

Old Kent Road

Southwark Council would like to invite you to the next Old Kent Road Forum. It is an opportunity for local people to discuss questions, comments and concerns around plans for the Old Kent Road.

Date: Saturday 16 March 2019

Time: 11am to 1pm

Address: Christ Church Peckham, 676 - 680 Old Kent Road, SE15 1JF

Theme: Building for the Future – Design Quality

Agenda:

11am to 11.55am:

- Networking and information

11:55am – 12pm:

- Welcome from Cllr Johnson Situ and introduction to 231 Old Kent Road: Museum of Us

12.00pm – 12:15pm

- Presentation from Diana Cochrane (Walworth Society): Old Kent Road and its heritage and how its historic development and social history that can inform and shape new development

12:15pm – 12:30pm:

- Southwark Young Advisers: Ideas for the future of Old Kent Road

12:30pm – 1pm:

- Roundtable discussion workshops. Achieving design quality in Old Kent Road
- Feedback

Future dates: Southwark Council will be opening [231 Old Kent Road](#) on 5 April 2019. This space is for local residents, businesses, community groups and everyone that would like to be involved in shaping the area to come together, share ideas and engage in discussions about the neighbourhood and its future. Keep up to date on events via our website www.oldkentroad.org.uk

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Follow up from Old Kent Road Forum: February 2019

Theme: How developer contributions (S106) and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) can address local needs.

The Old Kent Road Forum is an opportunity for local people to discuss questions, comments and concerns around the plans for the Old Kent Road.

We are committed to ongoing engagement and regular communication with local communities. Around 50 residents attended the sixth Old Kent Road forum. This forum had a different format where we asked the community what their priority was for Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and S106 contributions spending.

Each workshop table was then tasked to narrow this down to two projects. The feedback from the four tables has been included in the table below:

You said	We did
<p>CIL & S106 should be spent on ...</p>	
<p>Spaces for youth. These are important both for community and recreational purposes but also as a place to provide non-formal education spaces, music spaces, business progression spaces and/or facilities that can benefit upskilling and empowerment.</p> <p>Promote Young Advisers. Stray against single use infrastructure and promote dual use such as events in schools on Saturdays and youth clubs within school facilities.</p> <p>Places for young people (and the elderly) to go to improve their computer knowledge.</p> <p>Gangs and antisocial behaviour is an issue so there should be a youth programme and funding for activities and support.</p> <p>Playspace for older children. Football clubs and football pitches were suggested.</p> <p>Temporary parking for people who are not disabled but need to load / unload – parking schemes.</p>	<p>We received some great ideas outlining the themes and potential projects for spend, and we want to continue to develop these ideas in consultation with local groups.</p> <p>Youth Advisers came to the Old Kent Forum and contributed to the table discussions.</p> <p>We are working on designating some potential new conservation areas in the Old Kent Road area and undertaking historic area assessments including industrial buildings. We are also restoring the Kentish Drivers mural.</p> <p>We are continuing to refine design guidance and management of the park spaces and promoting affordable workspace and play space in new developments as requirements of the Old Kent Road AAP.</p>

You said

We did

CIL & S106 should be spent on ...

Public green space. The new parks must be green, not hard landscaped or public realm. Somewhere that children can play and places to sit on grass. Long term maintenance funding of parks.

Security and lighting. Sensor lights could be used in parks and quiet streets which would save energy and also promote safety, for example halogen lights.

Pavements were also considered to need more lighting, as the roads are often well lit but not the pavements. Ways to do this included suggestions of adding lights that face on to the pavement from the existing lamp posts, or to add lighting features to new buildings.

Industrial heritage buildings such as the Caroline Gardens chapel, Canal cottages, general heritage enhancement and protection of these buildings with heritage and historic value. Restoring the Kentish Drovers mural.

A gym specialising in gymnastics – and a place for families, youth, children and adults with disabilities could go and play sport.

Resource hubs. For example, the Livesey Exchange and Action OKR.

Pubs. These are an important part of heritage. The Green Man and the Thomas A. Becket were two that were named.

Supporting businesses - this can be done through the funding for an industrial space strategy for the opportunity area and create opportunities for businesses to learn and grow.

Affordable workspace and apprenticeships for young people.

Museum space and attractions that are free – public destination.

Street furniture, pedestrian bridges, improving roads, interesting crossings. Work with local schools/ artists to design the crossing.

We are opening 231 Old Kent Road on the theme of: Museum of Us on 5 April 2019. This will be a free exhibition with series of events celebrating the Old Kent Road's rich and diverse history and population, past and present. Hosted at 231 Old Kent Road to launch this new community space.

The Livesey Exchange will be opening on the corner of St James' Road as a space for workshops, training and cultural programmes on Old Kent Road.

Vital OKR will be doing a walking tour of businesses in the area (dates to be confirmed).

Diana Cochrane will be running a walking tour of the Old Kent Road historic pubs (dates to be confirmed).

We continue to meet with individual residents groups, businesses and workshops with schools. Our consultation summary and map of consultation events is on our website.

These meetings and events will help cultivate further ideas for projects for the spend associated with CIL and S106 funding in the Old Kent Road area.

The Southwark Law Centre also asked the workshop tables: How would be the best way to engage with the community about future spend?

You Said	We Did
<p>Digital questionnaires are good but they should not have leading questions</p> <p>Neighbourhood plans and forums were suggested as another platform for engagement</p> <p>More specific groups in the community should be targeted for project ideas e.g. church groups, friends of parks groups, interest groups, TRA's, Southwark Pensioners Centre</p> <p>Target engagement with local schools, school children and parents</p> <p>Leaflets and posters</p>	<p>We are committed to continuing engagement with local groups using a variety of methods. We are meeting smaller groups of residents associations and friends of parks groups in the Old Kent Road to ensure ongoing communication. We have also been running workshops with primary and secondary schools. We have published our Consultation Summary and an interactive map of consultation now features on our website www.oldkentroad.org.uk</p>

Finally, we asked everyone to vote for their top priorities for spend in the Old Kent Road area. The top 3 were:

- Parks, trees and green spaces
- Safety and security
- Youth facilities

