

Peckham Vision Town Centre Exhibition

Platform View, The Old Waiting Room, Peckham Rye Station, 2nd – 4th August 2012

Voices from the street: shoppers, station users, traders, residents

In a corner of the room, in a section labeled 'Peckham town centre - Voices from the street', quotes from previous events and meetings were posted on the wall in a speech bubble format. Visitors were invited to 'write your own quote & stick it on the wall'. Chairs were available for people to sit and write and also to talk with others about the exhibition.



These were the pre-typed quotes:



These are the voices from the visitors to the exhibition 2-4 August 2012:



Cleaning & waste

- * Peckham has so much more potential to improve but we need everyone to stop DROPPING LITTER!!! It's disgusting & there's NO EXCUSE! Let's clean up Peckham!
- * Too much dumping of waste. Too many bookies, pawn brokers.
- * Commercial waste bins built in to pavements so waste is not left rotting in the street. It could really help lift the look of Rye Lane.
- * Cleaning up Peckham is important to make the many exciting visions happen. Rubbish from Iceland & [freegan's ?] emptying their bins along with the public urination makes your welcome to the station unpleasant. People feeding the pigeons is also a huge crime to the area & residents.

Shopping, business, activities

- * Sustainable town centre – small shops + businesses need preserving.
 - * Let's make Peckham good for everyone – it has great potential.
 - * We love Rye Lane but we want more trees, more diversity, more public space to share together. And make use of those great upper floors standing empty!
 - * KAHNS – the best shop in Peckham! [comment -Too right!]
 - * Peckham has a really great art scene. It would be great to see more, regularly changing, and exhibitions.
 - * Encourage coffee shop kind of places to hang around in comfortably.
 - * More to engage our 'yoof' – skatepark? More to engage the ex-yoof – local produce market please!
- ♥Peckham.

Station

- * The sooner the station forecourt is opened up and those rundown 30s buildings pulled down, the better. Just do it! Cut the chat. It would revolutionise Rye Lane. I live in Blenheim Grove and I'm fed up with how sleazy and rundown it's becoming at Rye Lane end. All those hairdressing shops allow hair to blow out on the street; it goes into the gutters and eventually the sewers. All the pigeons have distorted feet because the hair gets caught around them. Let's go upmarket for a change!
- * The station is the Peckham hub –it needs to be brought out into the open and shown off – not hidden away. The waiting room has potential for anything – it's important to keep the use dynamic, not fixed
- * Entry to station needs a lot of improvement. I always call it stinky Alley!
- * Peckham needs something central on Rye Lane. Love the ceiling. Needs to be safe entrance to station feels very unsafe at night + lonely.
- * Who nicked the fire surround? More cafes to sit outside – less fast food joints.

Old Waiting Room

- * I think you should hang lots of pictures on the walls for people to look at while they wait. And plays for them to watch. A midsummer nights dream.
- * Leave the old plaster exposed when you restore. It's beautiful and that way you let the building tell the story of its good and bad years.
- * Make a book corner.
- * How about turning the waiting room into a live music venue? Peckham doesn't have any!
- * Make the old waiting room an exhibition/art space with a stage for live music & performances film showings. No Costa / Starbucks / Nero please. thank you.
- * This room is beautiful and if it could be the waiting room for Peckham Rye station forever that would be wonderful.
- * It scares me to think how magnificent this room would have once been but it is exciting to imagine how amazing this will be with a few steps of improvement.
- * One I dreamed about – sitting at a table, drinking coffee and listening to a little band reading room + book exchange. A space for unplugged music.
- * We need a Mélange chocolate waiting room with other local artisans.
- * A great space for theatre, music, dance etc, & less frozen food shops on Rye Lane.



Peckham Vision, a community consortium led by local residents and working with local artists, local creative enterprises and other local businesses pioneering citizen action to revitalise Peckham town centre linking past, present and future for the benefit of all. © Peckham Vision 2012

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