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Future Streatham Newsletter October 2008

Streatham is changing for the better. So far, we have seen improvements to traffic controls on the High Road and plans for the Hub development are getting closer to bringing a new leisure centre and homes to the town centre. We want to work with local people to build on this progress.

“The Streatham masterplan will identify where we can improve the town centre, drive investment and tackle long-term issues. It is encouraging that so many of you have been involved so far - please keep helping us define a successful future for Streatham.”

Councillor Lib Peck
Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration

So far you've told us you want to see improvements to the character of Streatham High Road, a better shopping experience, improved transportation and areas created for public gatherings. The masterplan will play a key role in achieving this.

You can find out more about some of the changes already underway, what this means to you and details on the emerging masterplan inside this newsletter.



Drive thru' to destination

In partnership with local interest groups, Lambeth Council and Transport for London Streets, developed a series of phased environmental improvements along the A23 Streatham High Road, Streatham Hill Corridor.

The next phase will see work begin between Becmead Avenue and Woodbourne Avenue where the plan is to provide a better balance between vehicle traffic on Streatham High Road and pedestrians, shoppers, cyclists and public transport users.

The works will include:

- installing feature paving along the length of this section of Streatham High Road
- installing feature lighting running along the paving at key locations
- planting trees along this section including removal of the central planter box to plant trees
- improving crossing facilities at the junction of Streatham High Road, Becmead Avenue and Pendennis Road
- building bus lanes to help buses move through the area more easily
- improving vehicle loading bay access.

Work will be carried out to minimise disruption to the surrounding area.

Feedback from July workshop

A public workshop was held on Wednesday 16 July at the Streatham Baptist church on Lewin Road with over 70 people attending.



Idea 4 – A combined centre

Large-scale development to take place around the two stations – Streatham Hill in the North and Streatham Station to the South. These developments will centre on the transport hubs (rail and bus) and will act as gateways to Streatham. Major development could include new housing, offices, shops and public space.

The section of Streatham High Road between the two stations would be encouraged to develop as three distinct areas – each with their own attractions and their own ‘look and feel’. These areas already have distinct characters, each showing a different side to Streatham.

The workshop took people through a number of ideas on how the Streatham High Road area could work better as space that people can use.

People were asked which of the ideas they thought would work best for the future Streatham - this would then be developed into the masterplan proposal.

‘Idea 4’ was the preferred option chosen by the majority of people at the workshop, which was a combination of two other ideas and suggested a number of small, medium and long-term interventions.

People felt basing the masterplan on this ‘idea’ would help make sure regeneration benefits would be felt along the whole High Road and not just restricted to large developments at the two stations.



Timeline

April to May 2008

Research stage

- Testing past research
- Understanding people's likes and dislikes about Streatham
- What does Streatham mean to you?

July 2008

'Spatial ideas'

- How could Streatham work better as a space?
- Which areas are under-used or hard to get to?
- Can we change this?

October to November 2008

Masterplan proposals

- What do you think of the proposals?
- Will these proposals change Streatham for the better?

March 2009

Final masterplan

- Masterplan to Cabinet

An emerging masterplan

The emerging masterplan proposals are based on what you've told us so far. They are also a response to Streatham as it exists today, its strengths and its challenges. The main challenges that the masterplan will address are set out below.

Streatham High Road

The High Road was highlighted as a barrier for businesses, residents and shoppers. However, it is also something that makes Streatham stand out from other local high streets.

At the July workshop, it was generally agreed the barrier along the High Road should be removed, including the pedestrian pens at the crossings. You also suggested the pavement be widened to include tree planting and improved crossings.

The masterplan will consider dividing the High Road into different sections to set the scene for Streatham's distinct areas.

Places to meet

Throughout the consultation, you told us you wanted more places where the community could meet and hold events. People wanted public squares and areas for markets, as well as publicly available rooms to hold meetings and community activities.

The masterplan will look at all potential development sites and opportunities to provide these necessary public spaces. Suggestions from people

responding to the consultation have included public squares at the two stations.

The shopping experience

The quality of shops in Streatham was widely criticised and you wanted to see some larger better quality stores. However, sites large enough for major chain or department stores are not easy to find.

New, large-scale development at the railway stations will create an opportunity to introduce some bigger stores. Other opportunities in the Streatham Central area will be explored in the masterplan.





Making Streatham more attractive

You wanted Streatham to be a more attractive place to live, work and visit. This would also improve Streatham's prospects as a commercial town centre and encourage other companies and retailers to come and do business in the area.

The masterplan will suggest a number of improvements to the local environment, such as shop front and pavement improvements.

Local council structure changes

From Friday 5 September, the town centre management arrangements introduced in 1999 changed as the council introduced new local structures. These have included a new Communities and Neighbourhoods Team, headed by Leah Levane, former Streatham Town Centre Manager.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank residents, area forum members, community

activists and voluntary and community groups who have supported, challenged and collaborated with the town centre teams for local improvements over the past nine years.

Successes in Streatham have included activity leading to improvements for the High Road, the creation and development of the Streatham Festival and an elderly people and carers' hub in Streatham.



Have your say!

The ideas identified so far, along with others you have mentioned, are being looked at and will be presented in detail at the next stage of public consultation. This is the time for you to have your say on these important proposals. Your views will be considered as the final masterplan is developed and you could influence Streatham's future.

You can take part in a number of ways:

Questionnaire

Copies will be distributed to all households and businesses in the Streatham area at the end of October and will be available at the library, the leisure centre and Gracefield Gardens Customer Centre. You can complete a questionnaire by post or online.

Public workshops

Saturday 1 November, 2-4pm
at "Woodlawns"
The Darby & Joan Club, 16 Leigham Court Road, Streatham

Thursday 6 November, 7-9pm
at Gracefield Gardens Health and Social Care Centre
2-8 Gracefield Gardens, Streatham

Exhibition

27 October - 3 November
Streatham Leisure Centre
384 Streatham High Road

4-14 November
Gracefield Gardens Health and Social Care Centre
2-8 Gracefield Gardens, Streatham

On 29 October and 5 November a member of the Future Streatham team will be at the exhibition to answer your questions and talk through the masterplan.

Other developments in the area

These two major developments relate to opportunity sites identified in the masterplan proposals for high level development. Both developments will have planning applications submitted to Lambeth Planning and you have an opportunity to comment on these.



Streatham Megabowl and Caesar's site

Revised plans to develop the former Megabowl and Caesars Nightclub site were unveiled at a public exhibition in September. Glentoran, who withdrew their earlier planning application in May, held the exhibition on the 18, 19 and 20 September, with members of the developer's team responsible for the proposals on hand to discuss people's issues and concerns.

A public meeting will be held in late October that will give local residents a further opportunity to raise any concerns directly with Glentoran prior to submitting their revised planning application.

Please visit the Lambeth Council website for the most up to date information and details about the

public meeting:
www.lambeth.gov.uk/AboutLambeth/Streatham.

Streatham Hub

Plans to transform leisure facilities in Streatham have taken another step closer to realisation. The developer, Tesco, has submitted revisions to the original planning application of 2002 that will mean the whole scheme, including new housing, could be completed a year earlier than planned.

Revised plans include the proposal to provide a temporary bus garage. This means the swimming pool will need to close for less time than previously thought, while the new leisure centre could open slightly earlier than planned. Estimates suggest the swimming pool would close in Autumn 2010 and the new leisure centre could open summer

2011. The existing ice rink will remain open until the new ice rink is ready to use.

Tesco have released a tender for the leisure component of the scheme and bids are due in at the end of October.

The Streatham Hub development will include:

- a brand new ice rink and swimming pool
- a state-of-the-art sports and leisure centre
- 250 new homes – 87 of which are earmarked for social housing
- over 400 new jobs in Streatham
- a new major transport interchange – with a new bus terminal
- a new major Tesco store
- improvements to the local environment and local roads
- car parking facilities.





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