

'Improving Local Retail Environments - Capital Programme 2007 - 2010'

Dulwich Community Council Consultation 10th July 2007

Background

The Council has identified approx £1.5 million capital funding per year for the next three years, £4.5 million in total across the whole of Southwark, to deliver a programme of investment in local shopping parades linked to the agendas for business and regeneration.

Key Principles

The main aims of the programme are:

- To improve local trader environments outside the major town centres
- To improve local business environments that would otherwise be unlikely to receive investment (either public or private)
- To retain existing businesses
- To attract new businesses to vacant premises
- To increase the number of local employment opportunities
- To secure agreement on programme of works from key stakeholders
- To engage local businesses and traders (owners and occupiers of premises) in the scheme, resulting in local 'ownership'
- To encourage establishment and capacity of local business networks
- To increase commercial activity
- To increase public safety and reduce fear of crime
- To link with other Council initiatives including; community safety, transport, environment

The Southwark Alliance Enterprise Strategy has the objective '*To promote a safe, high quality and accessible environment for businesses*' and the recent Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) application identified a number of outlying shop parades that were run down, created a poor environment for growth, and did little to encourage inward investment or minimise crime against those businesses.

Potential Activities

To address these issues a package of improvement works is required, which could include:

- Shop front renewal programmes
- Refurbishment of workspace
- Street scene improvements including; street furniture, landscaping, signage and cycle racks etc.
- Security measures minimising business crime including; street lighting, installation of CCTV, and steel shop shutters etc
- Business Networks; developing local trader networks
- Business Support Services; creating greater awareness and access to available support and advice
- Business Engagement; encouraging businesses engagement and participation

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Projects within the programme will vary in size and scope from small single-unit improvements to multi-unit retail parades and their environs. Projects will also include at least some element of trader networking or business development support alongside any capital investment on physical improvements and depending on the identified needs of individual sites.

To ensure that the programme has a borough-wide impact benefiting the wider business community, at least one (but potentially more) site in each Community Council area will be identified to participate in the programme.

Next Steps

As part of the process of establishing the priority sites to be invited to participate in the programme the Council is consulting with all 8 Community Council's in Southwark to establish what the local priorities are in terms of:

- specific sites that residents and businesses believe could benefit most from the programme (see attached sites list)
- types of issues and activities that the programme could address or focus on locally (including any not identified above)

These local priorities, along with the key principles above, will help inform the process for selecting the sites, with recommendations for the next phase of the programme going for approval in September 2007.

Feedback and Questions

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Dulwich Sites

Total of 20 sites identified

Ref	Name	Location	Ward
63	SF31 + surrounding un	Melbourne Grove	East Dulwich
65	SF37	Herne Hill	Village
66	SF38	Half Moon Lane 1	Village
67	SF39	Norwood Rd	Village
68	Half Moon Lane 2		Village
69	SF40	jnc Court Lane Dulwich Village	Village
70	SF41	Dulwich Village	Village
71	North Cross Rd	Until Crystal Palace Rd - not inc.	East Dulwich
77	Lordship Lane	jcn of Pellatt Rd	East Dulwich
78	Whateley Rd 1	jcn of Crystal Palace Rd	East Dulwich
79	Whateley Rd 2	jcn of Hindmands Rd	East Dulwich
80	Crystal Palace Rd	jcn of Goodrich Rd	East Dulwich
81	SF42	jnc Barry Rd Lordship Lane	East Dulwich
82	SF45	jnc Melford Rd Lordship Lane	College
83	West Dulwich station	on Thurlow Park Rd	College
84	SF46	jnc Park Hall Rd & Alleyn Rd	College
85	SF47	Kingswood	College
86	Gipsy Hill	jcn of Colby Rd	College
88	Crawthew Grove		East Dulwich
89	East Dulwich Grove	nr Trossachs Rd	Village