

Outline: Local Community Mayoral Hustings – April 28th @ 18.00- 20.00 Moderator [Ross Lydall](#)

Start time	Activity	Owner
17.45	Online meeting opens	
18.00	Moderator & Introduction	Ross Lydall
	Candidates introduce themselves (3 min each)	Berry; Garratt; Morton; Porritt
18.15	Topics: (10 mins each; candidates will have 2 mins to respond)	Community groups
18.15	<p>1. Post Pandemic Planning</p> <p>The pandemic has been a great leveller, yet exposed vast inequalities in health outcomes, underpinned by factors such as housing and neighbourhood design. No one will forget the plight of tenants during lockdown unable to access space and light, as it became clear that these two amenities were integral to health and wellbeing. It's now well established that daylight, in particular, contributes to individual immunity, positive mental health and healthy communities, and so it is disappointing that recent draft guidance for the new London Plan actively promotes the reduction of existing daylight standards to enable major developments. Are there other ways to re-frame the issue and maximise well-being as well as development?</p>	<p>Michael Ball</p> <p>Waterloo Community Development Group</p>
18.25	<p>2. Community-led Planning Alternatives</p> <p>In addition to the dedication and commitment that drive community groups to improve their locality, local knowledge and expertise play a significant role in supporting a community's capacity to engage in the planning process. In many cases community groups have developed viable alternatives to plans that are imposed on them, yet these alternative plans are seldom considered by planning authorities.</p>	<p>Josh Bottomley</p> <p>Mortlake Brewery Community Group</p>
18.35	<p>3. Transparency & Trust in the Planning Process</p> <p>Public trust in the planning system has plummeted in recent years. When it comes to planning for large-scale development, just 2% of the public trust developers and only 7% trust local authorities (Grosvenor survey, 2019). Lack of transparency is a big part of the problem, most often manifested by restricted access to planning information and officers for community groups and local residents but full access for developers. This is reinforced by a strong perception that developers and Local Authorities are only interested in making money, and not in building better communities. How will the Mayor rebuild trust?</p>	<p>Will French</p> <p>Ealing Matters</p>

18.45	<p>4. Opportunity Areas (OKR)</p> <p>Opportunity Areas are the Mayor's key tool for producing development in London, covering large areas of the city. They are areas of high density, manifested in development of flats and offices such as Vauxhall Nine Elms and the "City Fringe". Yet the major decisions on these areas rarely include community input and there is a severe lack of transparency. Communities need to be engaged on what existing assets need protection. Old Kent Road, one of the Mayor's Opportunity Areas, plans to build large scale unaffordable homes has come at the expense of a thriving local business community. How will the Mayor's "focus on jobs" square with its need to build affordable homes?</p>	<p>Hazel Flynn Old Kent Road Community Campaign</p> <p>Peckham Vision</p>
18.55	<p>5. Mayoral Statement on Community Involvement</p> <p>Communities are underrepresented and their knowledge and contribution under-valued in development processes, even though their involvement creates more successful places. Currently the Mayor does not set a clear expectation for community engagement; a Mayoral Statement of Community Involvement (MSCI) would address this by setting city-wide requirements and standards for meaningful community involvement; and, specifically, by seeking to ensure that development is founded on evidence of real need and wishes.</p>	<p>Simon Donovan</p> <p>Manor House Development Trust</p>
19.05	<p>6. De-greening of London's Neighbourhoods</p> <p>Despite the pandemic's message on improving access to green space for public health benefit, we are seeing increasing attempts to claw back green space on major developments, including land under forms of protection such as MoL and OoLTI . The developers granted permission to build on this land seldom replace the lost space elsewhere.</p>	<p>Gerlinde Gniewosz</p> <p>Save Cressingham Gardens</p>
19.15	<p>7. Air Quality</p> <p>This year saw the first high court ruling on death caused by air pollution, in the tragic case of Ella Kissi-Debrah who died age 9 from a respiratory condition exacerbated by living on the highly polluted South Circular Road. City Hall has acknowledged this tragedy and vowed to improve air quality through such measures as the expansion of ULEZ. However high-emission projects such as Silvertown Tunnel continue to be funded and supported.</p>	<p>Kate Middleton</p> <p>Stop Silvertown Tunnel Coalition</p>
19.25	<p>Closing statements from each candidate and the Moderator (2 mins each)</p>	<p>Porritt; Morton; Garratt; Berry; Ross Lydall</p>

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