

New Southwark Plan Soundness Tests: preparing representations

Introductions & advice:

Monday 8th January Peckham Vision studio

Monday 15th January Alfred Salter school, Rotherhithe, SE16 7LP

Wednesday 17th January Big Local, The Blue, Bermondsey, SE16 3UL.

Thursday 25th January Elephant & Castle/Walworth area, TBC

Monday 29th January Leathermarket JMB, 26 Leathermarket Street, SE1 3HN

Reviewing representations: Southwark Planning Network meeting

Tuesday 30th January Peckham Vision studio, 133 Rye Lane, SE15

Further advice session:

Monday 5th February Peckham Vision studio, 133 Rye Lane, SE15

Date to be confirmed Venue in Elephant & Castle area to be confirmed

Deadline for submitting representations:

Monday 27th February

All at 7-9pm

**For more information and to book a place
please contact: info@peckhamvision.org**

The New Southwark Plan (NSP) is out for consultation, until midday on Monday 27th February (this date has been extended from 12th January, and then from 12th February). This is the final version from the Council and they aim to submit it to the Government in April for the Examination in Public (EiP) sometime between June and possibly November 2018.

You can download a copy here: : <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy-and-transport-policy/development-plan/local-plan?chapter=4>

Only people or organisations who send in written comments saying the NSP is not legal or sound for specific reasons, and in the right format by 27th February, will be able to speak at the Public Hearings if the Inspector invites them.

Southwark Planning Network through Peckham Vision in partnership with Community Southwark and Southwark Law Centre are holding a series of workshops in January to support local residents and community organisations through the process.

Some of the Key areas that you might want to comment on

- Housing - protecting existing homes, provision of affordable and social housing, rented housing, family homes, and student housing
- Local economy - loss of industrial land, supporting high streets, creative industries, enterprises and small businesses including retail
Southwark Planning Network is preparing evidence re the loss of industrial land across the borough so please note carefully which sites in your neighbourhood are losing industrial land and how much.
- Environment - extent of tall buildings, protection of heritage, open & green spaces, provisions for flooding, air quality, avoiding fuel poverty
- Health & wellbeing - including examining the new policies for 'social regeneration
- People & groups - impact on and provision for existing residents, families & children, young people, older people, disabled people, mental health, equalities, gypsies & travellers.

Background information

A briefing note on the EiP and soundness tests by the Southwark Law Centre is here:
http://www.peckhamvision.org/wiki/images/8/88/Briefing_on_EIP_and_soundness_111217.pdf

Template for comments: To help in this process, we are preparing a template to use to submit comments. This will be available at the workshops and on websites

Preparation for the workshop

You can get a paper copy of the NSP by emailing planningpolicy@southwark.gov.uk and arranging to pick it up at Tooley Street or asking them if they will post it. There are also copies available in Libraries for reference.

We suggest that you read carefully the pages for your neighbourhood(s) which contain the Area Vision and all your area's development sites.

-You will find these in pages 94-335 in the NSP

- You can find a pdf for your neighbourhood to download and print here:

http://www.southwarkcan.org/nsp_final_version

Identify what you think should be changed, and why, in the Area Vision and/or any sites that you know, and write some text for that, and keep a careful note of the page number and NSP section number references. Bring a typed draft of this text, even if rough, with you to the workshop