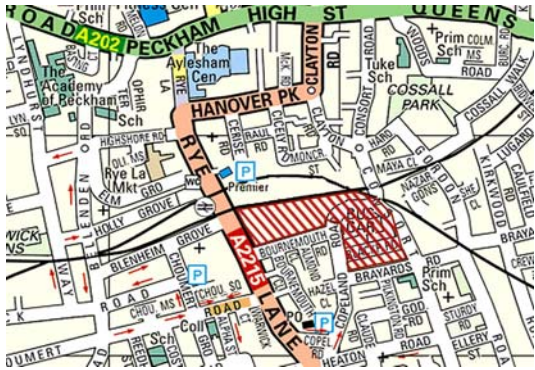


PECKHAM VISION NEWS

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Tram Depot Sites to be Reviewed ASAP!



Proposed Depot: Site 63P/71 (hatched).
The site in the heart of Peckham is
over 4 times the size of a football field.

Thanks to the concerted campaign by Peckham Vision, Councillor Richard Thomas, has written to Transport for London (TfL). As Southwark Council's Executive Member for Regeneration, he made his request clear: "*Southwark Council would like your assurance that each candidate site for the proposed tram depot will be considered on a fair and transparent basis. This would require information on all of the criteria used in assessing the merits of all of the candidate sites being considered to be available to the public when this consultation takes place.*"

This is a big step in the right direction! Finally there's a real chance for all possible depot sites across London to be compared properly. The original report by council officers inaccurately described the site in Peckham town centre as derelict. Peckham Vision now calls for this review to take place in public before TfL starts the process of asking people where they think the tram depots should be built. TfL must first show how potential depot sites have been selected and assess the real impact of a tram depot on each and every one. Even TfL's own consultants have commented that: "*Ensuring that there is a sound, defensible, comprehensive basis to the selection of depot sites is fundamental to [the Cross River Tram].*"

Surely an open public review on the future of the depot site – taking place now before the public are asked which sites they prefer makes sense for the future success of the tram itself..

Get involved!

Peckham Area Action Plan

During 2007, the Council will be consulting locally on the Peckham Area Action Plan (PAAP). A key issue is what role the Peckham site earmarked for the tram depot should and could play in the future of our town centre. It's crucial for the public to take part in this. So Peckham Vision has obtained a commitment from the two Community Councils (Peckham, and Nunhead and Peckham Rye) to set up a joint working group with community involvement.

The working group can provide a much needed forum where regeneration issues can be discussed and

fed into the emerging PAAP.

The working group can also keep track of plans for the tram route and tram depot, commenting and making recommendations. The group will identify the issues raised by the tram depot plans on the future of Peckham town centre. It will encourage and stimulate the production of information about the plans affecting the Town Centre and help share this with the local community.

So if you would like to get involved please contact Peckham Vision.

What is Peckham Vision?

Peckham Vision is a consortium of local residents, artists faith groups and businesses, who have come together with the Peckham Society, to seek information about the development plans for Peckham Town Centre, including the tram and tram depot. We want to raise public awareness of these issues so there can be an informed discussion about the future of Peckham.

Our shared vision is integrated development of Peckham town centre,

- using the heritage of Peckham's commercial past and the best of modern urban design and architecture,
- providing diverse and quality services and facilities for the whole community,
- with the tram project enhancing and not damaging the Town Centre

The original choice of 'site 63P/71P' in Peckham for the tram depot was based on the 'misinformation' that the site was 'derelict'. But

- it is thriving with hundreds of jobs, many businesses, a community of some 60 artists and several faith communities, and the site has great potential.

The current focus of *Peckham Vision* is to press for the public review of all depot site options and seek community participation in it. Contact us on: 07783 330 316



A map showing tram route options 1 and 2 in grey running from the bus station behind The Aylesham Centre.

Tram Route in Peckham Have Your Say!

Public consultation on the proposed tram route connecting Peckham to Camden began in November and is due to finish on the 30th January 2007. We heard from TfL at the December Peckham Community Council that they were considering extending this deadline to February 2007. We have learnt that this is now not the case. To find out, ring TfL on Freephone 08002 346 004.

In Peckham town centre there are two route options from the bus station. The first (1) turns left onto Hanover Park from the bus station and right into Clayton Road, Consort Road, turning right at the railway bridge and terminating behind Rye Lane. The second option (2) turns right from the bus station onto Hanover Park then left into Cerise Road, terminating near the current cinema site.

Peckham Vision is concerned that very little has been mentioned about the tram depot sites during consultation on the choice of routes for the tram. All that's been said is that the depot will be consulted on separately sometime this year. The right thing for TfL and Southwark Council to do is to take heed of TfL's own consultants' recommendations and immediately institute a comprehensive review of the depot site options. In Peckham local people are calling for this review to include a traffic impact assessment as well as an assessment of the current and potential uses and users of the proposed site. We urge you to make this point when you give your views on the route. **For your copy of the route consultation pack contact TfL on Freephone 08002 346 004 email crt@tfl.gov.uk Website: www.tfl.gov.uk/crt**

Join Peckham Vision

You can help Peckham Vision to press for review of all depot site options on the proposed tram route and seek community participation in it by:

- raising awareness where you live, work or trade
- helping with leafleting
- taking part in the information stall at 133 Rye Lane on Saturdays (or another regular day)
- letter writing to the press, councillors, MPs, etc.
- phoning radio talk shows
- attending meetings where the Town Centre is being discussed
- offering any particular skills you have - it may be just what we need.

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