

We want your ideas to make a difference: influence and improve the Bermondsey & The Blue Social Regeneration Charter (BTBSRC).

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 and community and voluntary sector organisations in the Bermondsey area the best possible ways of improving the life chances for our residents, businesses and communities.

The BTBSRC seeks to meaningfully engage with the community, encourage participation and create a shared set of local priorities to drive change in Bermondsey. The charter establishes the goals for Bermondsey which 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 Bermondsey.

What is a social regeneration charter?

A social regeneration charter is a tool for creating a common vision and programme to improve the well-being 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 to embed our regeneration for all principles throughout the borough and facilitate implementation of the framework's commitments at a local level. Charters have been created for [Canada Water](#) and Old Kent Road.

Why Bermondsey & The Blue?

Bermondsey was once an important site for London's trade due to its proximity to the Rotherhithe Docks and it emerged as a centre for food processing and production. After the Second World War much of the area declined following the closure of the docks and factories. Since then change has come to parts of Bermondsey, with the emergence of an artisanal food and drink scene and a growing creative industry in the area around Bermondsey Street. But change has come more slowly to other parts of Bermondsey, with some areas, particularly those around the Blue, experience high-levels of deprivation. There will be significant changes to the physical environment in the coming years, with a potential redevelopment of the Biscuit Factory, the Low Line development and the Old Kent Road & Canada Water regenerations right next door. We want to ensure that the investment in the area is directed to those who need it most, to reduce deprivation and improve life opportunities for all of Bermondsey's communities and to continue to improve and revitalise the Blue Market as the historic town centre of Bermondsey

Resources to inform the charter

To develop this charter we have drawn on a number of different sources of evidence, data and sources of information for the area. The resources we have used have helped us gather an understanding of what the needs and issues are in the area to help develop the themes. It has also been used to obtain baseline information for tracking the impact of this charter. The resources include:

- Multi-Ward Profiles for the three wards included in the charter area. These can be found [here](#).
- The Southwark Conversation which can be found [here](#).

- The Social Life Bermondsey Neighbourhood Study Grosvenor’s draft Local Legacy Strategy. The research involved speaking to over 400 residents and stakeholders in the area surrounding the former Biscuit Factory site in North Bermondsey. The research can be found [here](#) and the local legacy strategy [here](#).
- Research and consultations to inform the Good Growth Fund programme, including two community consultations done in 2017 and 2019. Details on this programme can be found [here](#)
- Footfall study of the Blue (Quod, 2017)
- A Bermondsey specific data report from CAB Southwark.
- Indices of Deprivation 2019. Southwark’s JSNA. This can be found [here](#)

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 May 20th 2020.

The aim of the consultation is to engage with as many residents, businesses, and community and voluntary sector organisations in Bermondsey 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 suggestions for community involvement – if you have any suggestions on the charter or the consultation plan please contact Tizzy Keller, tizzy.keller@southwark.gov.uk

CONSULTATION PLAN			
Stage	Method of Consultation	Consultees	Dates
Preparation of Draft Social Regeneration Charter	Data gathering, research and stakeholder engagement through workshops, meetings and phonecalls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bermondsey BID • Community Opportunity • Big Local Works • CAB Bermondsey • Southwark Children’s Centres • Age UK (Yalding Centre) • Southwark Council regeneration team • Southwark Council parks and leisure team • Southwark Council resident services team • STAMP • Tenants and Residents Associations • Southwark Planning Network • STGO • United St Saviours • Bede House • Salmon Centre 	December 2019 to February 2020
DRAFT CHARTER	Online: Information available	Available to all residents and stakeholders.	25 March – 20 May

CONSULTATION STAGE Gathering feedback on draft charter and ideas for projects which can improve social regeneration outcomes	online consultation hub	Published on: 25 March 2020 Available to view in public libraries in digital and printed format.	2020
	Goal specific workshops or walking tours	Available on a sign up basis. Relevant stakeholders will be invited to each workshop/walking tour. Goal 1: Housing (see section below) Goal 2: Local economy, education and employment and poverty Goal 3: Health and wellbeing Goal 4: community infrastructure and cohesion	April and May 2020
	TRA engagement	Reaching out to all TRAs in the area through the Resident Involvement Team and Southwark Group of Tenants Organisations (SGTO). Using a range of methods to engage: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A workshop and drop in sessions to discuss Goal 1 (housing) - Attending TRA meetings and local housing forums - Online via the local housing forums webpages 	April and May 2020
	Drop-in sessions	Available to all on a drop in basis for anyone who wants to comment on and give feedback on the draft charter.	April and May 2020
	Ward forum workshops	Workshops at ward forums for relevant wards	April and May 2020
	Local community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) ideas workshop	Available to on a sign up basis	April 2020
	Adoption of the Charter	Approval at Cabinet	Councillors