other Director nominated by the Directors will preside as chair of every general meeting.

35.2 If neither the Chair nor such other Director nominated in accordance with Article 35.1 (if any) is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting and willing to act, the Directors present shall elect one of their number to chair the meeting and, if there is only one Director present and willing to act, he or she shall be chair of the meeting.

35 3 If no Director is willing to act as chair of the meeting, or if no Director is present within fifteen minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the members present in person or by proxy and entitled to vote must choose one of their number to be chair of the meeting, save that a proxy holder who is not a member entitled to vote shall not be entitled to be appointed chair of the meeting

36. Attendance and speaking by Directors and non-members

36.1 A Director may, even if not a member, attend and speak at any general meeting

36.2 The chair of the meeting may permit other persons who are not members of the Company to attend and speak at a general meeting

37. Adjournment

37.1 The chair of the meeting may adjourn a general meeting at which a quorum is present if

37.1.1 the meeting consents to an adjournment; or

37.1.2 it appears to the chair of the meeting that an adjournment is necessary to protect the safety of any person attending the meeting or ensure that the business of the meeting is conducted in an orderly manner

37.2 The chair of the meeting must adjourn a general meeting if directed to do so by the meeting

37.3 When adjourning a general meeting, the chair of the meeting must

37.3.1 either specify the time and place to which it is adjourned or state that it is to continue at a time and place to be fixed by the Directors, and

37.3.2 have regard to any directions as to the time and place of any adjournment which have been given by the meeting

37.4 If the continuation of an adjourned meeting is to take place more than 14 days after it was adjourned, the Company must give at least seven Clear Days' notice of it:

37.4.1 to the same persons to whom notice of the Company's general meetings is required to be given; and

37.4.2 containing the same information which such notice is required to contain.

37.5 No business may be transacted at an adjourned general meeting which could not properly have been transacted at the meeting if the adjournment had not taken place

VOTING AT GENERAL MEETINGS

38. Voting: general

38.1 A resolution put to the vote of a general meeting must be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is duly demanded in accordance with the Articles.

38.2 A person who is not a member of the Company shall not have any right to vote at a general meeting of the Company; but this is without prejudice to any right to vote on a resolution affecting the rights attached to a class of the Company's debentures²³

38.3 Article 38.2 shall not prevent a person who is a proxy for a member or a duly Authorised Representative from voting at a general meeting of the Company.

39. Votes

- 39 1 On a vote on a resolution on a show of hands at a meeting every person present in person (whether a member, proxy or Authorised Representative of a member) and entitled to vote shall have a maximum of one vote.
- 39 2 On a vote on a resolution on a poll at a meeting every member present in person or by proxy or Authorised Representative shall have one vote
- 39 3 In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chair of the meeting shall not be entitled to a casting vote in addition to any other vote he or she may have.
- 39 4 No member shall be entitled to vote at any general meeting unless all monies presently payable by him, her or it to the Company have been paid
- 39 5 The following provisions apply to any organisation that is a member ("a Member Organisation")
- 39 5 1 a Member Organisation may nominate any individual to act as its representative ("an Authorised Representative") at any meeting of the Company,
- 39.5 2 the Member Organisation must give notice in Writing to the Company of the name of its Authorised Representative The Authorised Representative will not be entitled to represent the Member Organisation at any meeting of the Company unless such notice has been received by the Company The Authorised Representative may continue to represent the Member Organisation until notice in Writing is received by the Company to the contrary,
- 39.5 3 a Member Organisation may appoint an Authorised Representative to represent it at a particular meeting of the Company or at all meetings of the Company until notice in Writing to the contrary is received by the Company,
- 39.5 4 any notice in Writing received by the Company shall be conclusive evidence of the Authorised Representative's authority to represent the Member Organisation or that his or her authority has been revoked The Company shall not be required to consider whether the Authorised Representative has been properly appointed by the Member Organisation,
- 39.5 5 an individual appointed by a Member Organisation to act as its Authorised Representative is entitled to exercise (on behalf of the Member Organisation) the same powers as the Member Organisation could exercise if it were an individual member,
- 39 5 6 on a vote on a resolution at a meeting of the Company, the Authorised Representative has the same voting rights as the Member Organisation would be entitled to if it was an individual member present in person at the meeting, and

39 5 7 the power to appoint an Authorised Representative under this Article 39 5 is without prejudice to any rights which the Member Organisation has under the Companies Acts and the Articles to appoint a proxy or a corporate representative.

40. Poll votes

40 1 A poll on a resolution may be demanded:

40.1.1 in advance of the general meeting where it is to be put to the vote, or

40 1 2 at a general meeting, either before a show of hands on that resolution or immediately after the result of a show of hands on that resolution is declared.

40 2 A poll may be demanded by:

40.2.1 the chair of the meeting;

40.2 2 the Directors,

40.2 3 two or more persons having the right to vote on the resolution;

40.2 4 any person, who, by virtue of being appointed proxy for one or more members having the right to vote at the meeting, holds two or more votes; or

40.2.5 a person or persons representing not less than one tenth of the total voting rights of all the members having the right to vote on the resolution

40 3 A demand for a poll may be withdrawn if:

40 3 1 the poll has not yet been taken; and

40 3 2 the chair of the meeting consents to the withdrawal.

40.4 Polls must be taken immediately and in such manner as the chair of the meeting directs

41. Errors and disputes

41 1 No objection may be raised to the qualification of any person voting at a general meeting except at the meeting or adjourned meeting at which the vote objected to is tendered, and every vote not disallowed at the meeting is valid.

41.2 Any such objection must be referred to the chair of the meeting whose decision is final.

42. Content of proxy notices

42 1 Proxies may only validly be appointed by a notice in writing (a "Proxy Notice") which

(a) states the name and address of the member appointing the proxy,

- (b) identifies the person appointed to be that member's proxy and the general meeting in relation to which that person is appointed;
 - (c) is signed by or on behalf of the member appointing the proxy, or is authenticated in such manner as the directors may determine; and
 - (d) is delivered to the Company in accordance with the Articles and any instructions contained in the notice of the general meeting to which they relate.
- 42 2 The Company may require Proxy Notices to be delivered in a particular form, and may specify different forms for different purposes
- 42 3 Proxy Notices may specify how the proxy appointed under them is to vote (or that the proxy is to abstain from voting) on one or more resolutions
- 42 4 Unless a Proxy Notice indicates otherwise, it must be treated as:
- (a) allowing the person appointed under it as a proxy discretion as to how to vote on any ancillary or procedural resolutions put to the meeting, and
 - (b) appointing that person as a proxy in relation to any adjournment of the general meeting to which it relates as well as the meeting itself

43. Delivery of proxy notices

- 43 1 A person who is entitled to attend, speak or vote (either on a show of hands or on a poll) at a general meeting remains so entitled in respect of that meeting or any adjournment of it, even though a valid Proxy Notice has been delivered to the Company by or on behalf of that person.
- 43.2 An appointment under a Proxy Notice may be revoked by delivering to the Company a notice in Writing given by or on behalf of the person by whom or on whose behalf the Proxy Notice was given
- 43 3 A notice revoking the appointment of a proxy only takes effect if it is delivered before the start of the meeting or adjourned meeting to which it relates.

44. Amendments to resolutions

- 44.1 An ordinary resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution if:
- 44.1.1 notice of the proposed amendment is given to the Company in Writing by a person entitled to vote at the general meeting at which it is to be proposed not less than 48 hours before the meeting is to take place (or such later time as the chair of the meeting may determine); and
 - 44.1.2 the proposed amendment does not, in the reasonable opinion of the chair of the meeting, materially alter the scope of the resolution

- 44.2 A special resolution to be proposed at a general meeting may be amended by ordinary resolution, if
- 44 2.1 the chair of the meeting proposes the amendment at the general meeting at which the resolution is to be proposed; and
- 44 2.2 the amendment does not go beyond what is necessary to correct a grammatical or other non-substantive error in the resolution.
- 44 3 If the chair of the meeting, acting in good faith, wrongly decides that an amendment to a resolution is out of order, the chair's error does not invalidate the vote on that resolution.

WRITTEN RESOLUTIONS

45. Written resolutions

- 45.1 Subject to Article 45.3, a written resolution of the Company passed in accordance with this Article 45 shall have effect as if passed by the Company in general meeting.
- 45.1.1 A written resolution is passed as an ordinary resolution if it is passed by a simple majority of the total voting rights of eligible members
- 45.1.2 A written resolution is passed as a special resolution if it is passed by members representing not less than 75% of the total voting rights of eligible members
A written resolution is not a special resolution unless it states that it was proposed as a special resolution.
- 45 2 In relation to a resolution proposed as a written resolution of the Company the eligible members are the members who would have been entitled to vote on the resolution on the circulation date of the resolution
- 45.3 A members' resolution under the Companies Acts removing a Director or an auditor before the expiration of his or her term of office may not be passed as a written resolution.
- 45.4 A copy of the written resolution must be sent to every member together with a statement informing the member how to signify their agreement to the resolution and the date by which the resolution must be passed if it is not to lapse. Communications in relation to written notices shall be sent to the Company's auditors in accordance with the Companies Acts
- 45 5 A member signifies their agreement to a proposed written resolution when the Company receives from him or her an authenticated Document identifying the resolution to which it relates and indicating his or her agreement to the resolution
- 45 5.1 If the Document is sent to the Company in Hard Copy Form, it is authenticated if it bears the member's signature.
- 45.5 2 If the Document is sent to the Company by Electronic Means, it is authenticated [if it bears the member's signature] or [if the identity of the member is confirmed in a manner agreed by the Directors] or [if it is

accompanied by a statement of the identity of the member and the Company has no reason to doubt the truth of that statement] or [if it is from an email Address notified by the member to the Company for the purposes of receiving Documents or information by Electronic Means].

- 45.6 A written resolution is passed when the required majority of eligible members have signified their agreement to it.
- 45.7 A proposed written resolution lapses if it is not passed within 28 days beginning with the circulation date.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS

46. Means of communication to be used

- 46.1 Subject to the Articles, anything sent or supplied by or to the Company under the Articles may be sent or supplied in any way in which the Companies Act 2006 provides for Documents or information which are authorised or required by any provision of that Act to be sent or supplied by or to the Company
- 46.2 Subject to the Articles, any notice or Document to be sent or supplied to a Director in connection with the taking of decisions by Directors may also be sent or supplied by the means by which that Director has asked to be sent or supplied with such notices or Documents for the time being.
- 46.3 A Director may agree with the Company that notices or Documents sent to that Director in a particular way are to be deemed to have been received within an agreed time of their being sent, and for the agreed time to be less than 48 hours.

47. Irregularities

The proceedings at any meeting or on the taking of any poll or the passing of a written resolution or the making of any decision shall not be invalidated by reason of any accidental informality or irregularity (including any accidental omission to give or any non-receipt of notice) or any want of qualification in any of the persons present or voting or by reason of any business being considered which is not referred to in the notice unless a provision of the Companies Acts specifies that such informality, irregularity or want of qualification shall invalidate it.

48. Minutes

- 48.1 The Directors must cause minutes to be made in books kept for the purpose:
- 48.1.1 of all appointments of officers made by the Directors;
- 48.1.2 of all resolutions of the Company and of the Directors; and
- 48.1.3 of all proceedings at meetings of the Company and of the Directors, and of committees of Directors, including the names of the Directors present at each such meeting,

and any such minute, if purported to be signed (or in the case of minutes of Directors' meetings signed or authenticated) by the chair of the meeting at which the proceedings were had, or by the chair of the next succeeding meeting, shall, as against any member or Director of the Company, be sufficient evidence of the proceedings

- 48.2 The minutes must be kept for at least ten years from the date of the meeting, resolution or decision

49. Records and accounts²⁴

The Directors shall comply with the requirements of the Companies Acts as to maintaining a members' register, keeping financial records, the audit or examination of accounts and the preparation and transmission to the Registrar of Companies and the Regulator of:

- 49 1 annual reports,
49 2 annual returns, and
49 3 annual statements of account.

50. Indemnity

- 50.1 Subject to Article 50.2, a relevant Director of the Company or an associated company may be indemnified out of the Company's assets against

- (a) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with any negligence, default, breach of duty or breach of trust in relation to the Company or an associated company,
- (b) any liability incurred by that Director in connection with the activities of the Company or an associated company in its capacity as a trustee of an occupational pension scheme (as defined in section 235(6) of the Companies Act 2006), and
- (c) any other liability incurred by that Director as an officer of the Company or an associated company.

- 50 2 This Article does not authorise any indemnity which would be prohibited or rendered void by any provision of the Companies Acts or by any other provision of law.

- 50 3 In this Article:

- (a) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate, and
- (b) a "relevant Director" means any Director or former Director of the Company or an associated company

51. Insurance

51 1 The Directors may decide to purchase and maintain insurance, at the expense of the Company, for the benefit of any relevant Director in respect of any relevant loss.

51 2 In this Article.

- (a) a “relevant Director” means any Director or former Director of the Company or an associated company,
- (b) a “relevant loss” means any loss or liability which has been or may be incurred by a relevant Director in connection with that Director’s duties or powers in relation to the Company, any associated company or any pension fund or employees’ share scheme of the company or associated company, and
- (c) companies are associated if one is a subsidiary of the other or both are subsidiaries of the same body corporate.

52. Exclusion of model articles

The relevant model articles for a company limited by guarantee are hereby expressly excluded.

SCHEDULE

INTERPRETATION

Defined terms

1. In the Articles, unless the context requires otherwise, the following terms shall have the following meanings

Term	Meaning
1.1 “Address”	includes a number or address used for the purposes of sending or receiving Documents by Electronic Means;
1.2 “Articles”	the Company’s articles of association;
1.3 “Authorised Representative”	means any individual nominated by a Member Organisation to act as its representative at any meeting of the Company in accordance with Article 39;
1.4 “asset-locked body”	means (i) a community interest company, a charity ²⁵ or a Permitted Industrial and Provident Society; or (ii) a body established outside the United Kingdom that is equivalent to any of those,
1.5 “bankruptcy”	includes individual insolvency proceedings in a jurisdiction other than England and Wales or Northern Ireland which have an effect similar to that of bankruptcy;
1.6 “Chair”	has the meaning given in Article 10,
1.7 “chairman of the meeting”	has the meaning given in Article 35;
1.8 “Circulation Date”	in relation to a written resolution, has the meaning given to it in the Companies Acts,
1.9 “Clear Days”	in relation to the period of a notice, that period excluding the day when the notice is given or deemed to be given and the day for which it is given or on which it is to take effect,
1.10 “community”	is to be construed in accordance with accordance with Section 35(5) of the Company’s (Audit) Investigations and Community Enterprise) Act 2004;
1.11 “Companies Acts”	means the Companies Acts (as defined in Section 2 of the Companies Act 2006), in so far as they apply to the Company,
1.12 “Company”	[] [Community Interest Company/C I.C],

1.13	“Conflict of Interest”		any direct or indirect interest of a Director (whether personal, by virtue of a duty of loyalty to another organisation or otherwise) that conflicts, or might conflict with the interests of the Company,
1.14	“Director”		a director of the Company, and includes any person occupying the position of director, by whatever name called;
1.15	“Document”		includes, unless otherwise indicated, any Document sent or supplied in Electronic Form;
1.16	“Electronic Form”	and	have the meanings respectively given to them in Section 1168 of the Companies Act 2006;
	“Electronic Means”		
1.17	“Hard Copy Form”		has the meaning given to it in the Companies Act 2006,
1.18	“Memorandum”		the Company’s memorandum of association;
1.19	“paid”		means paid or credited as paid,
1.20	“participate”		in relation to a Directors’ meeting, has the meaning given in Article 15,
1.21	“Permitted Industrial and Provident Society”	and	an industrial and provident society which has a restriction on the use of its assets in accordance with Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations 2006 or Regulation 4 of the Community Benefit Societies (Restriction on Use of Assets) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006,
1.22	“Proxy Notice”		has the meaning given in Article 42,
1.23	“the Regulator”		means the Regulator of Community Interest Companies,
1.24	“Secretary”		the secretary of the Company (if any);
1.25	“specified”		means specified in the memorandum and articles of association of the Company for the purposes of this paragraph;
1.26	“subsidiary”		has the meaning given in section 1159 of the Companies Act 2006,
1.27	“transfer”		includes every description of disposition, payment, release or distribution, and the creation or extinction of an estate or interest in, or right over, any property, and
1.28	“Writing”		the representation or reproduction of words, symbols or other information in a visible form by any method or combination of methods, whether

sent or supplied in Electronic Form or otherwise.

2. Subject to clause 3 of this Schedule, any reference in the Articles to an enactment includes a reference to that enactment as re-enacted or amended from time to time and to any subordinate legislation made under it
- 3 Unless the context otherwise requires, other words or expressions contained in these Articles bear the same meaning as in the Companies Act 2006 as in force on the date when the Articles become binding on the Company

Explanatory Notes : CIC Limited by Guarantee, Schedule 1, Large Membership

¹ On articles of association generally, see [Part 5] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. If you are an existing company wishing to become a community interest company, there is no need to adopt completely new articles, but you must comply with the requirements of the Community Interest Company Regulations 2005 (as amended) ("the Regulations") by including the provisions set out in Schedule 1 to the Regulations in the articles of your company.

² See [Part 6] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. Inclusion of the provisions contained in article 3.1 to 3.3 is mandatory, reflecting sub-paragraphs (1) to (3) of paragraph 1 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations.

³ See regulation 23 of the Regulations and [Parts 6 and 10] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. If the company does not specify that the remaining residual assets are to be transferred to a particular Asset Locked Body, an appropriate recipient will be chosen by the Regulator, in consultation with the company's directors and members.

⁴ On the specification of the company's objects, see [Part 5] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes.

⁵ On limited liability, see [Part 3] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes. On guarantees generally see [Chapter 3.2] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes.

⁶ Articles 11 and 12 allow the directors to delegate any of their functions. Delegation may take the form of, for instance, the Directors giving a managing director general authority to run the company's day to day business, or responsibility for specific matters being delegated to particular directors (e.g. financial matters to a finance director), or may be equally appropriate to delegate matters to persons other than Directors. In all cases, it is important to remember that delegation does not absolve Directors of their general duties towards the company and their overall responsibility for its management. This means, amongst other things, that Directors must be satisfied that those to whom responsibilities are delegated are competent to carry them out.

⁷ Article 13 states that the Directors must make decisions by majority at a meeting in accordance with article 15, or unanimously if taken in accordance with article 19.

⁸ Article 15.2 is designed to facilitate the taking of decisions by the directors communicating via telephone or video conference calls. Note the requirement to keep a written record of meetings and decisions (article 48).

⁹ The quorum may be fixed in absolute terms (e.g. "two Directors") or as a proportion of the total number of Directors (e.g. "one third of the total number of Directors"). You may even wish to stipulate that particular named Directors, or Directors representing particular stakeholder interests, must be present to constitute a quorum. In any event, it is recommended that the quorum should never be less than half of the total number of Directors.

¹⁰ Article 18 reflects paragraph 4 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations, which is required to be included in the articles of all community interest companies.

¹¹ You may wish to include a provision which gives the chair of the board a casting vote. This will enable the directors to resolve any deadlock at board level.

¹² Article 19 is designed to facilitate the taking of decisions by directors following discussions in the form of, for example, email exchanges copied to all the directors. Note the requirements as to recording the decision in articles 19.2 and 48.

¹³ The provisions in articles 20 and 21 reflect the position under the Companies Act 2006. However, it is recommended that, as a matter of good practice, all actual and potential conflicts of interest are disclosed in writing or at a meeting, as the case may be.

¹⁴ Private companies are obliged to have at least one director. Provisions can be inserted into the articles providing for a minimum number of directors. Where the company has just one director, that director must be a natural person. You may wish to consider whether the provision should also be made for a maximum number of directors (e.g. "and the total number of directors in office at any one time shall not exceed four"). While it is often important to ensure proper representation of a number of different groups on a board of directors, very large boards can become unwieldy and a maximum number of directors provision may help to guard against this.

¹⁵ The board of directors cannot remove a director other than in accordance with the provisions in article 24 and the Companies Act 2006.

¹⁶ See the guidance on directors' remuneration in [Part 9] of the Regulator's information and guidance notes.

¹⁷ See section 112 of the Companies Act 2006. A company's members are (i) the subscribers to its memorandum, and (ii) every other person who agrees to become a member of the company and whose name is entered in its register of members.

¹⁸ There is no need for all those who wish to become Members to subscribe to the Memorandum on incorporation; they can become Members and be entered in the register of Members after the company has been formed.

¹⁹ Inclusion of the provisions in article 27 (other than 27.3) (reflecting paragraphs 2(1)-(4) of Schedule 1 to the Regulations) is mandatory [Directors should ensure that the information to be included on an application form includes all the information which will be required to fill in Companies House Form [288a] on the appointment of the new Member as a Director (see <http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/forms/generalForms/288A.pdf>)]

²⁰ Inclusion of the provisions of article 28 1 and 28 2 1 – 28 2 2 (reflecting sub-paragraphs (5) and (6) of paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations), is mandatory

²¹ The Companies Act 2006 has removed the need for private companies to hold annual general meetings and therefore these Articles follow suit, however, if you wish, you can insert an additional provision which obliges the company to hold annual general meetings

²² Article 29 2 provides that general meetings must be held in accordance with the provisions of the Companies Act 2006 You must specify how many Members are required to be present to hold a valid general meeting. The quorum may be fixed in absolute terms (e.g. “four Members”) or as a proportion of the total number of Members (e.g. “three quarters of the Members from time to time”) You may even wish to stipulate that particular named Members, or Members representing particular stakeholder interests, must be present to constitute a quorum In any event, it is recommended that the quorum should never be less than half of the total number of Members

²³ Inclusion of article 38 2 (reflecting paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 1 to the Regulations) is mandatory

²⁴ See the Companies House guidance booklet, “Accounts and Accounting Reference Dates” (available online at <http://www.companies-house.gov.uk/about/gbhtml/gba3.shtml>) } On the annual community interest company report, see [Part 8] of the Regulator’s information and guidance notes

²⁵ Section 1(1) of the Charities Act 2006 defines “charity” as an institution which “is established for charitable purposes only, and falls to be subject to the control of the High Court in the exercise of its jurisdiction with respect to charities”