

Share your thoughts: influence and improve the Walworth Social Regeneration Charter (WSRC)

Over the last two decades, Southwark has seen a variety of regeneration programmes delivered. Southwark has risen from the 12th most deprived Borough in the UK (out of 326) to the 41st. We want to continue this improvement, and to continue to explore with residents, businesses, users of Walworth and community and voluntary sector organisations in Walworth the best possible ways of improving the life chances for our residents and our local businesses.

The Walworth Social Regeneration Charter seeks to meaningfully engage with the community, encourage participation and create a shared set of local priorities to drive change in Walworth. It will be a 'live' document that is updated and monitored by Southwark Council and the Walworth Group.

The charter will establish the goals for Walworth. These goals will be used to decide how local Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) (a financial charge that local authorities collect from developers to spend on local infrastructure) monies are spent in Walworth.

What is a social regeneration charter?

A social regeneration charter is a tool for creating a common vision and programme to improve the wellbeing of residents in and around an area. In the Autumn of 2017 the council carried out our largest ever community engagement exercise, the [Southwark Conversation](#) (see feedback report and further analysis) to explore local perceptions and experiences of the regeneration that has taken place in the Borough over the last decades. We had almost 3,000 responses which has guided the creation of the [Regeneration That Works for All Framework](#) and the [Social Regeneration Indicators](#) which was approved by Cabinet in January 2019 and paves the way for a series of social regeneration charters for areas with

concentrations of development activity. The first charter has been created for [Canada Water](#) in December 2018 after a detailed research exercise with the local community. All areas within Southwark will sit within a social regeneration charter.

Why Walworth?

Walworth was identified as one of the early areas for a social regeneration charter because of the significant level of development in the area and in neighbouring areas. The development is resulting in new homes being built, new members of the community moving in, investment in schools, parks, libraries and public spaces as well as new businesses emerging, as well as opportunities to enhance local socio-economic prospects. Walworth has a strong community and identity as well as a strong community and voluntary service sector which we want to support. A social regeneration charter in Walworth will enable us to come together to better influence decision making and inform the direction on investment so that regeneration has positive benefits for those who live and work in Walworth. The aim and key purpose of the charter is to identify, with the community, a number of projects and initiatives which can be delivered to improve outcomes in Walworth and create lasting change in Walworth. Projects can be delivered either using Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funds or through imaginative partnership working to affect change which will be monitored over time

Research to inform the charter

To maximise the regeneration benefits available from new developments for local people, Social Life are undertaking baseline research in the area on behalf of the Council to develop a set of baseline indicators for the area. This research will be carried out between April and May 2020 and May 2020 with stakeholders in Walworth and culminate in a baseline research report which will be presented to stakeholders as part of the consultation process (where feasible) and alongside the final version of the Walworth Social Regeneration Charter.

The research methodology includes street interviews, stakeholder interviews and walking ethnographies / observations.

Research will build upon existing research in the area including:

- Walworth Road Economic Vision Towards 2030, Hatch, February 2020.
- Mapping community assets, needs & networks in east Walworth, A report for Notting Hill Genesis by Social Life. January 2019.
- What Walworth Wants, We Made That, 2017.
- Walworth Road Vitality, Viability and Vulnerability Study, GVA, December 2014.

Consulting on the draft charter

Consultation on the draft charter will be carried out with residents and community and voluntary sector organisations from March 25th 2020 to June 30th 2020.

The aim of the consultation is to engage with as many residents, businesses, Tenants and Residents Associations (TRAs), users of Walworth and community and voluntary sector organisations in Walworth as possible. Each event will be open to all participants. The feedback we receive will be used to develop the charter further so it reflects local goals and priorities.

This consultation plan sets out the steps and creative suggestions for community involvement – if you have any suggestions on the charter or the consultation plan please contact Sophie Hall-Thompson, Regeneration Manager, sophie.hall-thompson@southwark.gov.uk.

CONSULTATION PLAN			
Stage	Method of Consultation	Consultees	Dates
Preparation of Draft Social Regeneration Charter including the drafting of the document.	Data gathering & research	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place • 55 East Street • Burgess Sports • Community Southwark • Creation Trust • East Street Traders • Guys & St Thomas' charity • InSpire • Inter-faith project • L&Q • Latin American Cultural Group • Liverpool Grove TRA • Notting Hill Genesis community investment team • Pecan • Pembroke House • Somali Integration and Development Association • Southwark Council regeneration team • Southwark Council resident services team • Surrey Square school • St Peter's, Walworth • Villa Street Health Centre 	Summer 2019

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walworth Society 	
	Discussions with Walworth Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1st Place • Burgess Sports • Cambridge House • Community Southwark • Creation Trust • InSpire • L & Q • Pembroke House • Notting Hill Genesis • Walworth Society 	November 2019 – Feb 2020
	Discussions with Walworth Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walworth Society 	February 6 th 2020
Consultation on Draft Charter	Stakeholder Meetings (TBC by the following)	Available to all on a drop in basis to all residents and those employed in Walworth. Meetings to be organised and advertised by these stakeholders.	April & May 2020
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 1st Place 2. Creation Trust 3. Pembroke House 4. Inspire 5. Walworth Society 		
	Council led goal based Workshops as below:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homes and places for communities to thrive. Tue 7th April, 16:30 – 17:30 @Walworth Living Room, All Saints Hall, Surrey Square. 2. A high quality, healthy environment. A place. Wed 15th April, 16:30 – 17:30 @55 East Street 3. A resilient economy with good employment opportunities. Mon 20th April, 16:30 – 17:30 @55 East Street 4. A safe neighbourhood Tue 28th April, 16:30 – 17:30 @Walworth Living Room, All Saints Hall, Surrey Square. 	April 2020
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Homes and places for communities to thrive. 2. A high quality, healthy environment. A place. 3. A resilient economy with good employment opportunities. 4. A safe neighbourhood. 		
	Ward Forum Discussion		June 2020
	Walworth's TRA Discussion	Mon 8 th June, 16:30 – 17:30 @55 East Street	June 2020
Online information at: www.southwark.gov.uk/	Available to all residents and those employed in Walworth.		
Research carried out by Social Life	Household Surveys Street Surveys	April & May 2020	
Discussions with Walworth Group		May 2020	
Adoption of the First Charter	Approval at Cabinet	Councillors	June 2020

Annual Review of Charter	Southwark Council & Walworth Group	The document is a live document and will be developed and refined over time as more consultation, engagement takes place.	2020 2021 2022
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