

INITIAL BRIEFING ON PLANNING ISSUES AT THE EDGES OF THE BOROUGH

We maintain good contacts with the planning policy units of Lambeth, Lewisham and the Corporation of London and there have been some semi-formal arrangements for discussing and coordinating our local development frameworks and, in particular, our core strategies over recent years. For the background to the LDF and the core strategy see the following link:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200210/core_strategy

On the more detailed planning policies affecting particular areas we have had informal links with Lambeth over the preparation of their supplementary planning document for the Waterloo area and they have been consulted over the Bankside Borough and London Bridge supplementary planning document. The approach to planning for tall buildings in the Waterloo/Blackfriars Road area is something that needs careful consideration and the GLA plays a useful role in this as well providing the strategic guidance.

There have been many discussions in recent years about how s.106 agreements on developments in this area might be used to fund community facilities and other benefits across the border. For more information on s.106 see the following link:

http://www.southwark.gov.uk/info/200074/planning/1756/section_106_spd

For major developments close to the boundary it would often be appropriate for projects to be carried out across the border in Lambeth if the impacts of the development extend that far. We welcome suggestions from Lambeth about projects on their side of the boundary that would benefit the community on both sides.

Southwark officers regularly attend meetings of the South Bank Employers Group even though the focus of this group is very much on the Lambeth side of the boundary. It has on occasions been a very useful forum for discussing cross boundary issues.

We will be preparing a supplementary planning document for Camberwell starting next year and this will, of course, need to be very closely coordinated with Lambeth and possibly jointly adopted with Lambeth so that it applies to the parts of the town centre that lie on their side of the boundary. We will be discussing this with Lambeth officers.

I have had a number of meetings with my counterpart in Lambeth and it looks as though there could be more opportunities to work more closely together.

On the Lewisham side, we have been consulted and have commented extensively on the proposals for Millwall which come up to the borough boundary.

In preparing our proposals for Canada Water we carried out a transport study which takes into account developments nearby in Lewisham. Lewisham were consulted on this but this is an area where we would benefit from closer cross boundary working.

Although we have only a short boundary with Bromley, Crystal Palace Park is an important amenity serving Southwark residents in the south of the borough and we have often taken a close interest in proposals for its development.

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