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APPENDIX 4

<u>11,000 Homes Consultation workshop with schoolchildren</u>
<u>Pilgrim's Way Primary School</u>
<u>16/07/15</u>

In June 2015, Southwark Splash brought together 561 children from Southwark Primary schools aged 8 – 11 who together explored core values and principles which underpin thriving communities. The children considered what was most important to them in their homes, neighbourhoods and wider community and conveyed these ideas through song, poetry and dance accompanied by live music and 3D art projections inspired by their drawings of a desirable city.

The following notes are from a special production evaluation/workshop with a group of 30 year 4 children from Pilgrim's Way Primary School in the Livesey ward by Tustin Estate that participation in SPLASH. The bullet points are verbal comments made by the year 4 group age 8 - 9 on 16 July 2015.

What do you think the council does?

- *They give you houses.*
- *They put up* **No Ball Games** *signs in your area and if you play there, the council comes.*
- *If you break a window, or you don't pay your bills, the council comes.*
- *They fix things.*
- *They pick up your bins and clean the streets.*

What did you most enjoy about the process for Splash?

- *We most enjoyed the dancing and singing.*
- *The process was interesting and fun because we got to understand what we were doing.*
- *Meeting other people from different schools and performing together.*
- *The poems because we got to write about we love and learn them.*

What did you least enjoy about the Splash project?
- *Practicing a lot so we don't make any mistakes.*
- *Having to stand up and sit down for too long during the performance.*
- *Scared about performing in front of a big audience.*
- *I didn't like the bright lights shining in my face.*

What would you say is the most important thing about your home?

- *That it's safe.*
- *Feeling like you can be yourself.*
- *Lockers so I can hide biscuits.*
- *A colourful home.*
- *Having a front and back entrance through the garden.*
- *A garden to play in.*
- *Air vents are not nice because they look horrible and they leave dirt around the window and my mum has to clean them all the time.*
- *In my family, it is important to stick together, there are seven of us but we only have two bedrooms. We need more bedrooms, bigger ones and space for everyone.*

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- *Internet connection that works, there is no signal from my block*
- *We want more swimming pools – (informed them that they can swim free)*
- *More safe places to play and bring people together.*
- *Bigger children should share the play areas so everyone can enjoy.*

What do you like most about your area?

- *I like that all my friends and family are close and I can visit them and stay with them.*
- *I like that I have a garden to play in but it's small so I prefer to go the park.*
- *We have lifts in our building that work, in my friend's building the lifts don't work and it's not easy for people to go up the stairs.*
- *It's quite in my area.*
- *A space close to my house where I can play football.*
- *Open spaces so my mum can see us from the window when we're playing outside.*

What do should we have more of?

- *More trees that produce oxygen.*
- *More cupboards in the home to store things.*
- *More rooms and bigger ones.*
- *More safety.*
- *Big balconies.*
- *Have spaces for people who like to graffiti so you don't do it in the house.*

The issue around safety was quite topical and some of the group shared stories, highlighting why safety in their area was such a concern for them.

- *Once a police was trying to catch a bad guy who was running and he jumped over onto the balcony and ran through my house.*

- *People keep breaking the glass in our (communal) door so they can press the button inside and let themselves in. The glass is always broken and people can come in.*

- *Pigeons fly into balcony all the time and sometimes they come into my house.*

What would you do to improve your area?

- *I would save money to build more houses.*
- *I would stop people putting junk mail in houses.*
- *More decorations, flowerers, better gardens so our area looks pretty.*
- *I would make a safer environment.*
- *I would build more parks.*
- *Makes the houses cheaper so people can afford to pay for it.*
- *Make bills cheaper and not paying for so many things.*
- *Have high fencing so strangers can't get in.*