

Neighbourhood Forum Meeting
24th April 2013
Coin Street neighbourhood centre

In attendance

Judith Bryan	Resident	Crystal Lawrence	Crystal Lawrence, Oxo
Angelica Mastronardo	Black + Blum	Jenny Stiles	Waterloo Action Centre
David Clarson	Resident	Giles Goddard	St John's Church
Liz Clarson	Resident	Robin Dahlberg	Resident
Ted Inman	SBEG	John Rushton	Small Back Room
Rebecca Hook	J-ME, Oxo Tower	Richard Bridge	WaCoCo
Ashley Hargreaves Smith	Colombo	Mike Tuppen	Resident
Teresa Collins	Teresa Collins, Oxo	Clare Millet	CSCB
Iain Tuckett	Resident	Ken Hamilton	Resident
Sarah-Jane Lucas	Resident	Christopher Baggott	Resident
Jane Chelliah-Manning	Resident	Chris Clements	Oasis UK
Jenny O'Neil	Resident	Helen Santer	Waterloo Quarter BID
Dan Pedreschi	Park Plaza Hotels	Josef Koppmann	Josef Koppmann, Oxo
Juliet Heap	Resident	Gudde Skyrme	Studio Fusion Gallery
Fred Webb	Resident	Audrey Webb	Resident
Doreen Gittens	Archipelago Textiles	Richard Wollard	Resident
Vicky Wollard	Resident	Barbara Zanditon	Resident
Donna Uden	ITV	Sue Lynch	Resident, OXO
Michael Johnson	Water Quarter BID/Nagan Johnson		

Supporting

Ben Stephenson	Administrator
Juliet Seymour	Southwark Council
Matthew Randall	Lambeth Council
Marita Samuel	Administrator

1. Welcome

- 1.1. It was agreed that TI should chair the meeting.
- 1.2. Ted Inman (TI) welcomed the group and gave brief overview of South Bank Employers' Group work to date on a neighbourhood plan. TI said that the South Bank Employers' Group had applied to the Department for Communities and Local Government for frontrunner status which was recognised in March 2012. This was for a cross borough plan. Some had been surprised that a Bankside group had later submitted a formal proposal for a Bankside Neighbourhood Area including the area between Blackfriars Road and the Southwark/Lambeth borough boundary.
- 1.3. It was noted that South Bank businesses and residents felt very strongly about the lack of consultation from both Southwark Council and the Bankside Neighbourhood Forum on the decision to include this section in their application.
- 1.4. SBEG had made strong representation that Southwark Council should not make a decision on the application until a South Bank and Waterloo Group had been given an opportunity to submit their own neighbourhood area application.
- 1.5. It was noted that this meeting was well represented by businesses, residents and community groups from both boroughs. Although a forum must consist of a minimum of 21 people from a mix of both businesses and residents, as many people as wished to do so could join. TI confirmed that Bishop's Ward Councillor Peter Truesdale had confirmed his membership of the forum.
- 1.6. There is an urgency to identify the South Bank and Waterloo group as a 'body capable of becoming a neighbourhood forum' in order to submit a proposal which could be considered alongside Bankside's.
- 1.7. We also need to establish a steering group and clear governance ensuring that there is a mix of representation across the plan area in both boroughs
- 1.8. It was agreed that this meeting should constitute an interim Neighbourhood Forum and that a fully constituted Forum would be set up as soon as possible after the constitution was agreed.

2. South Bank neighbourhood plan: history and process

- 2.1. Juliet Seymour (JS) introduced herself and gave an update on the Bankside application. An initial consultation had closed prior to Christmas, with a second consultation on amended boundaries (e.g. inclusion of Borough Mews and Southwark College) closing at Easter. JS commented that guidance on designating areas is somewhat subjective.
- 2.2. The advice from Government is that Southwark Council should make a decision on the existing application and if another application is subsequently made then the boundary can be changed. There will be a 6 week consultation period if South Bank and Waterloo submit a proposal.
- 2.3. On the matter of Southwark's consultation JS said that a notice was put into the paper and there was a mailout to the Council's SE1 mailing list to notify residents of the consultation period. Colombo Centre said they had not been consulted and Oxo Tower businesses present confirmed that they had not been consulted either. JS said that because Bankside had demonstrated they had consulted with some groups, even if none to the west of Blackfriars Road, this was evidence enough for the application to be validated by Southwark.
- 2.4. Giles Goddard requested to know what percentage of businesses and residents were consulted. Others noted that Southwark Council should take the view that as the area is in dispute the application should not go forward. The conflict should first be resolved.
- 2.5. JS reiterated that the government's advice is to grant status if there is no reason not to.

3. Boundary

- 3.1. It was unanimously agreed by show of hands that the boundaries of the South Bank/Waterloo Plan should be from Lambeth Bridge to Blackfriars Bridge, Blackfriars Road, St George's Circus, Lambeth Road. Helen Santer (HS) raised concerns about the capacity of groups such as the BID had to consult and engage in the area. Richard Bridge said that the representation of so many community organisations around the table would help to lessen the pressure on any one group.
- 3.2. JS said she is happy to work with all groups in entering an application. Richard Bridge proposed that the new forum should be called the South Bank and Waterloo Neighbourhood Forum. All agreed.
- 3.3. It was resolved unanimously that the Group would make an application to Southwark and Lambeth Councils for designation of the Neighbourhood Plan area agreed.

4. Composition of neighbourhood forum

- 4.1. It was noted that in contrast to the Bankside Group, which only has 21 members, the South Bank and Waterloo neighbourhood forum should be open to all and reflecting the whole area. TI noted that Ward Cllr involvement was essential.
- 4.2. It was agreed what groups should be part of the forum: Businesses, Resident, Charities, Neighbourhood Organisations, Ward Councillors and MPs.
- 4.3. HS raised the issues of Landlord votes and whether they should be included.
- 4.4. RB suggested that the draft constitution should be attached to the mail outs.

Action: Invitation for forum membership to be put on SE1 website and mail out to be sent electronically to as many households as possible. BS

Action: Email addresses from attendees of this meeting can be circulated. BS

Action: Draft application for area status, seek comments and submit by end of April. BS

Action: Circulate draft constitution as soon as possible, seek comments and finalise. BS

- 4.5. JS agreed to report back to the council that we will put in a formal application. It was agreed that JS can be given email addresses of all who attended to be kept informed of the Bankside application.