

Consultation findings

This summer we started the difficult task of finding locations for replacing Camden's homes that will potentially be lost by the government's High Speed 2 plans. After a review of the area and discussions with local people we carried out a public consultation in August on six possible sites to build replacement housing with the least disruption by the 2017 deadline. It was great to see so many local people participate at events and join in our online consultation on the We Are Camden website.

In October we published the findings, which showed that there were more positive ratings than negative for all sites. The clear favourites were Albany Street and Dick Collins Hall due to the benefits created through reusing existing buildings. There were questions raised about using open space and parking areas as development locations. Generally, respondents felt the need for re-housing HS2 affected residents in the short-term and developing a longer term plan for meeting future housing requirements for Regent's Park Estate in the future. To see a copy of the report please visit camden.gov.uk/hs2 or call Marc Howard to order a copy (contact details on next page).

From these findings we believe it is worth exploring these options in more detail. We will continue to work with local people to ensure that development options are carefully considered and have benefits for the community as a whole.

Update on HS2 housing mitigation work

Camden Council remains fully opposed to the government's proposals for HS2 in its current form but is continuing to work to reduce the negative impacts and get the best outcome for residents if it does go ahead. This has involved negotiating with HS2 on how we will rehouse affected residents, reviewing the needs of neighbouring residents and responding to HS2 consultations.



Site 5: Dick Collins Hall

New sites added

Unfortunately, since the consultation on the replacement housing sites the largest site, Albany Street Police Station is no longer available due to future use by the Metropolitan Police. As a consequence, we have identified a number of sites that have the ability to provide high quality homes and in the timeframe. This is on-going work and nothing has been committed so far, but we are making progress. The new sites include:

- Troutbeck rooftop homes. The existing Troutbeck block fronts onto Albany Street and is adjacent to the Police Station site. The existing block is lower than buildings on the other side of the street and an overbuild could present an opportunity to improve the facade and entrance arrangements of the existing block. However, this has the complexity of dealing with an existing building.
- Staveley/Newby rooftop homes. Part of this site is on Robert Street and is used as a car park. Other parts of this site contain low rise blocks of existing homes. There is an opportunity to replace the existing bedsits in Staveley but the current residents would need to be relocated to allow the development to take place which is why it has been allocated as a reserve site.

Camden's HS2 Replacement Homes

New sites continued...

- Camden People's Theatre. This is an existing building which is outside of the estate boundary. The upper floors of this block are currently vacant and could be converted to provide residential accommodation, whilst retaining the theatre's facilities. The proposals will be discussed with the community theatre group as further details become available.
- The Victory pub site. The pub site is being reviewed for redevelopment and discussions are taking place with the leaseholder.
- St Bede's mews housing - There is currently an underused parking area next to the blank gable end of St Bede's Hall which could help create some low-level mews style family homes.

These proposals are at the very earliest stage and we will consult with local residents, organisations and businesses as they are developed.

New sites consultation Friday 14 February – Thursday 27 March 2014

We now want to consult you on the new sites. This will give you the opportunity to tell us how suitable they are and what you think about them at this early stage.

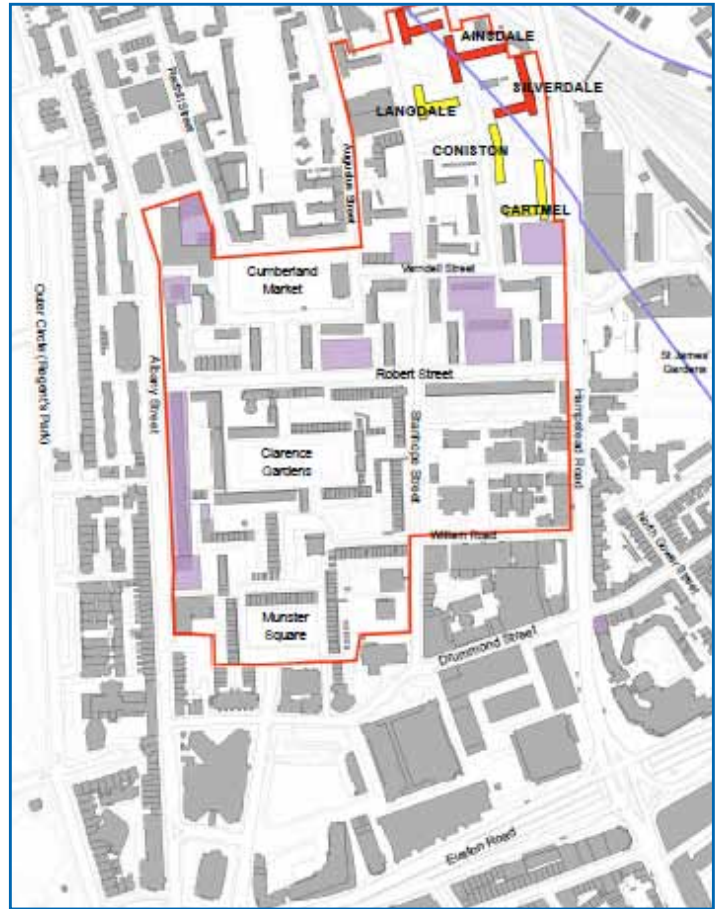
How you can have your say

Download detailed information at www.camden.gov.uk/hs2 and complete an **online feedback form**.

Attend an **exhibition at the Surma Centre, 1 Robert Street, NW1 3JU**
Saturday 1 March 12pm-4pm

Camden officers and consultant Tibbalds will present the proposals and will have feedback forms for you to respond. There will also be a Bengali translator available throughout.

You can also **pick up paper copies** of the consultation details and feedback form from Hpod, One Stop Shop and Bengali Workers Association.



For background information and updates please visit www.camden.gov.uk/hs2

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