

SoWN Neighbourhood Plan: Interim Review

SoWN's Neighbourhood Plan was approved by referendum in 2015 and ratified in 2019.

SoWN's vision was to produce 'a neighbourhood plan to support and develop the South Bank and Waterloo area's unique position as an affordable, inclusive and authentic place'.

Our achievements to date

Progress so far: We have

- Distributed over £1.1m, from Section 106, Health and Wellbeing and Neighbourhood Community Investment Levy
- Built a reputation for driving meaningful change.
- Become established as a key member of the complex ecosystem which makes up Waterloo and South Bank.
- Worked to foster a sense of belonging and shared purpose.
- Provided good information and involvement for our stakeholders especially through the Forum and the Newsletter.
- Received active support and commitment from local residents, businesses, the South Bank and Waterloo Partnership, South Bank BID, WeAreWaterloo and the Lambeth Forum Network.



From 2025 – 2032 we aim to

- Develop our stewardship of South Bank and Waterloo by continuing to build local connections and local relationships across Lambeth and Southwark
- Contribute to new development proposals,
- Work closely with Sustains Us
- Build a Cultural Commons building on the experience gained from Emma Cons Thursdays
- Develop a strategy alongside our partners for the long-term care and maintenance of the streetscape and public open spaces



Objectives and targets for 2025 – 2032 • Green spaces, infrastructure & air quality

2019 - 2025

SoWN was a strong advocate for **South Bank and Waterloo Sustains Us**. Several projects are already under way, supported by £230k from SoWN's allocation of NCIL. These include:

- The greening of Hercules Road
- Improvements to Millennium Green
- A feasibility study to identify priorities for new green spaces in South Bank and Waterloo, and how existing spaces can be more resilient
- A feasibility study for a district heat network with energy produced from renewable sources.





Objectives and targets for 2025 – 2032 • Green spaces, infrastructure & air quality

From 2025 onwards we intend to:

- Help facilitate the long-awaited Jubilee Gardens extension and the renovation of Bernie Spain Gardens North park.
- Identify new projects which support SoWN's aspirations for green space
- Support the Sustains Us initiative by developing a strategy for all green spaces
- In partnership with TfL and Lambeth, develop the Green Lanes streetscape strategy





Objectives and targets for 2025 – 2032 - Housing

2019 - 2025:

- The housing situation is challenging.
- SoWN has supported planning applications for affordable housing. We value the high proportion of local housing managed by cooperatives, local authorities and housing associations,

From 2025 onwards we aim to

- Support the South Bank and Waterloo Elders' initiative
- Continue to support cooperatives and social housing and advocate for mixed use developments.
- Build relationships with Tenants and Residents Associations, working especially on sustainability targets.



Objectives and targets for 2025 - 2032 • Development management

Between 2019 - 2025 we

- Supported developments where there is clear local benefit –
- Worked with developers to mitigate the effects of development
 - E.g. through the Emma Cons Thursdays project



From 2025 we aim to

- Continue to advocate for schemes which encourage innovation and technology,
- Encourage SBW as a green hub for sustainable businesses
- Work with developers and Lambeth to ensure that S106 agreements focus clearly on the local mitigation of developments
- Work with Lambeth and Southwark to ensure that NCIL is spent well



Objectives and targets for 2025 – 2032 Retail & work

Between 2019 – 2025 we:

- Supported the Lower Marsh Collective action group,
- Contributed to the Waterloo Station Masterplan
- Built good relationships with South Bank BID and WeAreWaterloo

From 2025 we will:

- Support the Waterloo Station Masterplan's aspirations to connect the station to the local area.
- Work with Lambeth and the developers of 72 Upper Ground, One Waterloo and Royal Street to ensure good spending of NCIL funding
- Encourage the creation of local jobs, especially in the sustainability sector
- Continue to support an inclusive retail and business strategy for Lower Marsh





Objectives and targets for 2025 – 2032 • Social infrastructure & culture

Between 2019 - 2025 we:

- Built strong relationships between local community organisations
- Circulated a regular newsletter
- Distributed £1.1m of NCIL, London Eye Community Chest and Health and Wellbeing Funding
- Took on the organisation of the South Bank and Waterloo Forum,
 with support from South Bank BID, WeAreWaterloo and the Lambeth Forums Network
- Worked closely with Waterloo Health Centre to help ensure satisfactory health

From 2025 we will:

- Develop the South Bank and Waterloo Forum
- Work with Lambeth and Southwark to ensure that NCIL is spent well
- Undertake a community space audit and continue to work for the provision of a permanent library.
- Support plans for the Oasis Primary School which enhance local community provision.



Objectives and targets for 2025 - 2032 • Streetscape & transport

Between 2019 - 2025 we

- Encouraged sustainable transport but also challenged where other road users are disadvantaged
- Supported Lambeth and WeAreWaterloo in their aspirations for a safer, greener streetscape – e.g Hercules Road

From 2025 onwards we aim to

- Continue to work with Sustains Us and our other partners to create sustainable streetscapes and improve air quality
- Maintain a watching brief on the management of E-bikes and public transport links
- Investigate a long term funding mechanism for the installation and maintenance of public green infrastructure





Objectives and targets for 2025 – 2032 • Planning gain & mitigation

Between 2019-2025 we

Developed an effective strategy to mitigate the impact of local developments

From 2025 we will

- Work with Lambeth and Southwark to ensure that NCIL and S106 payments are negotiated and used well to enhance the effects of local developments
- Distribute NCIL and Community Chest funding to support projects in accordance with this plan
- Build on a successful track record of spending NCIL and other grant funding by developing a new programme
 of projects.



Members of the Steering Group

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NEXT STEPS

 Develop a 1, 3 and 5 year strategy to ensure that, by 2032, the intentions of the Neighbourhood Plan have been fully met.

 Build an evaluation framework to demonstrate uplift and impact resulting from SoWN's work, working closely with our partners.

