

COUNCIL ASSEMBLY

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Themed debate on Future Vision for Southwark

SOME COMMUNITY VIEWS

Viewpoint 1

I work here in Southwark. I adore it, but cannot afford to live here. I do love the history of the borough, however, I do not love the high rises.

Viewpoint 2

I live in the borough and I like it a lot. There are good markets here with good food and friendly people. Southwark has many different types of people. People are evenly mixed and everyone seems to get along well. Southwark is very central and has very good access; especially the tube links are good.

I am worried about the high rising property prices, and the new buildings at Elephant and Castle.

Viewpoint 3

I work in Southwark and like the green spaces. I love the pubs on the other side. During the Olympics I loved the Freeview Screens set up. I like the sites, such as Tower Bridge. The development buildings are not nice. There was once a nice view on Tower Bridge, but the high rises block that now. The transport connection is very nice and convenient too. I love the restaurant on Tooley

Street and along the riverside, but Tooley Street lacks shops and banks. I have to walk to London Bridge station to find a bank.

Viewpoint 4

I only know the bankside at Tower Bridge. The borough is very historic and I like the parks along the riverside.

Viewpoint 5

I like the borough, Tower Bridge and the architecture. I like the diversity of people in the borough.

Viewpoint 6

We came to the river, and walked up from Waterloo station until Tower Bridge. We live 50 miles outside of London.

Compared to the opposite side of the river, the Southwark riverside has more open space. There is always something new to look at, and it feels like a safe and nice area. We like the restaurants.

Viewpoint 7

I like Southwark and its old history. I do not live in Southwark right now, but used to live in Dulwich. Dulwich has much better connections now with the overground, which makes a big difference to people.

Dulwich has changed and smaller independent shops closed down when more people from the outside moved in. There should be a balance between old and new people in an area, but that is not always the case.

Viewpoint 8

I live in Dulwich, which is a nice area. It has changed for the better in the last few years.

Viewpoint 9

I am a retired NHS health worker, and I am impressed by how proactive Southwark is being in developing projects.

Viewpoint 10

Apprenticeships and youth training schemes are very good for improving the employment prospects of young people. A lot of them feel discouraged from going to university because of the high costs involved.

Viewpoint 11

We have many opportunities for young people in Southwark, and the council is doing a good job at organising events and activities for young people, as well as providing youth clubs.

Viewpoint 12

I like the diverse nature of the borough. And the weather – it always shines in Peckham Rye! The parks are good – the flowers are lovely in Peckham Rye park. The swimming pools are too expensive though.

It's about the people mainly. The history is so great, you see it everywhere when you walk the streets. You walk along and think who has walked here before me.

I've been in Southwark for three years and I hope to stay.

Viewpoint 13

My friends, family, and doctors – it's all here. I work at St Thomas' Hospital. But I'm being evicted from my home [by a private landlord]. I've been waiting almost eight years to be housed.

It's a nice area. I'm from Columbia and this [Walworth Road] is my area. I've been in Southwark for 13 years. Before, in 2000/2001 there were hardly any Latin Americans. Now –it's too much!