

## English Heritage matched funding for Camberwell Green

Here is a very general background to the PSCA (Partnership Schemes in Conservation Areas).

English Heritage has recently approached the council to consider a matched funding scheme for buildings in commercial areas and in conservation areas, namely St. George's Circus and Camberwell Green. From March 2009 there could potentially be £100,000 available each year for three years which English heritage would like the Council to match fund. The priority of the scheme is to boost the social and economic regeneration of urban communities through bringing back historic buildings into use and repairing buildings to secure a sustainable future for the historic environment. The funding not only encourages the owners of buildings to repair their buildings but also to put back new shopfronts. Some of the funding could also be used for environmental improvements in the area. The grants will be up to 80% of the work to the building, depending on the work proposed.

The first step is the submission of a preliminary bid which will be submitted in the next couple of weeks. I understand that £50,000 matched funding for St. George's Circus will be available from S106 money, while the contribution of £50,000 for Camberwell Green will be from Cleaner Greener Safer.

Southwark will be invited by English Heritage to submit a detailed Delivery Plan by March 2009 with the scheme starting in April 2009.

If there is anything else I can help you with please let me know,

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