Dear Sir or Madam

Consultation on the proposed Peckham Hill Street and Rye Lane Peckham Conservation Areas and Conservation Area Appraisal

At their meetings on the 11th May 2011 and 12th May 2011 Nunhead and Peckham Rye Community Council and Peckham Community Council’s agreed that public consultation should be carried out on proposals to designate the Peckham Hill Street and Rye Lane Peckham Conservation Areas and to adopt the Conservation Area Appraisal.

Southwark Council wishes to obtain the views of local residents, businesses and other interested groups on these proposals and the adjustment of the Holly Grove Conservation Area eastern boundary. To these ends we have arranged a public meeting to be held on 28 June 2011 at Peckham Library (5th Floor) between 4 and 8 pm. Members of the Design and conservation team will be present to receive comments the Conservation Area.

A plan showing the boundary of the proposed conservation areas are enclosed with this letter and copies of the draft Appraisal can be downloaded from:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/511/conservation_areas/2101/draft_conservation_area_appraisals

Or by contacting Tracy Chapman in the Design and Conservation Team at the above address. Or by phone: 0207 525 2289, or by e-mail to the Design and conservation team: designconservation@southwark.gov.uk

A conservation area is defined as “an area of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance”. We are of the opinion that Rye Lane, Peckham High Street, Peckham Hill Street and Commercial Way included within the boundaries are of special architectural and historic quality and worthy of designation as conservation areas.

At the same time as proposing these designations, we have drafted Conservation Area Appraisals. This document seeks to define and assess the area’s character and to provide a sound basis for rational and consistent judgements when considering planning applications affecting the area. It is also intended to provide a clear indication of the Council’s approach to the preservation and enhancement of the area and a guide for further development. While we feel that the boundaries we are proposing satisfactorily delineate the extent of the areas’ special interest, we would be very glad of your views on the proposed designations and their extent, as well as on the draft appraisals. In the future these proposals may involve changes to the Holly Grove Conservation Area’s eastern boundary which we will consult on at that time.

If you wish to submit any comments, you can do so until 4th August 2011 by writing to: Tracy Chapman, Regeneration and neighbourhoods, Planning & transport, Development management, PO Box 64529, LONDON SE1P 5LX

Yours sincerely
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