

Re: Local Elections 2018 and the development of a Local List

Southwark's historic and some of its more contemporary buildings are second to none and add enormous character and interest to living in the borough. There is, though, a hole in the protection that Southwark Council gives to those buildings that are not listed and do not sit in a Conservation Area (the "undesigned assets") as the borough has not created and adopted a Local List which can give protection to them. Creating a Local List of these buildings is a widely acknowledged way of giving them protection from demolition and poor-quality redevelopment.

Getting local people and groups involved in researching and nominating undesigned assets for the Local List is also a great way of engaging Southwark's residents in the borough's heritage, its historic buildings and the area they live in.

Historic England notes that half of all local planning authorities already have a Local List (including many of our neighbouring boroughs in South London) and Southwark has envisioned creating and adopting a Local List for many years and more recently this has been referred to in the E&C SPD (2012), the PNAAP (2014) and early versions of the NSP. In a borough with so much heritage and interesting contemporary architecture we believe that it is time for Southwark to develop and adopt its own Local List.

In the run up to the Local Elections on 3rd May, we are asking your party to commit to:

- 1) Creating a Local List of undesigned assets in Southwark.
- 2) Involving local people and local groups in developing the list as a way of tapping into their knowledge and engaging them in the borough's heritage. There are great ways to do this nowadays using interactive mapping tools such as commonplace (eg <https://placemarks.commonplace.is/>).
- 3) Developing a Heritage SPD which will provide the framework in policy for the Local List under the umbrella of the New Southwark Plan and to adopt a Heritage SPD no later than May 2019.

We hope that this is something that your party can support and we all very much look forward to working together on this and encouraging people to get involved more closely in Southwark's fascinating and profound heritage and history and those more recent developments which will create the heritage of the future.

The Walworth Society

Bankside Residents Forum

Bermondsey Street Area Partnership

The Camberwell Society

The Peckham Society

Peckham Vision

SE5 Forum for Camberwell

Shad Thames Area Management Partnership