

Somers Town Neighbourhood Forum
Wednesday, 9 January 2019
Living Centre, 6:30–8pm

Minutes

1. Present: Slaney Devlin (Chair), José Mansilla, Alex Smith (Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum), Richard Harrison, Dimah Ajeeb (Westminster University), Margaret Stobo, Cllr Roger Robinson, Donna Turnbull, George Cochrane (British Library), Cllr. Samata Khatoun, Cllr Paul Tomlinson, Diana Foster, Sarah Smith, Lita Smith, Richard Harrison, MR, John Mason

2. Apologies: Mary Wood, Penny Jones, Fran Heron, Steve Denholm, John Wood

3. Camley Street Neighbourhood Plan presented by Alex Smith

Business - Food employment - Foundational economy

Maintaining businesses at a rent they can afford.

Environment - electric autonomous buses

Camley St. do not want to be in different ward i.e. King's cross

Set up a **Community land trust** based on building tower residential buildings.

Community land trust - set up by residents and businesses. Aims for 50% London affordable (50% market rent) Does not include social rent housing

Aims to make a world class sustainable zone.

Discussion around London affordable rent.

Action

SD to write a letter of support of the Camley Street Neighbourhood Plan, as we approve of many aspects, re business rents, and sustainable goals. The plan does not include the Community Land Trust set up by residents and businesses, but the Forum had much comment on how this gives good control to locals. JM stressed the local control and gave example of Preston.

4. Minutes of last meeting. These will be brought to the next meeting.

5. Air quality

Consultations are open - please complete.

Camden council draft Air Quality Action Plan - on somerstownplan website

Action

All to complete

6. Ward boundary changes

JM explained the numbers and rationale for proposed changes. Kings Cross and St Pancras stations, the church, gardens and hospital will split from Somers Town. This would take away some of the finest buildings in our area and also mean councillors representing those most impacted by development would not be in the same borough as the development itself in the case of St Pancras Hospital. The neighbourhood plan area would be in two wards and we would need to deal with six councilors. It could change CIL projections in the ward.

Action

To send up a meeting to explain boundary changes with councillors (SD)

To send a link to the document (JM).

Consultation has been underway since November.

AOB

DF announced a series of Saturday Heritage workshops relating to a Somers Town conservation case. January 26th afternoon at Basil Jellicoe hall. Walk by SD from 1.30.

Next meeting

13 February 2019 Living Centre