

## Snap election FAQs

**When is it being held?** It will take place on Thursday, 8th June 2017 from 7am to 10pm.

**Where do I vote?** You vote in person but only at the polling station that is sent to you by Lambeth Electoral Services just before the election.



**I want to vote but my holidays are booked for then.** You can apply for a postal vote or a proxy vote if you will be unable to go to your polling station.

**A proxy vote is ....?** If you are unable to get to your polling station you may choose to appoint someone to vote at your polling station on the day. This has to be done before

**I am only 17, can I vote at this election?** You should register before 22nd May and can vote if your 18th birthday is on or before election day.



## Heaven's Above! New Vauxhall Walk Proposal

The initial consultation has begun for a site that will tower 14 storeys above and incorporate the Methodist Church on Jonathon Street.

Currently this is an urban block of mostly 19th century former commercial/industrial premises which front Vauxhall Walk. It is also located within the Vauxhall Gardens Estate Conservation Area.

The developers are a consortium of Angelo, Gordon & Co., Bmor and Kingshott Holdings engaging the services of Ben Adams Architects. They have adopted the name Graphite Square, which is the name of the existing square that the site is centred on.

The mix of uses in the proposal include:

- Highly flexible commercial space that will integrate and build on the creative business culture of the area.

**Do I need to take identification with me?** No - you just need to tell the election clerk your name and registered address.

**What happens if I do not take or have lost my polling card?** They are not essential but may speed things up.

**How do you fill out the ballot paper?** Mark only one (1) box, next to the candidate you want to win, with an X.

**What if I make a mistake?** Return the spoilt paper to the clerk who will invalidate it and supply you with a new one.

**I voted at the last election in 2015 - do I have to do anything this time?** Yes. You must re-register every year although many people have already done so by responding to Lambeth reminders which were sent out around October.

**Our son just turned eighteen but we have lived and worked in New York for several years. He will be going to university in London in September and wants to vote - is this possible?** Yes! If he is a British Citizen and as long as one parent/guardian has been a registered UK voter in the last 15 years, he can register at the same address. Unless he acts quickly to register though, his vote may miss the postal window.

**How come my Australian housemate says he CAN vote?** Citizens of Commonwealth countries, British Overseas Territories, the Channel Islands, Isle of Man, and Ireland who are resident in the UK can register and vote in UK elections.

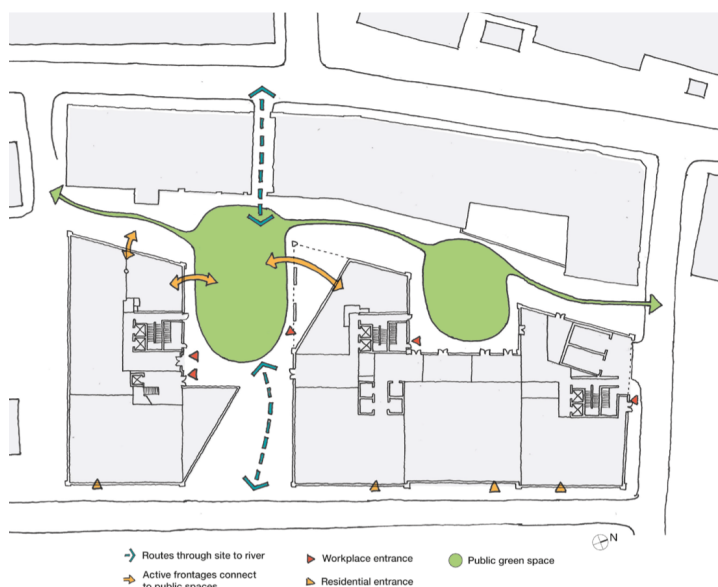
These spaces will be suitable for new and growing companies of various industries and size, such as tech start-ups or larger more established firms.

- Around 150 private and affordable homes that will generate a diverse and sustainable community where residents will be able to live and enjoy recreation in one place.
- A ground floor café/coffee shop will be included providing a place where people can grab a quick bite or meet and socialise.
- New enhanced areas of public realm are to be provided on the site with two new garden squares, active frontages and improved pedestrian access routes. For security, the public areas are gated but will be open during the day and closed at night

The developers are in early discussions with the Methodist Church to design and provide a replacement building within the development for them.

Other than a numbers of disabled parking bays, this will be a car free site and residents will be subject to a permit free agreement which will prohibit parking on the streets.

The final day for the exhibition is Saturday, 6th May and is taking place between 10:30 am and 1 pm at Staybridge Suites, 100 Vauxhall Walk the full set of display boards can be viewed at: [www.graphitesquare.co.uk](http://www.graphitesquare.co.uk)



**Can I vote if I am working abroad for a year?** Yes! Just remember to register at your last registered address.

**My partner and I have retired and now live in Greece, how can we vote now?** British citizens can register in the last constituency you were registered in for up to 15 years. You can request a postal although the Electoral Commission recommends appointing a proxy vote due to the uncertainty of postal timescales.

**Did Brexit change residents' rights to vote?** Nothing has changed yet and all EU citizens can still register. However, only those from Cyprus, Malta and Gibraltar can vote at the upcoming UK general election.

**My parents are Portuguese but moved here permanently 30 years ago before I was born. Can't we vote?** As you were born in the UK with parents from the European Economic Area (EEA) after 1982, then you are a British Citizen so you CAN vote in UK elections. Your parents are not eligible this time, unless they have adopted British Citizenship, they can still register and vote in next year's council elections.

**If you have any questions about your vote you can contact:**

*electoralservices@lambeth.gov.uk*

*Phone: 020 7926 2294*



## Up to £5000 event funding for your area

Applications to the EventLambeth Community Events Fund and Training Programme are now open and must be received by 12 noon on Tuesday 9 May 2017.

There is £5,000 available for each of five neighbourhoods (£25,000 in total), with individual bids of between £250 and £5,000 invited for each event.



A requirement for eligibility is that one or two organisers attend an EventLambeth two-day training programme.

The main aims of the programme are to develop skills and capacity for events management within the Lambeth community and to support the practical delivery of quality community events and festivals in the borough.

For more information and application forms, go to:

<http://www.eventlambeth.co.uk/organising/support/funding/>

## Kennington Park Estate Community Centre

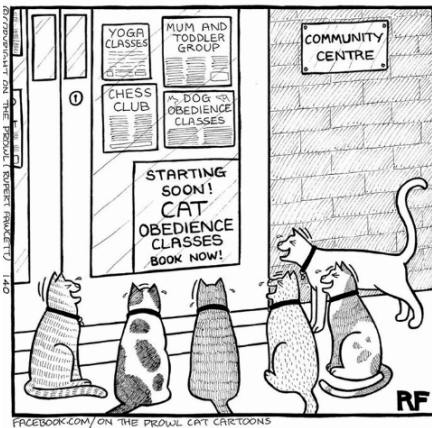
The Community Centre on Kennington Park Estate is under threat from proposed development of the site for market sale housing. It has been the community centre for the residents of the 750 homes on the Estate for over 30 years and is well used by the wider local community.

Ownership of the estate and the land the community centre stands on were transferred to Hyde Group by the ratepayers and residents of the London Borough of Lambeth in 2005.

However, the Hyde now claims it is no longer able to manage and maintain community centres. Following a review of their community centres, the housing association states:

*"we can no longer afford to manage our community centres; this recommendation will allow us to make savings that will be invested in building new homes to help address the housing crisis in London and the South-east."*





## Funders Fair

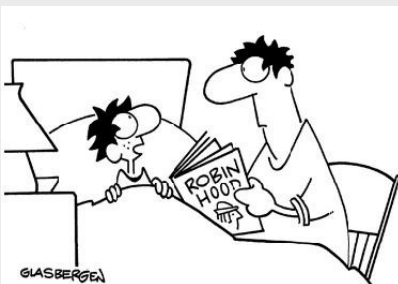
This event is taking place at the Kia Oval, Kennington SE11 5SS and will help to build the skills and networking opportunities for local groups all of which will undoubtedly be facing uncertain financial futures and budgetary constraints.

Attendees will be able to meet with charitable funders and other agencies supporting voluntary and community groups.

You can find out what makes a stronger grant application and join a master-class on Crowdfunding campaigns and digital fund-raising.

The event is free but places are limited. You can book a place via Eventbrite at:

<https://goo.gl/QW8dDk>



"How much of Robin Hood's money went to fund-raising expenses and campaign contributions and how much actually went to the poor?"

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Speaking at a recent House of Commons adjournment debate, Vauxhall MP Kate Hoey lambasted Hyde for "a complete reneging on [its] promises to the residents" despite its pledge to reinvest in maintaining the services when acquiring the sites and that the consultation process had been "very poor".

Residents point out that the published annual accounts for the part of Hyde which owns Kennington Park Estate - HSH - show very clearly that there is more than enough income within HSH to maintain and manage the community centre.

One resident noted, "There is no question of Hyde subsidising the community centres and the income from residents rents can easily cover the relatively small amount of funding required to provide these essential community facilities. Hyde should not be allowed to divert rent payments to pay for market sale housing and at the same time claim it cannot afford to maintain our community centres!"

Every town, village or neighbourhood is home to buildings or amenities that play a vital role in local life. They might include community centres, libraries, swimming pools, village shops, markets or pubs. Local life would not be the same without them, and if they are closed or sold into private use, it can be a real loss to the community.

Guide to the Localism Act (November 2011), Dept for Communities

Hyde is not ready to redevelop the site of the centre in the immediate future so the residents of Kennington Park Estate are working to keep the Centre open for the next twelve months or more. They hope that this is an opportunity for the local community to demonstrate that the community centre can be managed so that it is financially viable.

In the event that Hyde submits a planning application to the Council which does not include a replacement community facility, residents will be ready to present a sound case and insist that the Lambeth Local Plan is adhered to.



### Upcoming Events

6 May -Sat- Final day of initial Graphite Square consultation exhibition

10 May -Wed- Funders Fair at Oval Cricket Ground (10a.m.)

16 May -Tue- Lambeth Equality Commission: recommendations event

22 May -Mon- Garden Museum at Lambeth Palace reopens

25 May -Thu- Triangle 60th birthday Cake Sale at Oval Tube

24 May - Friends of Vauxhall Park - Open Meeting - Venue TBC

26 May -Fri- Triangle's 60th - community event & cake sale at the playground

27 May -Sat- Vauxhall Constituency Election Hustings - Oval Farmers Market, St Mark's Kennington

31 May -Wed- Friends of Tate South Lambeth Library AGM (6:30 p.m.)

2 June -Fri- Triangle Users 60th Birthday Party!

8 June -Thu- Election Day

18 June - Vauxhall Park Summer Fair from 2 to 5 p.m.

Please check out our website for updates or email us at [forumkov@gmail.com](mailto:forumkov@gmail.com)

It states:

**"Existing community premises, and land formerly in use as community premises, will be safeguarded....."**

By withdrawing its support from KPCC and other community centres, Hyde is betraying its vision "to make a lasting difference to people's lives".

The destruction of Kennington Park Community Centre will be more than a real loss to our community. It will damage the cohesion and social fabric of Kennington Park Estate and KPE residents welcome the support of the community in Kennington, Oval and Vauxhall in the campaign to ensure it is preserved or replaced.

### Triangle Adventure Playground - financial security could costs less than a cup of coffee per week

Situated behind oval tube station, the Triangle Adventure Playground is a small oasis of green space offering the children of its sprawling local estates a safe space in which to develop physically, emotionally and socially.

It is managed entirely by a team of local volunteers.

Founded in 1957, the Triangle is now London's oldest surviving adventure playground site. Last year 774 children and young people used it to play, to sit quietly, to lose themselves in fantasy or just run around and let off steam.

Sadly, adventure playgrounds have suffered financially due to government cuts and the Triangle faces a continuing struggle to remain open. Now its local volunteers are getting the community to rally around, doing all sorts of activities to help carry on as they have to raise its entire £55,000 annual operating budget themselves.

They are aiming to get 1000 people to pay just £5 a month to ensure its future.

Please encourage people to donate and highlight that they need to click the regular donation tab if they wish to set up a regular payment at:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/donation/start.html?charity=122047>





Save Our/Oval Streets (SOS) is a group of four resident associations between Clapham & South Lambeth Roads whose aim is to make streets in the area greener urban living spaces - mainly by reducing the amount & type of traffic using these streets, especially HGVs.

There has been a marked - and formally recorded - increase in traffic volumes through Vauxhall Cross and in the SOS area since the intro of the Bike Super Highway, traffic re-ordering at the Oval and due to the Nine Elms regeneration, especially site vehicles.



Recently, Dorset Road has been identified as a principle rat run drawing through traffic into the area.

SOS's key success so far has been the banning of HGVs down Fentiman Road.

Their next step is to have HGV weight limit signs put up in the Oval triangle: Cllr Jack Hopkins is leading on this. Cllr Hopkins is also to arrange a meeting between SOS & Council officers to discuss traffic problems in the area.



SOS also intends to liaise with Friends of the Earth on air quality Clapham Road breached its annual air quality target in six days during 2016.

Please check out the Facebook group if you are interested.

[www.facebook.com/groups/1099362643523351/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1099362643523351/)

## Lambeth Equality Commission - a recommendation shaping event

Lambeth Council recently established an Equality Commission to identify these barriers to equality and tackle them head-on. The Commission has concentrated above all on the challenges facing disabled adults, Caribbean, African, Portuguese and Somali residents. It has been gathering evidence on education; income and employment; participation, representation and leadership; and crime and justice.

The Commission heard from communities affected by these issues and has had lots of input and feedback from local residents, organisations and community groups. It also received evidence from a range of expert witnesses, partners and stakeholders.

On Tuesday, 16 May from 6:30-8:30 p.m. there will be a public event to share the emerging actions and recommendations from the Commission, which will be aimed at the council and its partners, the Mayor of London and national government. The event venue is 336 Brixton Road, London SW9 7AA.

[Please book via Eventbrite for your free ticket. https://goo.gl/riCd0Q](https://goo.gl/riCd0Q)

The venue is fully accessible, however if you require communication support such as a BSL interpreter, please email Parmpreet Tatla at [ptatla@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ptatla@lambeth.gov.uk).

## Friends of Tate South Lambeth Library AGM

*In the lead up to the AGM, Friends of Tate South Lambeth Library Committee Member, Ben Rymer, has written an article arguing that councils with large-scale development, like Lambeth, should rethink their approach to funding libraries.*

*He notes that in areas like South Lambeth, levies on developers (called CIL or s106) are producing income intended to make up for the increased pressure on infrastructure and mitigate increased demand for community services from greater resident numbers. Tate South Lambeth Library, for example, has seen a doubling in users over two years, yet local developer money has not found its way to the service.*

*This trend is clearly illustrated by Keybridge House, the new "high end" development just down the road, where a 43 square metre apartment costs a cool £515,000. Despite its proximity to Tate South Lambeth Library, none of the £2m+ s106 funds from Keybridge House have gone to support Tate South Lambeth Library, nor Lambeth's library services more widely.*

*Ben will be leading a discussion on future Council funding for our library at the AGM and you can read his full article at:*

<https://goo.gl/FNNfe1>

**The Friends' AGM will be held at the library on Wednesday 31st May, starting at 6.30pm.**



If you would like to be informed of future meetings and other KOV activities, please sign up at:

[kovforum.org.uk/joinus](http://kovforum.org.uk/joinus)

*Anyone who lives works or studies in the KOV area is eligible to become a member, attend meetings or join the KOV Board.*

*Membership is FREE!*

## Public Meeting Awards Community Groups £1500

KOV held a public meeting on the 27th April, 2017 at the Carmelita Centre.

The Neighbourhood Plan exhibition/consultation was on display before the start of the meeting and throughout the meeting and attendees took the opportunity to engage and respond to the consultation.

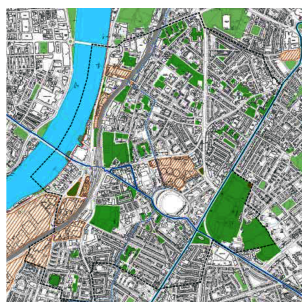
Due to the importance of deteriorating air quality and pollution in our locality, this was our main item for the evening. An engaging discussion was led by David Boardman, KOV Board Member and KOV representative on Lambeth's Air Quality Action Plan Steering Group, Adam Matthews, Chair of Governors at Archbishop Sumner Church of England Primary School and Charlie Holland representing the Lambeth Cycling Campaign. Lambeth air quality unit had been invited but, unfortunately, were unable to attend due to prior public commitments.

The Chair was pleased to announce that £1500 of funds had been set aside through grants from the Lambeth Forum network match funded with donations secured by KOV Board members. Ann Tapsell from Lollard Street Adventure Playground, Jim Clancy from Triangle Adventure Playground and Marylin Evers on behalf of Friends of Kennington Park Estate Community Centre each outlined the problems that their organisations faced and explained how a grant from the KOV Community Chest would benefit the community and aid their continued operations.

There were the opportunities for those attending to ask questions about the community projects and the use to be made of KOV funding.

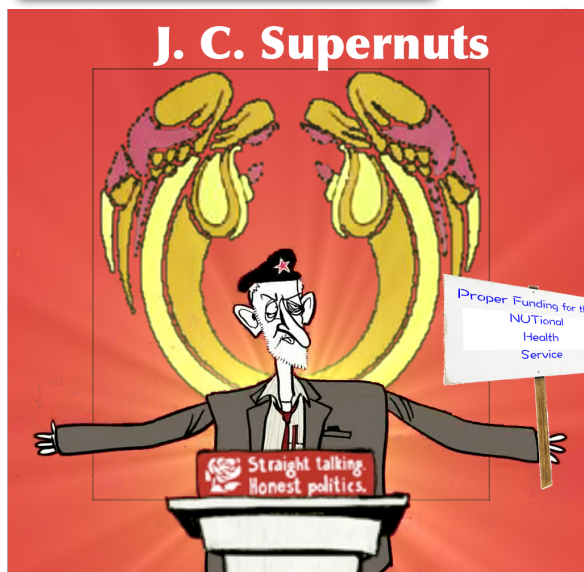
Gerry Evans, from Lambeth Council's Engagement and Consultation team commended the outstanding value of volunteering and networking represented by KOV and the community projects supported by KOV. She approved of KOV distributing Community Chest funds to local community organisations of immense value to the KOV area.

A formal vote was taken by all attending on the issue of approval of a KOV Community Chest grant of £500 to each of these community projects. The vote of approval was unanimous.





# NUTS IN A KOV SHELL



## Very Green, Very nutty



Register to vote by 22nd May!

<https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>



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