

Queens Market Investment Have your say.....



What are we aiming to achieve?

- A six day a week exciting, vibrant shopping attraction
- A place to promote healthy eating & good food at affordable prices.
- New sustainable homes set in a generous, secure landscaped courtyard setting
- Local homes for local people, to be offered to Newham residents first
- Safer, secure environment with improved walking & cycling routes & public transport gateways
- Encourage further investment in Upton Park

What will this involve?

Demolition and replacement of the existing market with additional uses to create a truly mixed use development including:

- 164 market stalls and 6,374 sq m of retail comprising shop units and mezzanines reflective of the international feel and history of the community
- New customer and trader toilet facilities
- A market management suite and a security office
- Front Office - state-of-the-art Newham Council Library & service centre for the local community
- 2 substations at ground floor level
- Waste collection area and composters
- Plant and pump/utility room
- 340 residential units including affordable housing constructed in six blocks above the market 10 new large affordable family residential units on Rochester Avenue
- A new vehicular ramp
- A new multi-functional public space large & flexible enough for a variety of public events
- 308 car parking spaces (172 commercial and 136 residential bays).

What next?

We are asking for your comments over the next three weeks to make sure we have got it right.

We want to ensure that this scheme has a beneficial impact on all, positively promoting good relations between residents and visitors to the market and ensuring ongoing access to an affordable, quality, ethnically diverse food offer. We also want to make sure that the proposal does not disadvantage any person or group, is delivered in a way which promotes good relations between different racial groups and promotes equality of opportunity.

To make sure this happens we would like to hear your comments and views on the proposed scheme. This consultation is intended to inform a revised **Equality Impact Assessment** to inform any revisions to the planning application. In conducting the Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) we are particularly interested in gathering the views of specific target groups within the Borough. In particular, we would like you to consider whether the proposal would give rise to any unlawful discrimination, disadvantages any group, is consistent with the promotion of good relations between different racial groups and the promotion of equality of opportunity.

These comments will then be fed back to both the developers (St. Modwen) and the Council to inform a revised EQIA as necessary and to inform any revisions to the planning application. This is part of a process to make sure that the proposal does not discriminate against any specific groups or individuals within the area and acts to positively promote beneficial impacts. The impact of the proposal on these matters will also be taken into account as a material consideration by the Council as local planning authority in the determination of the planning application.

In that context we would like you to let us know of any changes you would wish to see made to the proposals and if so what these changes would be.



From what you have told us in the past and from our recent assessments, the key questions we would like you to answer are:

- **What is your experience of Queen's Market?**
- **Do you have any concerns about how the development proposals will affect you or your family?**
- **If so, what are these concerns?**
- **Do you consider that the proposals would give rise to unlawful racial discrimination?**
- **Do you think the proposals promote good relations between people of different racial groups?**
- **Do you think the proposals would promote equality of opportunity between persons of different racial groups?**
- **What type of housing do local residents need?**
- **What improvements would you like to see made to the current public transport system around Queen's Market?**
- **Would you like to see more or less parking provision in the area?**
- **Will the loss of the Queen's Public House affect you?**
- **Do you currently feel secure within the Queen's Market area?**
- **Do you have any mobility or access issues that prevent you now from visiting the Market?**
- **What facilities would you or your family members like to see in Queen's Market?**
- **Would you like to see changes to the proposals; if so what changes would you like to see?**

Please feel free to make any other comments or suggestions that you consider are relevant to the equality implications of the proposal.

Please now take some time to give us your comments and feedback either by completing the form overleaf or contacting Lucy Geldard at lucy.geldard@edaw.com or calling 0203 009 2100 by **Wednesday 13th August 2008**.

Alternatively, you can find out more information about the scheme by visiting the Council website at:

www.newham.gov.uk/Services/RegenerationProjects/AboutUs/queensmarket.htm

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