



The Peckham Society

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London Mayoral Candidates
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Cross River Tram and Peckham's historic town centre

We are writing to ask, if you are elected, will you come to Peckham so that we:

- can introduce you to Peckham's historic town centre,
- discuss how to ensure the protection of the historic buildings is well integrated into the plans for the tram project,
- discuss how to utilise the protection of these historic assets to lever in external heritage funding for their rehabilitation and the regeneration of the town centre?

As the cross river tram is a pan-London project, the Mayor and the London Assembly members have crucial roles in ensuring that this project is achieved, and is implemented in a way which enhances the places it serves, including Peckham town centre.

- Peckham town centre still has a wealth of historic buildings, from the last three centuries. They illuminate our history, help modern generations connect with the roots of the place, and provide splendid buildings to rehabilitate and integrate with new modern developments. They provide rich assets to make our town centre an interesting and enjoyable place to live, work and visit in the 21st century.
 - The Peckham Society (P/S) have for some considerable time proposed a central conservation area to help preserve the historic core of Peckham, and to provide a way into substantial funding available for this which will contribute to the regeneration of Peckham town centre.
 - We, together with our sister organisation, Peckham Vision (P/V), welcome the cross-river tram coming to Peckham, though we believe that it must in its first stage include the route north of the river Thames. We feel that this is an important new transport link that will help cater for those who live on the vast housing estates between the Elephant and Castle and Peckham, and that it will become an essential transport link to central London from this part of SE London.
- * It is important that the tram enhances Peckham Town centre and integrates with the historic, industrial and commercial buildings. This will need very careful consideration of the detail of the tram route across the town centre, and a rethink about the location for one of the tram depots.

We look forward to hearing from you, that you will commit to coming to discuss these matters with us in Peckham after the election.

Peter Frost Chairman
on behalf of the Peckham Society