

KOV Forum Newsletter - Latest public meeting minutes, Gasholder latest, Castle leasure reopens, latest planning applications, consultation on public health services and more..

Dear Members & Friends

Please find below our latest news & updates:

Last KOVF Public Meeting

We are pleased to release the draft minutes of our last public meeting [here](#)

(http://media.wix.com/ugd/16e5aa_ec7292a773c64b28814c2407)

75d733b1.pdf). We are grateful to Cllr David Amos for his presentation. There is also an update on the Neighbourhood Plan where it was agreed that KOVF would pursue a Locality Bid. More news will follow on the Neighbourhood Plan in future.



Gasholder Site (OAKDA) latest news

Local residents and KOVF are continuing in their efforts to persuade Berkeley to alter their "Masterplan" for the Gas-holders' site. KOVF made a formal response as follows ([click here to view](#))

(http://media.wix.com/ugd/16e5aa_d9fb1bd9981b47f384fbec53a0ed43a9.pdf). KOVF also sent comments to Cllr Jack Hopkins and are awaiting response ([click here to view](#) (http://media.wix.com/ugd/16e5aa_6a313a52aa424a0787c1b4118716f03c.pdf)). Berkeley Homes have acknowledged some of the request in their Consultation Summary here: oakda.co.uk/media/pdf/k/1/OAKDA-Statement-of-Community-Involvement-April-16.pdf (<http://www.oakda.co.uk/media/pdf/k/1/OAKDA-Statement-of-Community-Involvement-April-16.pdf>)

The latest iteration of the Masterplan has made one or two concessions. The most significant amendments are that building heights will be reduced from a peak of 15 storeys to a peak of 13 storeys and Gasholder No1 will become the dominant feature in the landscape - though all surrounding buildings (with much larger area) have been raised by a storey in the new plans. This means that whilst the overall height is reduced the general built form, will include many more large 10 and 11 storey buildings which Berkeley Homes insist is required for "viability". They have also taken on board the Create Streets / Save Oval

suggestion of a green route linking Kennington Park and Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens, through the site, though they are not specific on how this might be realised.

KOVF continues to seek a limit on buildings over 30m, on the grounds that (a) this is much higher than any buildings in the surrounding Kennington area, (b) this is likely to be a "foot in door" to applications for even higher buildings, (c) the shadowing from the buildings will adversely impact the proposed open spaces, making them shaded for most of the year apart from a brief hour or two at midday (See Shading study), and (d) the local community has consistently shown deep opposition to such tall buildings in the consultation.

Berkeley Homes have said that they will release their final plans later this month with further exhibition events to follow. We hope the developers will present these plans at the next KOVF public meeting.



Bat Walk – Kennington Park: 7th May

The Friends of Kennington Park have a bat walk meeting at 8.40pm outside the Flower Garden in the park on 7th May. It will be led by Dr Iain Boulton from Lambeth Council and bat detector equipment will be available. No dogs please. The late start times is because the bats come out to feed at dusk. During the bat walk last September there was a good, noisy display of bats.



Lambeth Digi-buddies Pairs Volunteers with People Seeking Help with IT Skills

Anyone who needs to send and receive emails, surf the net, or order their weekly shop can attend a session where local volunteers are happy to show you how to get confident online. Lambeth Digi-buddies pairs volunteers with people seeking help with IT skills. Digi-buddies project is supporting digital inclusion throughout Lambeth. Digi-buddies can help people get to grips with online technology and give the support, confidence and

skills needed to:

- Set up an email address
- Search for jobs
- Search for the best deals online
- Complete online benefit forms
- Pay fines/bills online
- Access other online services

Digi-buddies sessions are spread across six days each week and have engaged over sixty volunteers who have assisted up to one thousand people with various different IT issues across six locations.

You can find all Digi-buddies sessions at:

St Luke's Hub

Every Wednesday 1pm-4pm or Every Friday 10am-1pm

Helmi House (residents only)

Every Wednesday 2.30pm-4pm

There are other places where this is undertaken elsewhere in the Borough. For further information about the Digi-buddies service and Advising London please visit: advising.london

(<http://www.advising.london>) or contact at info@advising.london

(<mailto:info@advising.london>) or 020 3752 5520



Calling All Sports or Physical Activity Providers in Lambeth

Are you a provider of sports or physical activity programmes in Lambeth? Do you want to help your organisation grow? Would you like improve your chances of receiving funding for your programme? If you've answered yes to any of the above read on...

Calling all sports or physical activity providers in Lambeth. The Active Lambeth Plan and the Commissioning Framework.

The provider development programme has been created to support the vision of the Active Lambeth and, in particular, the aim to ensure that "Lambeth Council and partners are supporting a thriving economy of community groups, social enterprises and businesses working together to help people be more active".

A Commissioning Framework has been produced to help

organisations understand the requirements for different levels of funding and act as a tool to measure competencies against.

Training will be provided to support organisations progress to the higher levels of this framework. What you'll get from us

Successful applicants will receive up to a year's FREE training from a trainer assigned to help you progress to the higher levels of the framework and to understand how you can better meet commissioning requirements and manage greater levels of funding.

What we'll expect from you

In return we will expect you to work with us to achieve the aims and vision of the Active Lambeth Plan (2015 – 2020).

What to do next

Please view at:

[lambeth.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-libraries/sports-and-leisure/active-lambeth-provider-development](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-libraries/sports-and-leisure/active-lambeth-provider-development)

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for access to the application form and supporting documents providing further information about this exciting opportunity.

Return your completed application form
to sports@lambeth.gov.uk
(<mailto:sports@lambeth.gov.uk>) by 5pm Monday 9 May 2016.
For further information contact Lesley Ambler, Commissioning
Development
Officer, 020 7926 7519 or Trevor East, Community Sports &
Physical Activity Manager, 020 7926 6065, or
email sports@lambeth.gov.uk (<mailto:sports@lambeth.gov.uk>).
Successful organisations will be informed no later than the 30
May 2016.



Castle Leisure Centre Reopens: Family Weekend

The new leisure centre and swimming pool at Elephant & Castle opened its doors to the public, on 30th April Southwark Council has announced. The centre includes a 25 metre six-lane swimming pool, learner pool with moveable floor, sauna and steam rooms, a sports hall, gym and spinning studio, two exercise studios plus a creche and cafe. There is an official family fun open weekend set for 21st and 22nd May.

Lambeth works in partnership with a number of local organisations providing support to people experiencing gender-based violence. Work is currently under way to refresh the Safer Lambeth Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, first launched in 2011 to provide a joined up response to those experiencing gender-based violence in all its forms. We will use feedback from the consultation to update the strategy. If you have experienced any form of gender-based violence or if you are a professional providing services in Lambeth, then please respond. You can complete an online questionnaire. Paper copies of the questionnaire are also available on request using the contact details provided. Deadline: 14th April 2016. [lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-the-safer-lambeth-violence-against-women-and-girls-strategy-20168](https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-the-safer-lambeth-violence-against-women-and-girls-strategy-20168) (<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-the-safer-lambeth-violence-against-women-and-girls-strategy-20168>).



Replacement of Lambeth Planning's Local Application Requirements

The Council is replacing its Local Application Requirements, the document that describes the information that must be submitted in support of planning applications and consents.

Consultation on the replacement requirements started on 22nd April and will end on 5th June. Full details of the consultation

and how to respond can be found on the Lambeth website at:
lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/draft-replacement-for-the-council
(<https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/draft-replacement-for-the-council>)



Temporary One-Way System Black Prince Road

From 22nd April 2016 for a period of up to 21 days, vehicles will be banned from proceeding south-east to north-west on Black Prince Road between the service road fronting Nos. 9 to 20 Albert Embankment and Lambeth High Street. An alternative route for affected vehicles will be available via

Black Prince Road, Lambeth High Street and Lambeth Road.
It is necessary for the one-way system described above to come into force without delay so that emergency repairs can be carried out to a water main.



The Cinema Museum – Screenings: 8th May

Kennington Talkies presents Front Page Woman (1935): 8th May
Kennington Talkies presents Front Page Woman (1935), directed by Michael Curtiz, and starring Bette Davis and George Brent.

Davis and Brent play two reporters, working for rival newspapers, who are romantically involved, but she won't marry him until he admits that she is as good as any man at her job. Spend a relaxing Sunday afternoon with Bette Davis and enjoy this amusing battle of the sexes. Doors open at 2pm, for a 3pm start.

THE CINEMA MUSEUM



Other Planning News

55 Bondway Planning Application - comments by 21st May
16/00576/FUL – 55 Bondway London SW8 1SJ

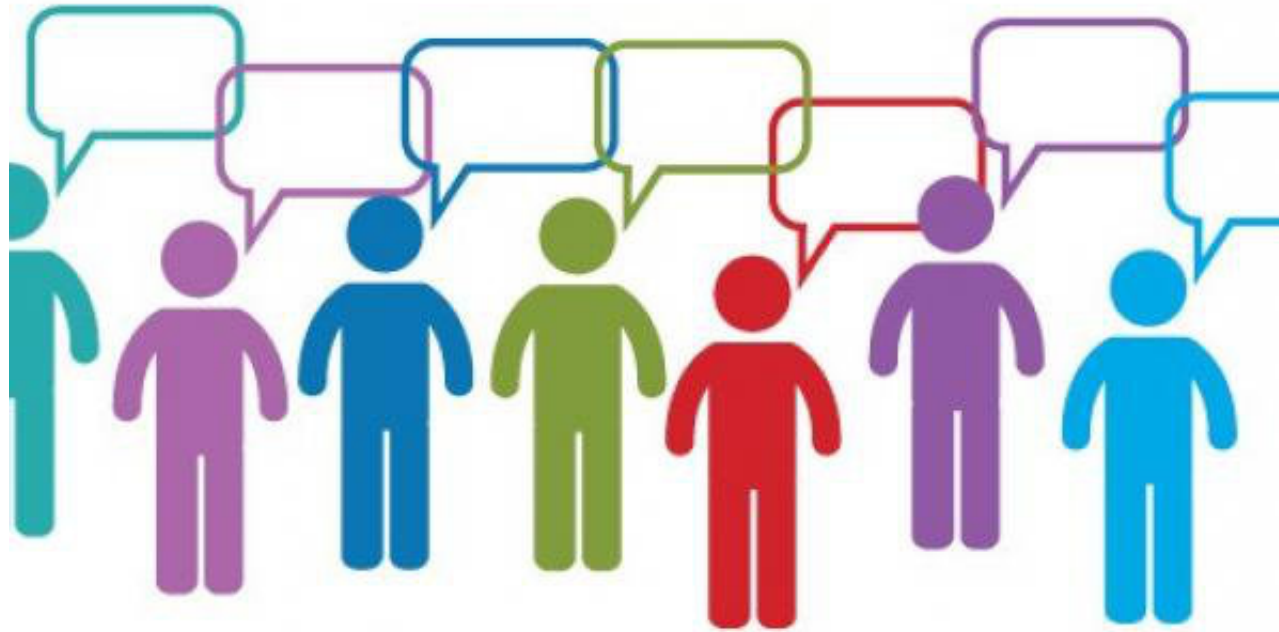
A new planning application has been received relating to a property on Bondway – Vauxhall bus station area – towards the Parry Street end next to the estate agents.





Consultation on Public Health Services

The London Borough of Lambeth is keen to hear your views on how to make best use of its reducing Public Health grant to get the best health outcomes for Lambeth people. Any Lambeth resident, stakeholder or provider is welcome to share their views and all views will be considered by the council as it reshapes services to cope with the reduced resources. More at [lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-public-health-services](http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-public-health-services) (<http://www.lambeth.gov.uk/consultations/consultation-on-public-health-services>)



Please note that 13th May 2016 (4pm) is the deadline for any requests for news/updates inclusion in our next newsletter.

Regards,

Chrysostomos (Chrys)

KOV Forum Secretary

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