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QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES IN LOCAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS FOR SOUTHWARK
from the local community Peckham Planning Network (PPN), that formed during the preparation for the PNAAP Public Hearings.

1. BUSINESSES & LOCAL ECONOMY

Would you support measures to ensure a proportion of business and work spaces is kept as genuinely affordable in developments in Peckham?

2. PECKHAM RYE STATION GATEWAY DEVELOPMENT

Officers from the Council, GLA and Network Rail worked closely together from 2012 to 2014 leading up to the presentation on 18 January 2014 of Network Rail's plans for the Peckham Rye Station Gateway development. After the plans were met by widespread concern and opposition as the wrong kind of development, councillors said that they were not happy with the proposals either.

- i. How was it that the relevant Executive Councillor Members did not know what plans were being developed in the discussions between council officers and Network Rail?
- ii. How will you ensure this lack of information won't happen again on this or any other significant project?

3. BUILDINGS

"Mega-buildings are defined as large scale developments comprising a single building, or an estate of buildings, that may be high-rise, high density, skyscrapers, or ground-scrapers, often situated in urban contexts." (Welsh School of Architecture, Cardiff University.) Wikipedia says that a ground-scraper is a large building that is only around a dozen stories high but which greatly extends horizontally.

- i. Do you think that mega-buildings are an appropriate form of building for Peckham?
- ii. What measures would you take to prevent inappropriate buildings being given planning permission and being built in Peckham and Southwark?

4. PUBLIC REALM

What will you do to ensure Peckham gets its fair share of Council expenditure on public realm maintenance?

5. SOUTHWARK PLAN REVIEW

How do you propose to make community participation in the review of the Southwark Plan more meaningful than it has been in the PNAAP process?