

Item No. 3.1	Classification: Open	Date: 13 July 2016	Meeting Name: Council Assembly
Report title:		Community Evidence on the Themed Debate	
Ward(s) or groups affected:		All	
From:		Proper Constitutional Officer	

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Introduction

1. On 12 May 2016, the council assembly business panel met to agree the themes for the 2016/17 meetings of council assembly. The panel agreed that the theme for 13 July 2016 council assembly should be 'Tackling the Housing Crisis'.

Community evidence on the theme

2. The deadline for community evidence was 12 midnight, Thursday 7 July 2016.
3. The following requests have been received by the deadline for consideration by this meeting and they are list in the order received below:
4. Which community evidence shall be considered and the length of each submission will be established by way of a programme motion at the start of council assembly. Community evidence shall be conducted under the existing rules for public participation.

Submissions

5. The following submissions have been received:

1. Residents of the Pumphouse

We would like to express our concern about the lack of any consultation, information and transparency from the council within our Pumphouse community, despite the direct impact the proposed developments will have on our neighbourhood and our homes, given the immediate proximity and lack of permeability between Canada Water train station and Renforth street. We are worried that the area, which is already densely populated, cannot support a huge population increase without significant improvements in infrastructure (e.g. schools). We are also dismayed to see the number of high-rises, the loss of mature trees, and the lack of coordination between the different projects. We also unsure why clear government guidelines and the council's own policies (e.g. regarding mixed-tenure housing) are not being followed in private developments or council ones.

We would like to have a say, before the council pushes ahead with planning applications, to make sure that our neighbourhood remains diverse and a nice place to live.

2. Canada Estate - Social housing developments

To convey extreme concern in the manner estate infill has been steered by the Council. Four proposed close proximity social housing developments are envisaged for Canada Estate, Renforth Street, Neptune Street and Albion Street. Due process has not been consistent. This has hindered positive progress, generated neighbourhood conflict and jeopardised the delivery of new social homes and regenerative uplift of Rotherhithe.

3. St Mungo's Community Housing Association

St Mungo's is one of the biggest providers of services to the homeless in London and the South of England, and within Southwark provides a range of services including street outreach, Employment, Training and Education, specialist housing services and advice for offenders, tenancy sustainment services and a whole range of supported housing options for the most vulnerable in the borough.

We wish to talk about the services we provide and the challenges of meeting changing needs in the borough.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
Constitution	Southwark Council 160 Tooley Street London SE1 2QH	Constitutional Team constitutional.team@southwark.gov.uk 020 7525 7228

APPENDICES

No.	Title
None	

AUDIT TRAIL

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