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BERMONDSEY VILLAGE ACTION GROUP

**OPEN MEETING**  
**FIRST MEETING OF 'CHARACTER AND HERITAGE' WORKING GROUP**  
**21 OCTOBER 2015, 6:30PM**  
**GLOBE HOUSE SE1 3JW**

## AGENDA AND MINUTES

1. Draft leaflet of OBVNF's questionnaire
2. Consider policy ideas for consultation and development towards inclusion in the Plan
3. Broad timetable for preparation of Neighbourhood Plan
4. 2-3 Black Swan Yard Change of use from B1 to A3 use Planning Application
5. Southwark cycling and one way consultation leaflet

### Attendance details:

	<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
1	Ravi Bhaskaran	BVAG	Present
2	Rahid Khan	BVAG	Present
3	Samantha Archer	BVAG	Present
5	Russell Gray	BVAG	Present
6	Nithya Sundaramurthy	BVAG	Present
7	Derek Wiles	10 Crucifix Lane	Present
8	Dom Garwood	10 Crucifix Lane	Present
9	Andrew Berton	BVAG	Present
10	Doug McNab	Southwark Council	Present
11	Margaret	Jam Factory Resident	Present
12	Linda Browning	166 Tower Bridge Road	Present
13	Adrian	Grange Road	Present
14	Rebecca Fairman	45 Grange Road	Present
15	Neal Spencer	Local Employee	Present
16	Mark Randall	120 Bermondsey Street	Present
17	Clare Birks	BSAP	Present
18	Karin Templin	SE1 3RS University of Cambridge	Present
19	Nirocai Marangozov	BSAP	Present
20	Cecilia Foley	BSAP	Present
21	Nadia Bruccardo	Team London Bridge	Present

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22	James Tillyard	BVAG	Present
23	Amy Carruthers	BVAG	Present
24	Alan Carruthers	BVAG	Present

<b>6.35pm</b>	<p><b>Introduction and welcome</b></p> <p><b>Minutes:</b> Meeting Chaired by Russell Gray and everyone present are introduced.</p>
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>OBVNF's Draft Questionnaire review</b></p> <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>1.1 It was agreed that while many of the planning terms and acronyms are familiar to the group, the general public might find them confusing. The questionnaire will need to be edited to be in 'plain English', and a key added where this is not possible.</p> <p>1.2 Questionnaire to be simple and accessible as possible</p> <p>1.3 General agreement to move the 'any other suggestions?' to the top box of the questionnaire to prompt a higher number of responses</p> <p>1.4 Questions regarding the visibility of the forum – email address, postal address, website.</p> <p>1.5 Council to be consulted regarding postal address and questionnaire returns – suggestions included a physical post box on Tanner St Park, a Crucifix Lane address shared with BVAG or a PO Box.</p> <p>1.6 Improving the OBV website</p> <p>1.7 Forum email address to be clearly communicated</p>
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Kernel policies of 'conservation and heritage' working group</b></p> <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>2.1. BVAG - has core policies since the group was formed – a clear High-rise zone map, 3d building height contour map (to be revised)</p> <p>2.2. Revise existing conservation area to include more sites</p> <p>2.3. Site briefs - for potential development sites which would dictate height, access, design quality etc</p> <p>2.4. Shops/Retail – needs of immediate neighbours, conversion of small units to larger ones discourage independent retailers, external appearance needs to keep with surroundings, look at other successful examples of independent business oriented streetscapes, Southwark Council refer to Bermondsey st as 'high street' which is incorrect.</p> <p>2.5. Courtyards in Bermondsey St – are fundamental, have historic value and are a unique feature. Mixed 'Use' of light industry and offices key to the balanced mix of the area, 19 courtyards in total in Bermondsey st.</p> <p>2.6. Colour palette for developers – north of railway line is grey tone and modern, south is yellow and traditional, types and quality of materials are important. Paving materials need improvement and need to be long lasting with less maintenance requirement</p>

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	<p>2.7. Streetscape and waste storage – conservation area streetscape to be improved, more welcoming to visitors, Bin stores to be improved, study ways to make bins more discreet, Borough market waste seems well managed</p> <p>2.8. Local listing – identify local features, plaques describing historic significance in front of buildings and important places will generate more interest among visitors and increase pride of local community, area has industrial heritage, online trail map of interesting spots in the area for visitors to follow on mobile devices.</p> <p>2.9. Community project list – prepare a list of feasible projects, 49 Tanner street has to be listed</p> <p>2.10. Community right to bid/community assets – white cube gallery can be an asset?, CIL contribution cannot be used for private spaces</p> <p>2.11. Council estates - Important role in character, landscaping can be improved, rendering of walls and upvc windows degraded aesthetic value, satellite dishes are haphazard, Guinness trust buildings are good example, Some are under threat of demolition – Infill instead of demolitions, Organise tour of estates, several sites owned by Southwark along Long Lane, include local people in tours – demonstrate strong community engagement</p>
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Timetable</b></p> <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>3.1. It was agreed that it is difficult to create a definitive timeline at this stage, but we need a goal to work towards. October '15-February '16 is the formal consultation period for the Southwark Plan, with adoption in October '16.</p> <p>3.2. With this in mind, we agreed that all sub-groups should be reporting back by the end of the year, with work on policy formation feeding into a draft plan for Easter '16, to be checked and fed in to the Southwark Plan for October '16</p>
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>2-3 Black Swan Yard Change of use to Restaurant Planning Application</b></p> <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>4.1. Courtyards in Bermondsey street not suitable for Restaurant use</p> <p>4.2. Protect light industry/office employment space which is part of the healthy mix of use in the area</p> <p>4.3. Danger of forming a planning precedent for similar change of use in all of the 19 courtyards in Bermondsey street</p> <p>4.4. BVAG and BSAP to oppose the application</p>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Southwark cycling route consultation leaflet</b></p> <p><b>Minutes:</b></p> <p>5.1. Concern over more and more streets becoming one-way, balance of opinions, safety and traffic speed essential</p>
<b>8.30pm</b>	Meeting Ended. Agendas and other possible dates venues for next meeting discussed.