

The Peckham Society



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Dear Ms Squires

PECKHAM AND NUNHEAD AREA ACTION PLAN PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

The Peckham Society is the amenity society for Peckham. It exists to encourage interest in and to care for the environment and history of Peckham. The Peckham Society endorses the views of the Peckham Planning Network (PPN) which have been submitted separately. We wish to make the following additional observations on the proposed amendments contained in the Inspector's Report.

1. Multi-storey car park

MM1 (and also MM8, 9, 23, 24, 26, 29, 35, and 38)

The existing cinema is a well-used amenity which offers screenings at reasonable prices and organises events for the benefit of the local community. It is conveniently situated near the railway station and attracts visitors not only from the local area, but from further afield. We support the proposed amendment, but question the soundness of removing the cinema from the multi-storey car park site, particularly with regard to the loss of evening footfall.

2. Railway Arches West of Peckham Rye Station

MM5, MM7 and 8 (and MM25 and 27)

The Peckham Society welcomes this amendment, which conforms with policy 1.5, paragraph 160 of the Saved Southwark Plan?, and accords with the Society's support of the aim of sustainable development.

We believe that the mix of uses referred to in our earlier observations on the PNAAP will be encouraged by this amendment. We believe further that this amendment implicitly protects the existing light industrial uses west of Peckham Rye railway station (PNAAP 6)

3. Tall Buildings

MM19-22

The Peckham Society continues to believe this is not a sound policy. In our earlier observations we stated "To allow for the development of 22 and 22 + storey buildings within the very core of Peckham is to write into the PNAAP a policy which, by definition, could cause substantial harm to the Conservation Area". The unsoundness of this policy has already been illustrated by the Council's Design and Conservation Department discouraging the siting of a tall building on the Woodene site, one of the opportunity sites.

Yours sincerely

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