

Improving Local Retail Environments – Capital Programme

Update to Dulwich Community Council – 7th July 2008

The ILRE (Improving Local Retail Environments) programme will work with local, retailers, residents, and others to make the local streets that they shop, socialise in and run their businesses from safer, cleaner and better looking places to spend time and money. Its primary aim is to make the local environment more profitable and self-sustaining. £4.5m will be invested in a range of capital schemes, which may include improvements to CCTV, pavements, seating, lighting, signage, planting and shop frontages.

After looking at which sites may benefit most from investment, and some initial discussion with local residents, traders and other interested groups, a list of approved sites has been made.

The 3 sites that were agreed for approval within Dulwich are:

Location	Ward	Maximum Indicative ILRE Capital Funding
Norwood Rd and Half Moon Lane jcn Herne Hill	Village	£670,000
Lordship Lane jnc Melford Rd	College	£244,440
Underhill Road jcn of Hindmans Rd	East Dulwich	£81,480
Total		£995,920

A detailed Delivery Model for implementing the programme has been developed in June and July, and a pilot project located in Borough and Bankside has been chosen to trial the approach. In the meantime, work will begin on the top priority sites chosen in each of the Community Council areas.

As the beneficiaries of any changes will be those living and working within or near to the areas identified, it will be necessary for all concerned to agree on what the investment priorities should be to improve the chosen sites, and what changes in the physical environment can take place to achieve this.

Given the physical impact of the ILRE programme, there are bound to be differences of opinion as to what should be funded on a particular site. The programme is primarily driven by economic development, but should also address other social regeneration issues such as crime prevention, improvement of public space and community cohesion.

As principal beneficiaries of the scheme, traders in particular have a range of roles and responsibilities to ensure the successful rollout of the programme, including:

- Taking an active involvement in developing and supporting the programme priorities

- Accessing appropriate free support services on offer from Southwark Council and its partner agencies
- Working with each other and the to establish ways to sustain and manage any improvement works

Over the next few months, Southwark Council will be contacting traders, residents and users of the Herne Hill site to begin to build consensus on what the local priorities are and how they can be addressed by ILRE.

Timeline – Key Dates

Progress	Date
Development of ILRE programme and site selection	early 2007
Dulwich CC consulted on the ILRE programme	10 th July 2007
Ongoing consultation for other CC areas	late July and early 2008
Final report and agreement to scheme from Council	May 2008
Development of Delivery Model and trial at pilot site (Gt Suffolk St)	June/ July 2008
Agree trader engagement and wider consultation for first Dulwich site (Herne Hill)	July/ August 2008