

# TAKEnote

## Bermondsey Community Council



Notes from the meeting on Monday October 3 2005  
 Aylwin Girls School, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

Issue no. 4

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### Main items at this meeting:

- Bermondsey Spa regeneration: update
- Celebrating diversity in Southwark
- Waste plant proposed for Old Kent Road gas works site
- Planning – from how you get involved in the process to how money from big developers is spent
- Cleaner, Greener, Safer: progress
- Black history month
- Business views to bid for government money
- Southwark Residents go half price at the Unicorn Theatre!

### Black History Month 2005

Celebrate the contributions that people of African and Caribbean descent have made to British society. This October, dance with the Recycled Teenagers, be inspired by famous authors, learn about life in the Caribbean during the World War 2, and more.

Full listings call 020 7708 3900 or visit [southwark.gov.uk/DiscoverSouthwark/blackhistorymonth](http://southwark.gov.uk/DiscoverSouthwark/blackhistorymonth)

## Regenerating Bermondsey Spa

Bermondsey Spa Regeneration Project started in 2000 to upgrade homes and community facilities for local people. A residents' working group was established to provide a sense of ownership for the project. Work is progressing steadily. The whole project is due for completion in 2015. Here's the latest:



<b>Spa Park</b>	Suffered minor setbacks with construction of youth facility. Expected finish date Jan 2006
<b>Site A</b>	Building progressing quickly. Community centre on ground floor
<b>Site D</b>	Sold to Hyde Housing. Planning application will be submitted in one month. Plans finished, some consultation events completed.
<b>Site C</b>	Largest site. Joint private/council owned. Extensive consultation held, feedback available.
<b>Salmon Youth Centre</b>	First phase of development complete, project on target. Completion date June 2006
<b>Site T</b>	Whole of Alfred Salter neighbourhood office decanted. Should complete contracts soon once S106 agreement (which details the developers obligations to counter any negative impact on the community) has been completed. Developer expected on site in the next two months.
<b>Part of Phase 1 of Sites E to H</b>	On hold due to design issues. Plans exceed budget so being redesigned. New planning permission needed. Completion date should not be affected

### Southwark Residents go half price at the Unicorn Theatre!

The Unicorn Theatre will be opening on November 24 2005 and will be the UK's first purpose built theatre for children. It is a not-for-profit organisation and exists to benefit the community. To ensure our residents get maximum benefit from this fantastic local theatre, the council has negotiated half price entry on particular Unicorn productions for anyone living in Southwark.

For box office and performance enquiries call 08700 534 534, email [boxoffice@unicorntheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@unicorntheatre.com)



## Planning your involvement

'Community involvement is central to the new planning system', said Sarah Beuden from the council's planning department.

A 'statement of community involvement' (SCI) is needed for all planning applications, to show how the council will involve the community. By commenting on SCIs you can ensure planning consultation effectively reaches the community.

Section 106 planning contributions are used to counter any negative impacts of development, and help provide infrastructure and facilities to achieve sustainable communities. They are delivered through a legal agreement between the council and developer. The section 106 planning contributions SPD is being prepared to increase transparency and openness in negotiations with developers and to form a guide on what, how and when the council can expect developers to contribute.

To find out more contact [anna.wallace@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:anna.wallace@southwark.gov.uk), 020 7525 5380

## £10m to invest in local business

Southwark Council can bid for up to £10 million government cash, to spend on local businesses. But it needs your views on how the money should be spent to ensure business growth, inward investment and entrepreneurial activity.

To comment email [adrian.turner@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:adrian.turner@southwark.gov.uk)

## Community spirit in Southwark

In the aftermath of the London bombings the message from Southwark's diverse communities is that we: "stand united against the atrocities, and in our efforts to forge an even greater sense of community."

Southwark has largely avoided hate crimes because of its strong sense of community – a credit to everyone who lives and works here.

Since July 7 the police, voluntary organisations, the council, faith groups and other agencies have met fortnightly to identify risks, prevent hate crimes and provide support.

Community cohesion is about uniting people of different faiths, races, ages, sexuality, territorial groups and abilities. As well as hosting five major cultural festivals in Southwark this summer, we have:

- The youth council working to strengthen young voices.
- The Multi Faith Forum providing reassurance to faith communities.
- Southwark Community Games bringing together 5,300 young people and their families.
- Able-bodied children and those with disabilities sailing together.
- Young people visited Auschwitz to witness the consequences of racism, plus many more projects.

Chair, Cllr Beverley Bassom asked council officers find out if the Astley Cooper TA hall could be used as a prayer room for worshippers of the Old Kent Road Mosque. "Mosque representatives support this idea as a way of reducing tensions between residents and worshippers" said Cllr Bassom.

To get more involved or suggest ideas to unite communities further, contact [madeline.greene@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:madeline.greene@southwark.gov.uk), 020 7525 0796

## Bermondsey CGS project wins award!

Community councils' Cleaner, Greener, Safer programme is making real changes to locals' lives.

The 'extended living space', for Devon Mansions residents who don't have gardens, won third prize in the National Federation of Tenant Management Organisations 'In Touch Awards'. As well as celebrating this fantastic haven for residents, the award acknowledges the project's positive effects on community relations.

Other recent CGS successes are:

- Hamilton Square metal gates embellished with crafted ivy. Placed in an alcove previously used by drug dealers; these prevent crime and beautify the area.
- 80 hanging flower baskets around the borough.
- A model of the proposed Blue Market Square fountain in the Blue Anchor Library for public comments.

For a full October 3 2005 CGS progress report, visit the [Bermondsey Community Council web page](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/YourCommunity/Bermondsey), click on 'agendas and minutes' and the 'reports' for that meeting



## Managing our waste

Waste is growing by at least 2% annually. Recycling has quadrupled in the last three years in Southwark and this summer we recycled over 14%. But by 2020 we have to recycle 50% and landfill less than 25%. If we don't we face harsh financial penalties.



£34.5 million government money has been received to help build a state-of-the-art waste processing plant. This new resource would allow us to deal with all of our waste ourselves in a more environmentally friendly way.

The gas works on the Old Kent Road have been identified as a potential site for the proposed plant. Consultation on the site plans will take place from October 21 to December 2 2005.

Contact [udp@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:udp@southwark.gov.uk) or call 020 7525 5418, or [resource@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:resource@southwark.gov.uk) or call 020 7525 2491

Your next Bermondsey meeting is on Wednesday November 9 2005, from 7pm at Aylwin Girls School, 55 Southwark Park Road, SE16 3TZ

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