

Old Kent Road

Southwark Council would like to invite you to the next Old Kent Road Forum. It is an opportunity for local people to discuss questions, comments and concerns around plans for the Old Kent Road.

Date: Saturday 15th December 2018

Time: 11am to 1pm

Address: Christ Church Peckham, 676 - 680 Old Kent Road, SE15 1JF

Theme: Tall buildings: design, location and how they can help deliver affordable homes

Agenda:

11am – 11.45am:

- Coffee and networking
- Exhibitions on the Old Kent Road AAP and Bakerloo Line Extension
- Developer exhibitions (tbc)

11.45pm – 1pm:

- Chair welcome
- Introduction – Councillor Situ - Cabinet Member for Development, Growth and Planning
- Presentations
- Discussion workshops

Future dates:

19th January 2019 - Theme: Open Space

16th February 2019 - Theme: How developer contributions and the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) can address local needs

16th March 2019 - Theme: Building for the Future - Design Quality

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Follow up from Old Kent Road Forum: November 2018

(Theme: Workspace and business)

The Old Kent Road Forum is an opportunity for local people to discuss questions, comments and concerns around the plans for the Old Kent Road.

We are committed to ongoing engagement and regular communication with local communities. Around 30 residents attended the third Old Kent Road forum. Some of the issues discussed are included below.

You said...	We did...
<p>Concerns about the level of engagement with businesses and whether this has been sufficient for the number of years the AAP has been prepared. There needs to be more notice for businesses to attend meetings.</p>	<p>We have been talking to businesses from the start of the AAP process. It was recognised from the forum that it can be difficult to engage with business owners. We surveyed all the businesses in OKR in 2015 and all commercial businesses in the area have been invited to join the OKR Business Network. We are now updating this survey to get an up to date contact list.</p> <p>We are committed to continuing the conversation with businesses. We will set up a separate consultative forum with local businesses on an area basis to discuss the plans at a convenient time to suit business hours. Starting with the Cantium Retail Park and Marlborough Grove Area and we will use local groups such as Vital OKR to ensure we reach as many businesses as possible.</p>
<p>There should be more affordable space for small businesses and to encourage more to the area and to grow.</p>	<p>We require affordable workspace to be delivered as part of new development. This may include managed workspace and/or discount rents. We will continue to secure new business space and support new businesses to thrive, for example through the new Pioneer Grant Innovation Fund.</p>

You said...	We did...
<p>Concern about lack of consultation with residents and how the council is responding to what local's say</p>	<p>We have launched the Old Kent Road website www.oldkentroad.org.uk and we will shortly be publishing a consultation summary document with more detail on how we have responded to residents. We have met with a number of residents groups in the area including Glengall Road residents, Canal Grove residents, Stevenson Crescent TRA and Page's Walk residents. Proposed changes to the plan will be published on the web site.</p>
<p>Concern about the loss of industrial space in redevelopment plans leading to a loss of the economy of the Old Kent Road.</p>	<p>We are committed to ensuring the Old Kent Road economy continues to thrive. The plan requires different types of workspace in different areas, from depots and distribution centres to offices and light industrial manufacturing and creative space. We ensure planning applications are delivering workspace that meets the requirements of the plan, including proper servicing for businesses. It is not always possible to share emerging proposals for new workspace, but we will encourage businesses and land owners to do so.</p>
<p>Concern that businesses will be pushed out of the area, due to the changes planned and which pushes up rents and leases shortening.</p>	<p>The plan requires the inclusion of existing businesses in redevelopment plans where possible. A wider relocation strategy is being prepared to accommodate businesses as different phases of the Old Kent Road complete.</p>
<p>Feedback from the forums and notes should be published well in advance and on the website to give people enough notice of events and to keep the conversation going.</p>	<p>We have published the next forum dates on the website and sent out an email reminder with these feedback notes.</p>