

## 8.5 Social infrastructure & culture

### Key issues

- A number of organisations work to provide services to local people but such organisations aren't always resourced to work together or publicise these services widely. However, rather than centralising all activity, the emphasis should be on supporting groups to liaise effectively and deepen partnership working, perhaps supported by a small paid staff who could help to coordinate community-wide benefits, seek funding, and publicise activity.
- Education providers and employers need to be more closely linked to increase local access to employment. Further work needs to be done to ensure young people are 'job-ready' using local providers. Smaller businesses need compliance assistance to be able to employ apprentices.
- Establishing a new Library is a key priority and the group endorses the Oasis Johanna Primary School and Waterloo Action Centre sites. Revenue funding must be identified to ensure the project is sustainable however.
- Opportunities to both widen access to culture and strengthen cultural links in the neighbourhood should be exploited.

### Consultation and Evidence

Summary of results of consultation and evidence for Policies P14, P15 ; Social infrastructure and culture is at Appendix 5, page 50.

### Policies P14, P15 : Social infrastructure & culture

No	Policy
P14	The Neighbourhood Forum has identified a number of sites or buildings which should be protected for specified community uses or their community significance. Proposals that will result in either the loss of, or in significant harm to, those community assets will not be supported.
P15	The Neighbourhood Plan recognises the contribution to the artistic and cultural distinctiveness of the area made by Leake Street and seeks to maintain and develop this important feature of the neighbourhood. Applications which contribute to and promote the use of units adjoining Leake Street and under Waterloo station for cultural uses will therefore be supported.

## Rationale for policies

**Policy P14** – The Neighbourhood Forum has identified a number of community facilities which should be protected. Any proposals seeking the redevelopment of these sites should include full re-provision of the community use on the same site and providing equal or increased capacity to the original.

Building	Address	Use
Waterloo Action Centre	Baylis Road	Community Centre
Living Space	Waterloo Road	Community Centre
Make Space Studios	Westminster Bridge Road	Affordable artists' studios

**Policy P15** – The cultural and associated uses of Leake Street and Waterloo Station undercrofts should be supported as a vital element in the creation of physical and economic links between the South Bank and Lower Marsh. Culture is an important part of life in Waterloo and local residents, workers and students value the wide variety of culture available.

The relatively recent expansion of the Waterloo Station undercrofts, brought into use from empty spaces to accommodate urban arts, fringe theatre and food pop-ups, has been supported and there is a wish to see a continuation of this expansion in this space. The location of the Waterloo Station undercrofts is sufficiently removed from residential areas as to warrant intensification as a focal point for the increasingly valuable night time economy in Waterloo.

## Social Infrastructure & culture : Other guidance

1. Initiatives which create jobs for local people are to be supported and could include provision of space to improve practical or vocational skills (particularly for older people and school leavers). The community will support schemes which create sustainable ties between education providers and employers to strengthen local pathways into work.
2. SoWN welcomes and encourages culture and tourism as a valuable part of South Bank life. Consideration should be given to the balance between the economic benefits of tourism - and particularly how these benefits can be shared among a greater geographical and socio-economic spread - and the impacts on the resident and business community of increased footfall, noise and disruption to quality of life/business as usual.
3. On culture, planning regulation is not always conducive to the delivery of an animated South Bank and temporary installations should be delivered without unnecessary impediment where they are in appropriate places. SoWN will consider promoting a Neighbourhood Development Order to support the temporary development of cultural or public art installations, incorporating strict guidelines developed in conjunction with neighbours to ensure noise levels, the duration and nature of the installation, and its location are acceptable.

4. There is a perceived gap between an 'affluent' South Bank and a 'deprived' Waterloo. Projects which strengthen ties between communities of different social economic status are to be encouraged.
5. The South Bank is home to a wide range of cultural organisations and artists. Developers should consider supporting local artists and cultural organisations when developing their cultural strategy, implementing public or internal art and procuring creative services.
6. Local people and organisations should be consulted on public art and culture planned as part of development.
7. Temporary outdoor cultural activity which generates revenue should contribute to the maintenance of the public realm in the area immediately around the site. However, it is recognised that some cultural bodies' funding models dictate that revenue-generating cultural activity contributes to core functions. In such cases, this may be considered 'public benefit.'

# Appendix 5.

## Summary of results of consultation and evidence for Policies P14, P15 : Social infrastructure & culture

The strong traditions of mutual support, crucial to survival in Waterloo in the poverty stricken 18th and 19th centuries, were carried forward in the 1970s into the development of more formalised community organisations. These resident led initiatives brought enormous improvements including in housing, community facilities and open spaces. They also helped carry forward the sense of community into a changing world. Both the tradition of involvement and the “village” atmosphere generated are much prized aspects of life in Waterloo. An atmosphere we intend to continue through the plan.

Leake Street has been recognised as an area with cultural potential as a designated graffiti area, and which could be enhanced as a pedestrian and cycle route, and to provide new uses within its arches.<sup>17</sup> Although it is necessary to protect the current graffiti use, some local people believe that improvements can be made which allow other uses to proliferate alongside, as long as they are sensitive to the need to protect street art.

Social infrastructure is mapped by SoWN overleaf, contributing to further understanding of the extent of delivery of services. There are a range of community assets - small tenants and residents association meeting spaces, health centres and doctors’ surgeries, churches, sports facilities, public buildings and community centres. In the Waterloo Area SPD the London Borough of Lambeth stated that all communities would benefit from improved social infrastructure.<sup>18</sup>

A strategy will be developed by SoWN which :

- a. Maps the physical assets available for the delivery of social infrastructure and the types of services delivered in each
- b. Identifies gaps in service provision, according to local need
- c. Makes recommendations of how the community groups might rationalise delivery, reducing the need to compete for funding.

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<sup>17</sup> Waterloo Area SPD (April 2013) paragraph 4.15 and 5.18  
[http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pl-Waterloo%20Area%20SPD%20-%20Adopted%202013\\_0.pdf](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pl-Waterloo%20Area%20SPD%20-%20Adopted%202013_0.pdf)

<sup>18</sup> Waterloo Area SPD (April 2013) paragraph 1.10  
[http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pl-Waterloo%20Area%20SPD%20-%20Adopted%202013\\_0.pdf](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/sites/default/files/pl-Waterloo%20Area%20SPD%20-%20Adopted%202013_0.pdf)








# Community Facilities

The map displays a dense urban area with numerous streets and landmarks. Key locations include the National Theatre, Waterloo Station, Imperial War Museum, and Lambeth Palace. The map is overlaid with a grid of streets and a network of lines representing public transport routes. A large orange circle is drawn around the area near Lambeth Palace and the Imperial War Museum.



Colour	Type of Infrastructure
	<b>Places of worship</b>
	(NB Almost all the places of worship have spaces also used for other activities)
	CoE – Parish of Waterloo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St John's Waterloo Road</li> <li>• St Andrew's, Short Street</li> </ul>
	RC – St George's Cathedral, St George's Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• St Patrick's, Cornwall Road</li> <li>• Friary on Whittlesey Street (associated with St Patrick's)</li> </ul>
	Oasis Church, 1 Kennington Road
	The following churches worship in WAC (Community Centre) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Divine Word of God</li> <li>• Ensemble Pour Christ</li> <li>• Glorious Faith Ministries</li> <li>• Christian Hope Church</li> <li>• International Breakthrough Ministries</li> <li>• Apostolic Evangelical Ministry</li> <li>• Impact Evangelical Ministry</li> <li>• Door of Faith to the Nations Ministries</li> </ul>
	<b>Schools</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• London Nautical School, Stamford Street</li> <li>• Oasis Academy Joanna School, Lower Marsh</li> <li>• Oasis South Bank Academy, 75 Westminster Bridge Road</li> <li>• St George's RC Primary School</li> </ul>
	<b>Colleges / Adult Learning</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Morley College, Westminster</li> <li>• Waterloo Campus of Kings College London, Stamford Street &amp; Waterloo Road</li> <li>• EF International Language Centre, 84 Roupell Street</li> <li>• DDL College, 199 Westminster Bridge Road, Independent 6th Form education</li> <li>• BPP Professional Education, 137 Stamford St, Business School</li> </ul>
	<b>Libraries</b>
	<p>Public Library – Lower Marsh to be closed about June 2016 and moved to a temporary site at Oasis Academy, Kennington Rd. then Planned that a new Public Library be built on Joanna Oasis School, Lower Marsh</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feminist Library, 5 Westminster Bridge Road</li> <li>• Lambeth Palace Library, Lambeth Palace Road</li> <li>• The Poetry Library, Royal Festival Hall</li> <li>• The BFI Reuben Library, British Film Institute</li> <li>• Centre for Literacy in Primary Education, Webber St Books and other materials to support professionals engaged in teaching reading.</li> </ul>

Colour	Type of Infrastructure
	<b>Community Centres</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterloo Action Centre, Baylis Road</li> <li>• Coin St Neighbourhood Centre and Conference Centre</li> </ul>
	<b>Children and Young People</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Co-operative Child Care Day Nursery, 21 Frazier Street</li> <li>• Day Nursery and other children's activities and family support, Coin St Neighbourhood Centre</li> <li>• St Patrick's Montessori Nursery School, 91 Cornwall Road</li> <li>• Living Space and Play Space, Waterloo Road               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– activities for children and young people run by Blackfriars Settlement</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SEI United. Youth organisation based in Royal Festival Hall</li> <li>• Oasis Hub, Westminster Bridge Rd, activities for children and young people</li> </ul>
	<b>Tenants and Housing Co-op Halls</b>
	<p>The following have small community halls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Edward Henry Co-op</li> <li>• The Cut Housing Co-op</li> <li>• Chaplin Close Sheltered Housing</li> <li>• Peabody, Duchy Street</li> <li>• Briant Estate</li> <li>• Dodson Estate</li> <li>• Wellington Mills</li> </ul>
	<b>Waterloo Job Shop, Lower Marsh</b>
	<b>Health Resources (SoWN area)</b>
	<p><b>Hospitals</b> St Thomas' Hospital, Westminster Bridge Rd – Evelina Children's Hospital These are both part of Guys and St Thomas's NHS Trust</p> <p><b>GP Surgeries (NHS)</b> Waterloo Health Centre, Lower Marsh Nearby and used by many residents in SoWN area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Blackfriars Group Practice, Colombo Street</li> <li>• Lambeth Towers Group Practice, Lambeth</li> <li>• Prince's Group Practice, Prince's Street</li> </ul> <p>Private Health Walk in – Occupation Health, Lower Marsh</p> <p>Ambulance Station, Waterloo Road</p> <p>Opticians – Opticalise, 33 Lower Marsh</p>
	<b>Dentists</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tooth Dental Care, 26 Lower Marsh</li> <li>• Waterloo Dental Surgery, 223 Waterloo Road</li> <li>• Smileright, 268 Waterloo Road</li> <li>• SEI Dental Care, 52 Kennington Road</li> <li>• South Bank Dentists Riverside Building, County Hall, Westminster Bridge Road</li> </ul>
	<b>Counselling</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waterloo Community Counselling, Barley Mow Clinic, Greet House, Frazier Street</li> </ul>