

Stage 1 Community Review Session 11.06.14

The Community Review Session followed the first stage of consultation on the SE16 Printworks.

Further to the stage 1 consultation report being put online, the purpose of the session was to review the stage 1 findings and check the consultation process. It also provided an opportunity for anyone who would like to get involved to find out what's happened so far.

This is a summary note of the key points raised at the Community Review Session. It will sit as an addendum to the main stage 1 consultation report and help inform the next stages of consultation.

Please click [here](#) to visit the website and download the full stage 1 report.

Session structure

Mini-exhibition (2pm – 6.15pm)

The drop-in exhibition provided an opportunity to see a printed copy of the report, view a summary-exhibition and discuss any thoughts directly with Soundings and/or British Land.

Presentation and Q&As (6.30pm-8pm)

At the evening session Soundings and British Land presented an overview of the stage 1 consultation process, the findings and anticipated next steps. Followed by a discussion session and Q&As.

All attending the exhibition and/or presentation were asked to complete a feedback form. This document summarises both the comments received through the feedback form and the Q&A discussions at the presentation.

Who attended?

Approximately 20 people attended the exhibition and 16 attended the presentation, with 13 feedback forms being completed. This is further to the report being circulated digitally to over 700 contacts on the SE16 Printworks database; comprising of local organisations and all who have attended events / registered their interest so far.

Review of the findings

Feedback suggested that, overall, those attending felt the stage 1 findings were representative of the key local issues. Further comments that highlight areas not initially covered include:

- **Maintenance and cleaning** of public spaces should be carefully planned from the outset - considering both management and materiality
- Carefully consider **construction impact** together with the local community
- Concerns that a **'town centre' could increase Anti Social Behaviour** and a rise in the student population may attract more crime
- Have further opportunities to **explore 'what does good design means in this area?'**
- **Space for arts and small artisans**

Comments also reinforced the importance of a number of the initial findings:

- The quality of shops in **Surrey Quays Shopping Centre needs to be improved** and the centre better integrated into the surrounding area.
- **Road congestion and public transport capacity** is a key issue - have a minimal car policy
- A perceived **lack of nurseries and secondary school places**
- The whole area needs a solution to the **poor broadband connection**
- The importance of nature, green and water; **keep the Roberts Close site feeling "green"**
- **Better cycling connections:** bike carrying "shuttle bus" through the Rotherhithe Tunnel and river pontoon for bikes were suggested
- An **active 'town centre'** with waterside assets



Mini-exhibition: drop-in session held throughout the day

Review of the consultation process

In addition to informing development of proposals for the site; the feedback received from the community review session is also helping to inform the next stages of consultation.

Who's missing?

We asked attendees to identify any groups they felt were missing from the consultation so far. The suggestions are listed below and the majority having been identified through our analysis of the first stage of consultation also. Throughout the next stages of consultation, we will work to ensure these groups have opportunity to be involved.

- Young people (such as existing students at Bacon's College)
- Disability groups
- Students (considering the 770 new neighbours at Kings College London)
- Consider the elderly (note - demographic comparison indicates roughly representative involvement)
- Also to note that flats with entry system can struggle to get newsletters

Further involvement

We asked which topics people felt would be useful to explore further in the consultation. The topics suggested included:

- Architectural (non-expert) design, style of buildings, masterplanning
- Routes / desire lines
- Landscaping / public realm / street scene (performance areas, water feature design)
- Types / mix of shops / activities
- Surrey Quays Shopping Centre extension
- Works traffic
- Affordable Housing
- Education / adult education
- Leisure / employment and tourism

Next steps

The feedback from stage 1 and the review session is vital in helping inform the next stage of the design and consultation process. We have started a programme of outreach to help ensure all parts of the community have the opportunity to get involved and will be 'popping-up' at local events over the summer to raise awareness.

British Land are currently looking at how it may be possible to address some of the key issues and as soon as details of the next stage of design and consultation are confirmed, we will be in touch. If you have any questions or comments on this report, the project or the consultation process, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

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