

Gateway to Peckham FAQ's

Why is Southwark Council delivering the project?

The scheme will provide a good sense of arrival for transport users make the buildings and spaces around the station cleaner, safer and better for local residents and visitors to the area. It will open up the views of the historic station building, one of the few in London that retains its 1860s features and open up the viaduct arches as new spaces for local businesses and shops.

What will the final scheme look like?

You can see the proposals for the final scheme at the Council's website <http://www.southwark.gov.uk/regeneration/peckham-and-nunhead/peckham-rye-station-square>

Why is the project taking so long?

The project required a series of complicated processes to be undertaken. This included obtaining planning permission, granted in March 2016, and going through the Compulsory Purchase Order process to secure land ownership, completed in Summer 2020, before extending and refurbishing the Blenheim Grove/Rye Lane corner site and relocating businesses into various new locations nearby whilst minimising disruption to businesses and commuters.

What is happening to the local business in the existing square?

The Council built "Peckham Palms", and helped the businesses in the Blenheim Grove building to move into it before the refurbishment works started.

<https://peckhampalms.com>.

The Council has been talking to all the existing occupiers in the arcade about their businesses and how some of those might be accommodated within the Blenheim grove building. A number of them have expressed an interest and discussions are ongoing, subject to agreement on terms.

Who is funding the project?

The project has been funded by London Borough of Southwark with assistance from the GLA, the Greater London Authority.

Will the works affect people using Peckham Rye station?

The project is working closely with Network Rail and will endeavour to keep disruption to a minimum and ensure that routes to/from the station are kept open.

Will the works include toilets?

The works will include the toilets as proposed in the planning application in recognition of concern regarding the provision of public toilets for Peckham as well as other town and local centres.

In line with planning policy for large town centre schemes, new public toilets will also be provided as part of the new Aylehsam Shopping Centre redevelopment. This will enable provision to be expanded to larger toilet facilities and enable closer monitoring in terms of public safety which has been an on-going issue for some time

in the Peckham area and the subject of discussion between the Council and the Police and development policy objectives to design out crime.

<https://www.theayleshamcentre.community/yoursay>.