



Join the Community Review Panel for Old Kent Road

Southwark Council is recruiting local people for its successful Community Review Panel, which comments on plans for development on Old Kent Road.

A 20-year programme of regeneration is underway along Old Kent Road. Southwark Council's plans will change the street into a destination in its own right – a place for people to live, work and stay. The plans will play a major part in tackling the Borough's housing crisis, delivering 20,000 new homes, 7,000 of which will be affordable, including 5,000 at social rent. Regeneration will also double the 9,000 jobs located along Old Kent Road.





Old Kent Road is changing, and we want you to be a part of it.

What is the Community Review Panel?

The Community Review Panel is one of the ways the Council plans to better understand the needs of the local community. The panel gives independent advice on planning work along Old Kent Road, and discusses issues including housing, transport, public spaces, and the environment. This helps to ensure that new developments are of the highest design quality, and meet the needs of people living and working in the area, now and in the future.

The panel meets once a month to discuss development proposals and give its views. These discussions are reported formally, and taken seriously as part of the planning process.

Who are we looking for?

The Community Review Panel currently has 13 members, and we're looking for people of all backgrounds and ages (18 or older, there's no limit!). We're keen to have you on the panel if you know the Old Kent Road and want to positively influence its future – whether you are a resident, employer, employee or regular visitor. We want to hear from you if you feel like you're not being heard. You do not need knowledge of planning or architecture – we are not looking for people with professional built environment experience. Built environment professionals, Councillors and Southwark Council employees are not eligible to apply.

We want to identify panel members who have a diverse range of skills, experience and knowledge. We're looking for a broad cross-section of members drawn from across the community who:

- understand the local area, the way it works, its people, culture and needs
- can provide constructive advice on proposals for development and change, and on the needs of existing residential and business communities
- will contribute with their own words in meetings
- will collaborate and respect the contribution of others in panel discussions.

Frame Projects is responsible for recruiting and managing the panel, to make sure that it is independent, has all the information needed to speak about a proposal, and is able to communicate its views effectively to the Council. They provide panel members with the support needed for their role through free training sessions, for example, on understanding development proposals.

How can I get involved?

We really hope that you'll apply to volunteer as a member of the Community Review Panel. You will need to fill out an application form then, if eligible, you will be invited to attend a trial meeting at the next available opportunity, before being sent your contract.

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