

## Southwark Plan 2022 Strategic Vision

1. The Southwark Plan 2022 Vision is for Southwark to continue to be a network of successful, unique, historic, distinct places with affordable housing and business space, plenty of shops and cultural activities, open spaces and clean air that are linked together, to Central and the rest of London by an accessible and affordable transport network looking forward to 2036.
2. Southwark is a place which is resilient to the impacts of climate change where net carbon emissions will be zero. Southwark has exemplary neighbourhoods for families to live and delivers an excellent range of quality public and private open spaces. We want the new neighbourhoods we will deliver to be places where we and our children will want to live and which we can be rightly proud. We will provide new local opportunities for shopping and employment and create a green and inclusive economy.
3. Southwark contains Central London destinations such as London Bridge, Bankside, Canada Water, Elephant and Castle and Old Kent Road. These historic and unique destinations are residential areas woven in with attractions for millions of visitors, National and International headquarters, office space for small businesses, shops, homes, schools, community and leisure activities. These Opportunity and Action Areas are linked to Central London and the rest of London by tube, train, bus, cycle and walking with well preserved open spaces and green links to provide places for activities and to address the Climate Emergency.
4. Town Centres such as Peckham, Camberwell and Lordship Lane provide distinct and diverse shops, services, arts and cultural activities with very large catchment areas due to the specialist goods and services. They are surrounded by residential communities that benefit from the busy, diverse town centres.
5. Residential communities in the south such as Bermondsey, Nunhead, East Dulwich, Herne Hill, Dulwich Village and West Dulwich are historic areas with unique local characteristics and great shops, services and other activities in local centres.
6. Local Area Visions are set out in section 8 with detailed information about how each area is expected to develop.

# ST1 Southwark's Development Targets

1. Development will improve the places in Southwark to enable a better quality of life for Southwark's diverse population. It must contribute to our Strategic Vision, Local Area Visions, Strategic Policies, Development Management Policies and Implementation Policies to protect, enhance and regenerate our places. This will ensure the borough continues to be successful, diverse and vibrant. We will work with our partners, local communities and developers to ensure that developments deliver the required growth and improvements to achieve our targets including:

1. 40,035 homes between 2019 and 2036 (2,355 new homes per annum), this includes 10,217 homes on small sites between 2019 and 2036 (601 new homes per annum).
2. 11,000 council homes will be delivered by 2043 as part of the overall housing target.
3. 58,000 total jobs between 2019 and 2036 including at least 1,000 new green jobs through the Southwark Green New Deal. The targets for the distribution of jobs are:

Borough, Bankside and London Bridge Opportunity Area	10,000
Elephant and Castle Opportunity Area	10,000
Canada Water Opportunity Area	20,000
Old Kent Road Opportunity Area	10,000
Other town centres	8,000

4. 460,000 sqm office floorspace between 2019 and 2036 (equating to around 35,500 jobs). Around 80% of new offices will be delivered in the Central Activities Zone. Additional offices will be delivered in the Canada Water and Old Kent Road Opportunity Areas and in town centres;
5. 90,000sqm additional employment floorspace between 2019 and 2036 outside the CAZ including industrial, distribution, hybrid and studio workspace;
6. 76,670 sqm net new retail floorspace between 2019 and 2036 (6,560sqm convenience retail, 42,130sqm comparison goods retail, 27,980sqm food and beverage). The targets for the distribution of the retail floorspace are:

Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre	10,000sqm
Peckham Major Town Centre	7,000sqm
Canada Water Opportunity Area	40,000sqm
CAZ and district and local town centres	19,670sqm

7. The growth of other activities that create successful places such as places to work, leisure, arts and culture, sports, schools, health centres and tourist activities. We will encourage developments to focus on the strengths of places that make the different areas of the borough distinctive and respect and integrate with the local and historic context and communities.
8. The location and design of new development contributing to securing our targets of carbon neutrality by 2030 and net zero carbon by 2050;
9. Increase the provision of open space in the borough by requiring the provision of 11 hectares of new open space as identified in site allocations along with the designation of MOL, BOL and OOS as identified on the Policies Map.

### Reasons

1. Southwark's spatial strategy is to continue with regeneration and preservation to create destinations, town centres and residential communities that preserve and enhance the history of places particularly historical buildings and open spaces. With desirable environments, affordable housing, business space, shops and activities where there are jobs for residents as well as the business headquarters, utilising technology and building transport infrastructure to improve air quality and tackle the Climate Emergency. This new development must provide housing of all tenures for all age groups to integrate with existing communities and improve places for existing residents and businesses particularly in the areas around where the new development is being built. The local facilities, transport network, network of open spaces and infrastructure will support the fast pace of change in the Action and Opportunity Areas such as Aylesbury, Bankside, Borough, London Bridge, Elephant and Castle, Old Kent Road and Peckham.

## ST2 Southwark's Places

1. Our spatial strategy is to strengthen the distinctive network of diverse places so that they will continue to be successful and vibrant as part of the overall plan for Southwark as set out in the Strategic and Area Visions and Strategic Targets Policy between 2019 and 2036. We are doing this by maximising our opportunities using spatial planning. We set out how we will achieve this through our strategic policies, development management policies, implementation policies, delivery programmes and monitoring.
2. This complex place making process is continuous and needs to involve the diverse range of people who use it to be meaningful in creating places that people find successful to live in and visit. Collectively we need to work together to improve each place through tackling the challenges and maximising our strengths.
3. Most new development will happen in the Opportunity Areas and Action Area Cores (Bankside, Borough and London Bridge, Elephant and Castle, Aylesbury, Canada Water, Camberwell, Old Kent Road, Peckham and Nunhead). We are aiming to balance delivering as many homes as possible with providing jobs, protecting industrial and office locations, continuing with vibrant town centres, protection of open space and historic characteristics.
4. We will work with our partners, local communities and developers to ensure that developments improve our places for local communities through delivery of regeneration in our Opportunity and Action Areas to achieve our targets. Our vision areas will provide:

Table A: Delivery in Vision Areas

Site Area		Employment floorspace (sqm)		Retail, leisure and community uses floorspace* (sqm)		Approximate housing capacity within the borough through site allocations by area (net, units)	Net open space provision within site allocations in GIA (sqm)
		Proposed provision (gross)	Uplift (net)	Proposed provision (gross)	Uplift (net)		
Aylesbury		900	900	6,800	6,800	1,500	0
Bankside and Borough		165,949	60,813	10,130	9,409	1,022	3,151
Bermondsey		22,073	-10,935	10,280	9,992	2,313	0
Blackfriars Road		195,298	110,018	17,191	15,308	1,241	0
Camberwell		35,850	2,139	14,956	7,674	1,765	0
Crystal Palace and Gipsy Hill		0	0	0	0	103	0
Dulwich		0	0	580-840	187	63	0
East Dulwich		8,867	3,741	13,631	3,947	374	-4,782***
Elephant and Castle	Site Allocations	27,309	-2,884	30,946	2,261	1,686	1,640
	Elephant Park	60,000	60,000	6,014	6,014	683	8,000
	Planning applications	47,792	27,542	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<i>135,101</i>	<i>84,658</i>	<i>36,960</i>	<i>8,275</i>	<i>2,369</i>	<i>9,640</i>
Herne Hill and North Dulwich		2,553	383	2,041	306	45	0
London Bridge		56,574	43,156	2,132	1,526	483	605

Old Kent Road	Site Allocations	277,329	46,462	69,784	-1,143	20,800****	88,815
	Industrial intensification in South Bermondsey (SPIL) (Maximum option)	86,628	74,567				
	<b>Total</b>	<i>363,957</i>	<i>121,030</i>				
Peckham		19,089	15,378	23,281	7,139	1,370	0
Rotherhithe (minimum figures based on Canada Water masterplan NSP78)		68,642	22,196	65,467	9,958	4,712**	13,696
Walworth		0	-2,437	7,384	2,310	229	0
Vacant railway arches brought back into use		17,280	17,280				
<b>Total (minimum based on Canada Water Masterplan, NSP78)</b>		<b>1,092,132</b>	<b>468,321</b>	<b>280,616</b>	<b>81,501</b>	<b>38,389</b>	<b>111,125</b>
Further uplift as a result of maximum capacity of Canada Water Masterplan, NSP78)		236,048	236,048	137,348	137,348		
<b>Total (Maximum based on Canada Water Masterplan, NSP78)</b>		<b>1,328,180</b>	<b>704,369</b>	<b>417,964</b>	<b>218,849</b>		

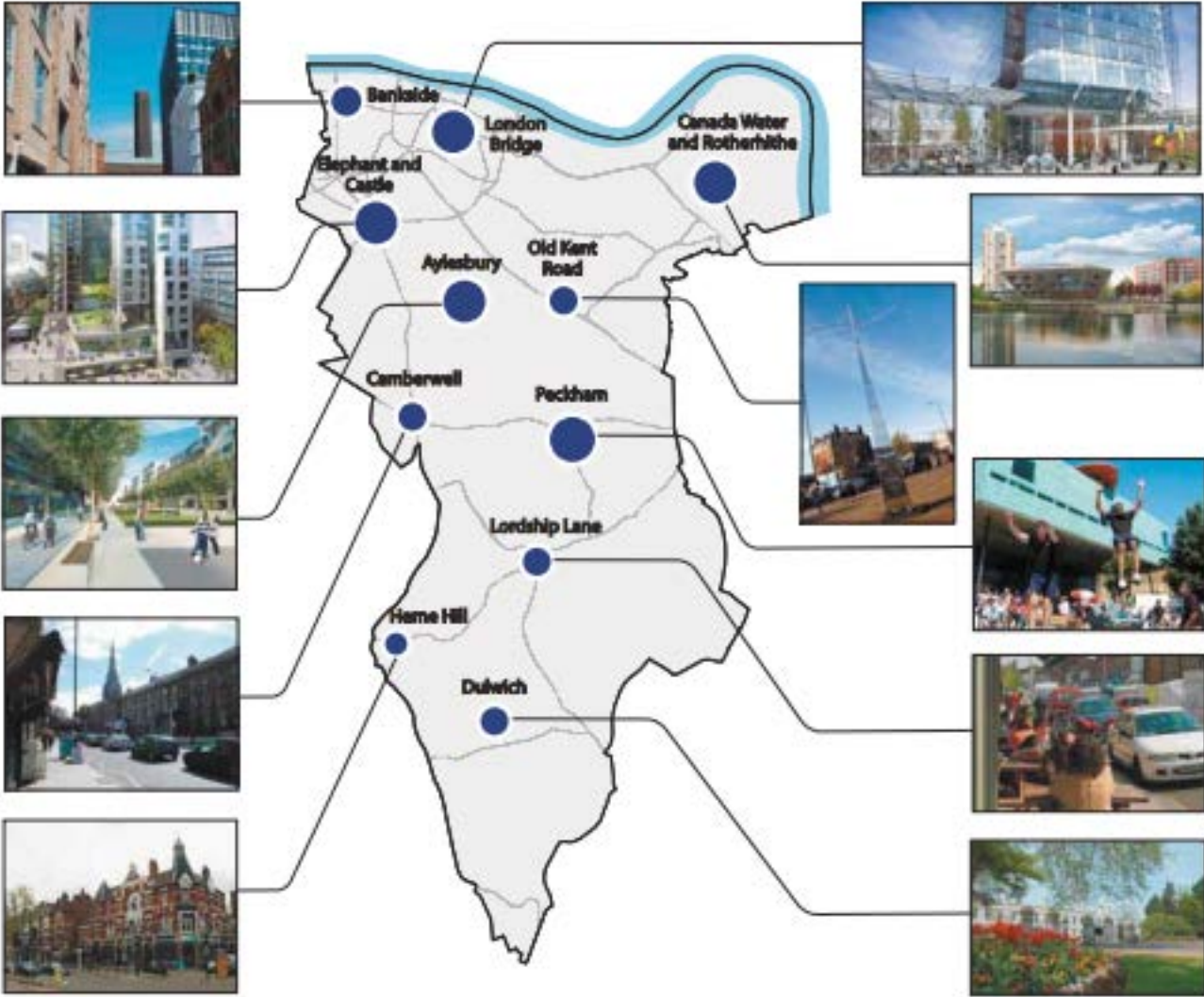
\*The figures do not include education and health uses except for Old Kent Road which due to the figures being part of a wider masterplan for the whole area health and education uses are included.

\*\*The capacities planned for Rotherhithe are based on the average of residential unit range set out in the Canada Water masterplan (Site allocation NSP78).

\*\*\* The change was due to a redevelopment to provide a new stadium at Dulwich Hamlet Football Club

\*\*\*\* The housing capacity for Old Kent Road is to be phased, including 9,500 homes in Phase 1, with the phasing plan to be determined through the Old Kent Road Area Action Plan

# Our different areas



## SP1 Homes for all

We will lead the way in London to build more homes of every kind in Southwark and to use every tool at our disposal to increase the supply of all different kinds of homes. Our target is for 50% of all new homes as social rented and intermediate homes. We will ensure that all new homes in Southwark are of such good quality that you will not know whether you are visiting homes in private, housing association or council ownership. This will be achieved through:

1. Delivering at least 40,035 homes between 2019 and 2036 (2,355 new homes per annum), this includes 10,217 homes on small sites between 2019 and 2036 (601 new homes per annum); and
2. Supporting the delivery of homes on small sites; and
3. Building 11,000 new council homes by 2043 as part of our overall housing target, by developing our own land and developing on some of our existing estates, including in-fill development; and
4. Encouraging developers to increase the provision of social rented and intermediate homes on sites beyond 35%; and
5. Encouraging developers to receive affordable housing grant to increase the provision of social rented and intermediate housing; and
6. Encouraging developers to provide more social rented and intermediate housing through the fast track route; and
7. Maintaining high housing standards; and
8. Building more family homes for households with children as well as childless households; and
9. Ensuring that vulnerable residents and families are helped to find the right housing to live as independently as possible; and
10. Enabling our residents to take pride in and feel responsible for their homes and local area; and
11. Requiring sustainable design so that new homes adapt to climate change and mitigate against climate change by reducing carbon emissions on site.

### Reasons

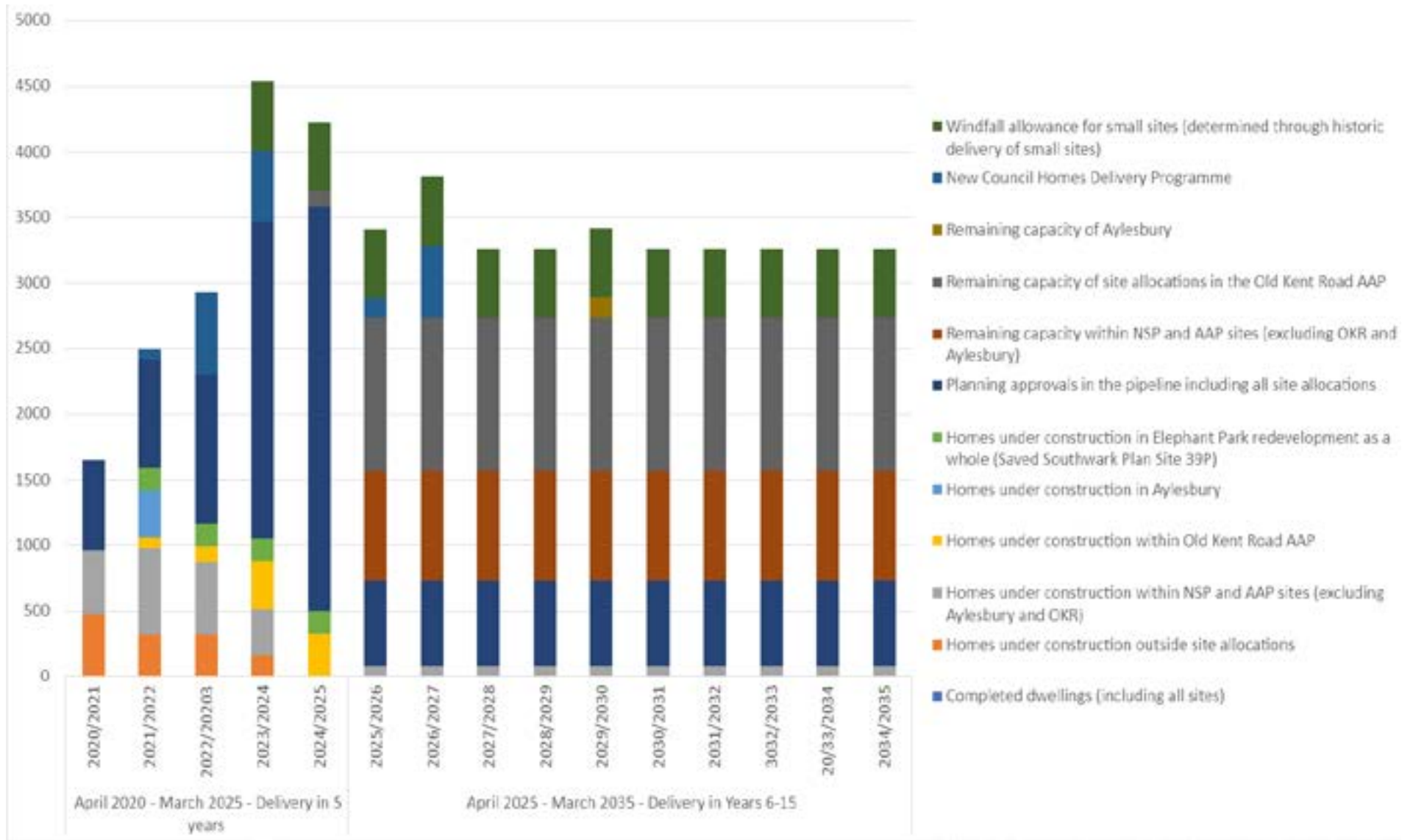
1. We will continue to deliver one of the highest levels of new homes nationally in Southwark. We are building on average around 42% gross and 33% net affordable homes per year. This equates to 9,200 gross new affordable homes and 6,416 net affordable homes between 2004-2019. We will increase this to 50% social rented and intermediate homes in line with the London Plan through our new council homes delivery programme and encouraging developers to exceed 35% social rented and intermediate homes delivery. This will seek to address the need for affordable housing in the borough identified in the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (2019) of 2,077 affordable homes per annum which equates to 35,309 homes over the plan period between 2019 and 2036.
2. The Housing Trajectory is illustrated below and detailed further at Annex 2. This sets out an annualised trajectory of homes to be delivered over the plan period to demonstrate that there is a sufficient supply of homes coming forward to meet our housing target, including recent under-delivery in 2019/20 and a 20%



buffer over the first five years. The supply is coming forward through a pipeline of planning permissions, site allocations within the Southwark Plan 2022 and the delivery of new council homes on the council's own land. It identifies sufficient deliverable sites in the first five years and developable sites in years 6 to 15 based on the latest evidence in the 5 and 15 Year Housing Land Supply Report. The council will publish an annual update of this.

3. We need to build and facilitate delivery of a variety of new homes that meet the needs of households of different sizes, on different incomes and with a variety of specific needs. We will encourage innovative solutions to meeting specific housing needs where suited to the local context. For example, we will support residents who wish to build their own homes where the proposed development is using land efficiently. We will not support live-work units where they would compromise employment uses or where conventional housing could be built. We will not permit Starter Homes on sites with viable commercial uses or on sites which are allocated for housing or on which conventional affordable housing would be acceptable under the policies of this Plan.
4. In Southwark around 1,860 gross and 1,560 net new homes have been built annually between 2004 and 2019 with around 613 gross and 430 net new affordable homes. This is consistently one of the highest levels of delivery of new homes within London and nationwide. It is widely recognised that rising rent and property prices in the private sector, the loss of council homes through the 'Right to Buy', and a lack of affordable housing means that younger generations may be forced to move away from their families and communities. Our residents told us they want more council housing and that it should be of a high standard, we are tackling this by building 11,000 new council homes by 2043.
5. We identify in the site allocations enough land to build 2,355 net additional homes per year to meet our target.
6. There are high levels of deprivation relating to barriers to housing and services across Southwark, this measures the physical and financial accessibility of housing and local services. Over three quarters of residents live in communities ranked in the 20% most deprived in England. This covers a significant part of the borough. When looking at the sub-domain that focuses on housing affordability, overcrowding, and homelessness 97% of our residents live in the 20% most deprived communities in England.
7. It is important homes can adapt to climate change through design to minimise the impacts of climate change on local residents. In the design process, carbon emission reduction on site for residential development is required to meet net carbon zero for major development.

# Indicative Southwark Plan 2022 housing trajectory (2020-2035)



## Housing Trajectory - source of supply by year

Source of supply/ Year	April 2020 - March 2025 - Delivery in 5 years					April 2025 - March 2035 - Delivery in Years 5-15									
	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/20203	2023/2024	2024/2025	2025/2026	2026/2027	2027/2028	2028/2029	2029/2030	2030/2031	2031/2032	2032/2033	2033/2034	2034/2035
Completed dwellings (including all sites)															
Homes under construction outside site allocations	477	318	318	159											
Homes under construction within NSP and AAP sites (excluding Aylesbury and OKR)	483	652	654	354		80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80	80
Homes under construction within Old Kent Road AAP		84	117	301	326										
Homes under construction in Aylesbury		354													
Homes under construction in Elephant Park redevelopment as a whole (Saved Southwark Plan Site 26P)		171	171	171	170										
Planning approvals in the pipeline including all site allocations	893	817	1128	2417	3081	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844	844
Remaining capacity within NSP and AAP sites (excluding OKR and Aylesbury)						848	848	848	848	848	848	848	848	848	848
Remaining capacity of site allocations in the Old Kent Road AAP					123	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182	1182
Remaining capacity of Aylesbury										168					
New Council Homes Delivery Programme		66	632	548		153	548								
Windfall allowance for small sites (determined through historic delivery of small sites)				523	523	523	523	523	523	523	523	523	523	523	523
<b>Total housing supply for the period</b>	<b>15830</b>					<b>33410</b>									
London Plan annual housing target	14555					23550									

## SP2 Southwark Together

We will continue to revitalise our places and neighbourhoods to create new opportunities for residents and local businesses, to promote wellbeing and reduce inequalities so that people have better lives in stronger communities. This will be achieved through:

1. Mitigating and adapting development to climate change to meet the net zero carbon target by 2050; and
2. Developing places where everyone can benefit from all activities, including play spaces, leisure activities, squares and shops, buildings and the natural environment. These places should enable everyone to feel proud of their home and create a sense of belonging in the community; and
3. Investing in our communities and residents, and particularly existing residents, so that everyone can access the benefits of our regeneration programmes and the opportunities created by those programmes for new homes, new jobs, education, training and new physical and social infrastructure; and
4. Encouraging greater tenure integration and equality within and between new development in order to create the conditions for properly mixed and integrated communities, ensuring equity of esteem from street level, and to mitigate against stark visible differences and a sense of tenure segregation; and
5. Developments being designed for the diverse communities in Southwark, including all principles of the Southwark Stands Together initiative and to ensure accessibility, inclusivity, and interaction, regardless of disability, age, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy and maternity, marriage or civil partnership or gender, and allow all to participate equally, confidently and independently in everyday activities; and
6. Making our neighbourhoods safer with well-designed buildings and spaces that mitigate and minimise the impacts of climate change on local residents, discourage crime and anti-social behaviour and foster a sense of community; and
7. Encouraging residential development above shops to enliven town centres; and
8. Ensuring that our existing residents and neighbourhoods prosper from good growth by giving people from every community the opportunity to collaborate throughout the regeneration process. Good growth includes supporting and diversifying our strong local economy, providing new jobs including new green jobs, championing existing and new business growth and supporting small shops and businesses through regeneration including building new, affordable workspaces to continue trading or grow their businesses; and
9. Enhancing local distinctiveness and heritage-led regeneration by requiring the highest possible standards of design, creating vibrant, attractive, healthy, safe and distinctive buildings and places that instil pride of place in all our communities. This will include networks of green infrastructure, opportunities for healthy activities and improving streets, squares and public places between buildings; and
10. Strengthening support in regeneration areas for those who are vulnerable or who face greater disadvantage, by investing in the prevention and tackling causes of inequality, involving all of our services, partners and community-based activities.

## Reasons

1. A Climate Emergency was declared by Southwark in March 2019. Adapting to and mitigating against climate change is important to reduce fuel poverty and address the unequal effects of climate change, particularly on our most vulnerable communities.
2. Southwark is committed to making regeneration that works for all. We are a borough with diverse communities, a proud heritage and a great future filled with potential, with some of the most exciting and ambitious regeneration programmes in the country being delivered right on our doorstep. The Southwark Plan 2022 explains the strategy for regeneration from 2019 to 2036 and promotes a more systematic approach to social regeneration, where wellbeing becomes the most important outcome of our regeneration efforts. Using our unique location in central London to benefit existing local residents, it will encourage innovative development of spaces to provide new council and social rented and intermediate homes, as well as jobs, schools, shops and places to work.
3. Southwark Stands Together is a borough wide initiative in response to the killing of George Floyd in 2020, the injustice and racism experienced by Black, Asian and minority ethnic communities and to the inequalities exposed by COVID-19. Southwark Stands Together is about all organisations, community groups and individuals across the borough committing to identify, and then implement solutions to address entrenched racism and injustice and take positive action to ensure equality of opportunity.
4. Homes are being built rapidly, with most of the change taking place in the north and centre of Southwark, predominantly in Elephant and Castle, Canada Water, Old Kent Road, Blackfriars Road, Bankside and along the River Thames. We need to keep up with this pace of change by ensuring that all of these places have infrastructure and services to make them function effectively for all members of our community. We need to make sure that as this change is taking place, by working in partnership with existing local residents and businesses and ensure that they are listened to at all times. The places created should be for existing residents and businesses as well as newcomers.
5. Our social regeneration framework outlines our ambitions of life opportunities, good health and wellbeing and pride of place for all, investing in communities and reducing inequalities. This framework will be implemented through social regeneration charters for the different areas in the borough. These will outline how we will achieve our ambitions at a local level and demonstrate how we will collaborate with the community throughout the process. Our approach to engagement includes the principles of transparency, engagement that is built on trust and ensuring our responses are timely and responsive to local views.



Sports pitches at Brimington Park

## SP3 A great start in life

We will give all our young people a great start in life in a safe, stable and healthy environment where they have the opportunity to develop, make choices and feel in control of their lives and future. This will be achieved through:

1. Offering our young people and families, including those who are more vulnerable or have special educational needs, the right support at the right time, from their early years through adolescence and into successful adult life; and
2. Delivering more childcare, school places and double the number of Southwark Scholarships; and
3. Delivering a top quality children's playground in every local area; and
4. Providing free healthy school meals for primary schools and nurseries; and
5. Investing in more early support for families; and
6. Increasing library access; and
7. Finding new ways to guarantee care and early education to help parents; and
8. Encouraging developments where there can be more interaction between people of different ages, particularly elderly and young people; and:
9. Ensure our residents and schools benefit from the digital revolution including improving access to superfast broadband.

### Reasons

1. We believe in giving all our young people the best start in life and creating a family friendly borough which is the first choice for parents and carers to bring up their children. We will work with our looked after children to find them stable and loving homes. In our schools, the high demand for new primary and secondary places means we will make sure there are enough places for all. We will always aim to have the best for our children.
2. Southwark is ranked more favourably for education, skills and training, when measuring the lack of attainment and skills in the local population, including adults and children. While the most deprived areas in the borough are concentrated in central and northern areas, the level of deprivation relating to education, skills and training is much lower than other domains.



Consultation event at a local school

## SP4 A green and inclusive economy

We will work to make sure that Southwark has a strong, green and inclusive economy where all of our existing and new residents, businesses and workers benefit. This will be achieved through:

1. Supporting a green new deal for Southwark that creates at least 1,000 new green jobs, cuts greenhouse gas emissions and generates a new wave of environmental innovation. Workplaces and town centres will be easily accessible by walking and cycling; and
2. Delivering at least 460,000sqm of new office space between 2019 and 2036 (equating to around 35,500 jobs). Around 80% of new offices will be delivered in the Central Activities Zone. Additional offices will be delivered in the Canada Water and Old Kent Road Opportunity Areas and in town centres;
3. Delivering at least 90,000sqm additional employment floorspace between 2019 and 2036 outside the CAZ including industrial, distribution, hybrid and studio workspace; and
4. Delivering at least 10% of all new employment floorspace as affordable workspace for start-ups and existing and new small and independent businesses in Southwark; and
5. Providing at least 58,000 new jobs between 2019 and 2036. The targets for the distribution of jobs are:

Borough, Bankside and London Bridge Opportunity Area	10,000
Elephant and Castle Opportunity Area	10,000
Canada Water Opportunity Area	20,000
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6. Bringing more opportunities for people to find work, get into training and achieve their aspirations; and
7. Making Southwark a place where the town centres and high streets thrive and are a place to do business in the London and global economy, where business owners know this is the borough where their enterprises will grow and prosper; and
8. Ensuring the distinctive town and local centres will be places where shops, leisure, office and community uses are competitive and popular, providing customer choice for local communities; and
9. Increasing retail floorspace by 76,670 sqm between 2019 and 2036 (6,560sqm convenience retail, 42,130sqm comparison goods retail, 27,980sqm food and beverage). The targets for the distribution of the retail floorspace are:

Elephant and Castle Major Town Centre	10,000sqm
Peckham Major Town Centre	7,000sqm



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11. Working with our residents to assist them to be and stay financially independent; and
12. As shown on the policies map, designating 32ha of Strategic Protected Industrial Land where industrial uses will be maintained and designating 20ha of Locally Significant Industrial Sites where industrial premises will be co-located with new homes; and
13. Working with local business and other partners to make sure our residents are equipped with the skills and knowledge to access the many exciting opportunities that being in Southwark brings.

## Reasons

1. When our economy is strong then all of our residents benefit. It brings more opportunities for people in Southwark to find work, get into training and achieve their aspirations. Southwark has a network of employment clusters offering an environment where businesses, including small and medium sized enterprises (SMEs), create new jobs and opportunities particularly for local people. To help provide more affordable business space and help start-up businesses our grant funds initiatives such as the High Street Challenge and the Southwark Pioneers Fund help to support business and community led groups to deliver new street markets and diversify uses on high streets through 'pop-up' uses on vacant and empty spaces. We pay particular attention to proposed growth in betting, pay-day loan shops and takeaways and the potential loss of pubs, leisure and cultural uses. There are plans to enhance and renew Old Kent Road, Canada Water, Peckham, Elephant and Castle, Camberwell, Tower Bridge Road and other town centres. Southwark is also home to some of the oldest and most established Business Improvement Districts in the country, helping to offer services and improvements for businesses and residents in Bankside, Bermondsey, the South Bank, London Bridge and Waterloo.
2. We will encourage the creation of green jobs as they contribute to enhancing, preserving or restoring the environment. This may include manufacturing, construction and emerging green sectors such as renewable energy and energy efficiency.
3. Southwark is projected to need to deliver 460,000sqm of new office space from 2019 to 2036. Along with other types of employment space this will provide 58,000 new jobs. Many of these will be in the Central Activities Zone and across our major opportunity areas including Canada Water and Old Kent Road. To meet the growing need for affordable workspace the plan includes a bespoke policy and strategic target of at least 10% of all new employment floorspace to be affordable workspace. Additionally Southwark has over 800 railway arches many of which will be made available to enliven the Low Line walking routes and provide small business space. Industrial space will be intensified in standalone and mixed use development and 52

hectares of land is retained for industrial uses or industrial mixed use development in the borough.

4. Southwark has a strong hierarchy of town centres which are projected to increase by 76,670 sqm retail floorspace between 2019 and 2036 (6,560sqm convenience retail, 42,130sqm comparison goods retail, 27,980sqm food and beverage). Growth of retail will mainly be accommodated in the redevelopment of three large shopping centres within the major town centres of Elephant and Castle, Peckham and Canada Water. Old Kent Road will also be transformed from retail warehouses with large car parks to a Healthy High Street.
5. Income deprivation measures the proportion of the population experiencing deprivation relating to low income, including those in and out of work. The most income deprived areas of the borough are located across central and northern Southwark. Almost a third of residents live in communities ranked in the 20% most income deprived in England. In contrast, 8% live in communities ranked in the 20% least income deprived these include Dulwich Village, a small part of Chaucer, Rotherhithe, North Bermondsey and Surrey Docks.
6. In terms of employment more specifically, the most employment deprived areas of the borough are located across central and northern Southwark, this includes part of the Old Kent Road, Peckham, Faraday, Newington and Camberwell Green. This measures the proportion of the working age population in an area involuntarily excluded from the labour market. Almost 14% of residents live in communities ranked in the 20% most employment deprived in England. In contrast, almost 12% live in communities ranked in the 20% least employment deprived.

## SP5 Thriving neighbourhoods and tackling health inequalities

We will maintain and improve the health and wellbeing of our residents, encouraging healthy lives by tackling the causes of ill health and inequalities. This will be achieved by:

1. Ensuring all council homes are warm, dry and safe; and
2. Building quality new homes to help people to live healthier lives; and
3. Working with residents and our partners to build resilient communities; and
4. Extending opportunities to all to maintain and improve their health and wellbeing; and
5. Enabling people to remain in their homes for longer and ensuring vulnerable residents can lead and enjoy independent lives, achieve their goals and have a great future in Southwark; and
6. Delivering a safer walking and cycling network to address the climate emergency; and
7. Increasing, protecting and improving green spaces; and
8. Improving access to healthcare, voluntary organisations and community health facilities; and
9. Introducing the concept of active design which, among other things, makes using the stairs an attractive alternative to using lifts and encourages walking and the use of bicycles for local trips; and
10. Reducing health inequalities by improving the economic wellbeing, physical and mental health of our communities including providing healthy food options, improving air quality, improving green spaces and creating healthy streets and low traffic neighbourhoods to enable our residents to get to everywhere they need to go without using a car.

### Reasons

1. We will promote healthy streets and thriving neighbourhoods with pleasant town centres to shop, socialise and get access to health services, all within walking distance and very convenient for cycling. This will support our aim to be an age friendly borough. These policies for improving town centres, building schools, and providing the facilities for cycling and walking will address physical and mental health issues to improve the every day experiences of residents, workers and shoppers. We will also encourage permanent and temporary community food growing opportunities, improve the quality of green spaces and parks, and ensure residents have access to opportunities for free swimming and gym use, an extended bike hire and cycle network.
2. The shift in transport modes from cars to walking and cycling responds to the Climate Emergency declared by Southwark by reducing car use and improving the health of local residents.
3. Health inequalities are avoidable, unfair and systematic differences in health between different groups of people. Health inequalities arise because of the conditions in which we are born, grow, live, work and age. These conditions influence our opportunities for good health, and how we think, feel and act, and this shapes our mental health, physical health and wellbeing.
4. Levels of health deprivation and disability in the borough are mixed, this relates to the risk of premature death

and the impairment of quality of life through poor physical or mental health. The most deprived neighbourhoods are spread across the borough. Just over 8% of residents live in communities ranked in the 20% most deprived in England. In contrast, just over 4% live in communities ranked in the 20% least health deprived.

## SP6 Climate Emergency

We will lead the way in providing spaces for people to connect with nature, making people feel safe, creating cleaner streets, increasing recycling, reducing landfill waste, and reducing carbon and greenhouse gas emissions to address the Climate Emergency. This will be achieved through:

1. Protecting, improving and enhancing our environment through making new and existing buildings as energy efficient as possible; and
2. Making Southwark a place where walking, cycling and public transport are the first choice of travel as they are convenient, safe and attractive; and
3. Protecting and improving our network of open spaces, waterways, trees and biodiverse habitats and green corridors that make places open and attractive and provide important sport, leisure and food growing opportunities; and
4. Improving our natural environment through the use of urban greening to reduce flood risk and improve air quality; and
5. Working with local people to deliver the very best so that the borough is clean, green and safe.

### Reasons

1. The climate change target for this plan is to be net zero by 2050 as set out in the Climate Change Act. The council has declared a Climate Emergency with the ambition to reach carbon neutrality by 2030 and will review this plan to meet this target.
2. We will play a leading role in making Southwark a place where people enjoy spending time and can thrive by ensuring the borough is clean, green and safe. Reducing landfill, remediating contaminated land and increasing recycling and the re-use of waste materials will help us minimise our environmental impact and help to protect biodiversity and habitats for future generations to enjoy. Ensuring buildings are energy efficient and low carbon will help reduce our carbon footprint and our contribution to man-made climate change while also saving money through reduced energy bills for our residents and workers. Prioritising walking, cycling and public transport will also help us reduce our carbon footprint, as well as reduce the congestion and poor air quality.
3. Southwark's carbon emissions have been reducing since 2010. In 2017 it was 1,013 Total kt (CO<sub>2</sub>e).
4. Some parts of the borough's walking and cycling routes are poorly maintained, confusing and can at times

feel unsafe. Improving these routes will encourage more walking and cycling. Poor air quality has significant health impacts so reducing harmful pollutants is crucial in making a safer and cleaner place. There is also a risk of flooding from both the Thames and surface water pooling. We need to mimic natural drainage patterns by reducing hard surfaces and increase absorbent surfaces through soil and planting. Our parks and open spaces, trees and wildlife habitats are of enormous value so it is essential that we continue to protect and enhance them to ensure they can be enjoyed and used by everyone.

5. The Crime Domain measures the risk of personal and material victimisation at local level. Southwark is ranked as one of the most deprived local authorities in England. There are high levels of crime deprivation across the majority of the borough, with the exception of Borough & Bankside and parts of London Bridge & West Bermondsey. Over a third of residents live in communities ranked in the 20% most crime deprived in England. In contrast, just 5% live in communities ranked in the 20% least crime deprived.
  
6. The Living Environment Deprivation Domain measures the quality of the local environment, both indoor and outdoor. There are high levels of deprivation relating to the living environment across the borough, with more than half of residents living in communities ranked in the 20% most deprived in England. When looking at the sub-domain that focuses on air quality and road traffic accidents, all residents in Southwark live in communities ranked as the 20% most deprived in England.