

The Gold Standard

Draft Standard and Award Scheme Proposed Consultation

Questions for the consultation

The following is a draft proposal for questions to be asked during the consultation.

These questions will be put to residents and business owners in the borough but are particularly aimed at:

- private tenants,
- landlords and landlord representative groups,
- tenants' representative groups,
- Charities and further education establishments, and
- Managing and letting agents.

To try and focus the consultation and make it easier to analyse the results across the different forums we have set some standard questions. These are:

1. The content of the Gold and Silver Standards,
 - a. Do you think the standard should be split into two levels i.e. Gold and Silver?
 - b. Are there any items on the Gold Standard that you think should not be included, and why? (items in the standard to be listed to chose from)
 - c. Are there any items on the Silver Standard that you think should not be included, and why? (items in the standard to be listed to chose from)
 - d. Are there any issues that aren't included in the Gold or Silver Standard that you would like to see added, and why?
2. The award scheme
 - a. To landlords - Would you be interested in having a Gold or Silver Standard award on your properties?

- b. To tenants – Would you be more likely to move into a property with a Gold or Silver Standard award than one without?
- c. Would you be interested in participating in a Renter's Union in Southwark, including campaigning for landlords to meet the Gold or Silver standards?

3. How awards are publicised

- a. How do you think the Council should publicise Gold Standard award properties?
 - i. Website
 - ii. Notice in the property
 - iii. Local magazines e.g. Southwark Life
 - iv. Public places e.g. libraries, council offices etc.
 - v. Other, please specify
- b. The benefits given for achieving the award.
 - i. Are there any benefits to achieving a Gold Standard award that you think should not be included, and why?
 - ii. Are there any benefits to achieving a Gold Standard award that you would like to see added, and why?

4. Negative effects of the scheme

- a. Do you think there are there any negative effects if Southwark introduces a Gold and Silver Standard and award scheme?
 - i. Increased rents?
 - ii. Increased evictions?
 - iii. More pressure on the private rented housing sector availability?
- b. Please explain why you think the negative effect will happen
- c. Can you think of anyway Southwark can introduce the standards without the negative effect you are concerned about?

5. Positive effects of the scheme

- a. What do you think would be a positive effect from the introduction of Gold and Silver Standard and award scheme?
 - i. Better quality of accommodation?
 - ii. Less evictions and harassment?
 - iii. Easier for families to have a happy and healthy family life?
- b. Please explain why you think the positive effect will happen
- c. Can you think of anything Southwark could do to increase the positive effects from introducing a Gold and Silver Standard and award scheme?