

Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum

The Forum has been set up by local residents and businesses to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for the area. When this plan is accepted by Camden – we aim for 2015 – it means that we will have been able to set clear guidelines for the ways in which different parts of the Camley Street area are zoned (residential, business etc). This would form part of Camden's requirements on all new developments in the area.

Camden gave the Forum formal approval in February 2014. A Steering Group of business and resident volunteers have taken forward some early work on the Forum's behalf. Since Spring 2013:

HS1/HS2 Link

- We have argued forcefully to get the HS1/HS2 Link cancelled to remove the threat to Camden Town, Barker Drive and Camley Street. The link would evict the businesses in 120-126 Camley Street to create a major construction site generating huge HGV traffic for 10 years or more.
- The current position is that the HS1/2 link is not going to proceed, However, the whole project will bring huge disruption and damage to Camden's environment and businesses over many years and we need to stay active on this matter.
 - ✓ We have attended meetings with Camden and campaigning bodies.
 - ✓ We have responded formally to the HS2 Consultation processes
 - ✓ We will be one of the local groups petitioning the promoters of the HS2 Bill in Parliament.

A Green Agenda for Camley Street

- A fundamental priority for the Forum is to make Camley Street the greenest street in London: the Forum's green and sustainability Statement will set out priorities and targets. Current projects include
 - ✓ The planting of hundreds of fruit and nut trees along the length of Camley Street
 - ✓ Developing a Camley Street Farm brand for local produce, to promote the food being grown locally.
 - ✓ Exploring a local energy supply company, and investigating ways of substantially reducing energy use and costs for residents and businesses

Shaping the future development of Camley Street

- The Forum is committed to keeping local jobs for local people within the area. More than a thousand people work in Camley Street, many of them Camden and Islington residents. Camley Street is home to an important cluster of food producers and retailers.
- The Forum proposes that the land to the east of Camley Street (the railway side) should remain as workspace for local employment, and the area on west side of Camley Street should be where existing and new housing and community facilities should be.
- We are seeking substantial changes and improvements to the two large mixed use developments proposed for 101 and 102 Camley Street.
- We are looking to establish a community land trust or equivalent to own and develop workspace for the kinds of businesses which are currently in Camley Street and Cedar Way.
- We will identify a number of buildings as Assets of Community Value including Jubilee Water Sports Centre, Camden Garden Centre and The Constitution, to allow community and/or local not for profit groups to stop their quick sale for private housing development and have the opportunity to put funds in place to retain these local assets for local use.

Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum has a primary responsibility through its designation under the Localism Act 2011, to deliver a Neighbourhood Plan focussed on guidance on land use and on future development.

Camley Street Neighbourhood Forum will also promote community initiatives, environmental projects and local employment for local people.