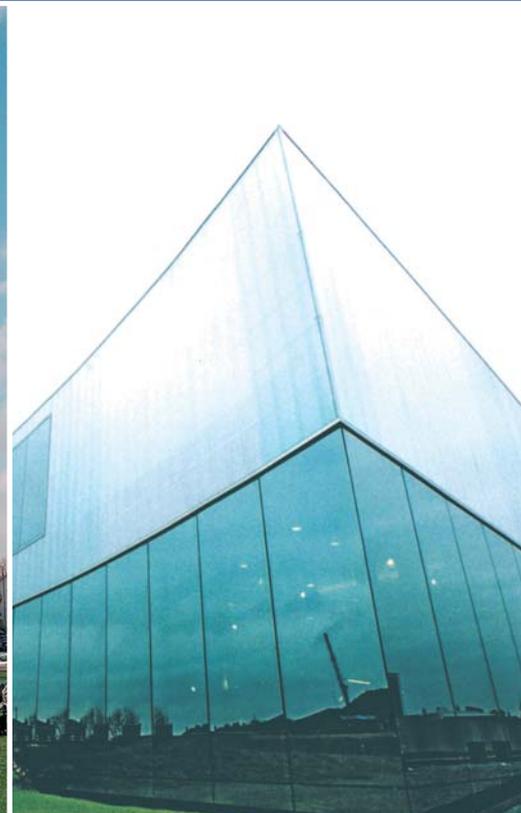


people, prosperity, place

Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008-2020





Mayor's foreword

Lewisham is poised to benefit from huge levels of investment over the coming years. This Regeneration Strategy enables, for the first time, an overview to be taken of the exciting work the Council is currently involved in, to secure the borough's future health and prosperity – to secure a sustainable Lewisham.

We are involved in a huge range of initiatives as diverse and varied as the communities that make our borough unique. Lewisham is home to over 250,000 people. It lies at the head of the Thames Gateway regeneration area and benefits from excellent transport links to Canary Wharf and central London. It is itself a place of work for thousands of people as well as being the place we call home. It is a place where families are raised, where skills are learnt, where people are cared for.

Lewisham is a diverse borough composed of many thriving communities. Like London as a whole, it is characterised by a collection of villages and neighbourhoods. Local people generally feel a great sense of belonging to these neighbourhoods. In response, this Regeneration Strategy is based squarely on the borough's core assets – its people and its places. It looks to the future to see how these two core assets can best contribute to the future prosperity of its residents, businesses and organisations.

The Lewisham Strategic Partnership Sustainable Community Strategy emphasises the important role partnerships play in the ongoing work of the Council. This is a message echoed here. I look forward to continuing to work with you to secure Lewisham's regeneration.

Sir Steve Bullock
Mayor of Lewisham

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Aerial view of Lewisham



Introduction

The Lewisham Regeneration Strategy 2008-2020 sets out our vision for the future of the borough. It describes the projects and plans which will deliver the vision. Lewisham is a unique borough, which enjoys some fine assets. It is formed from a network of historic town and village centres, which are full of character and provide local 'hearts' for our diverse community. We have exceptional transport links to Docklands, the City of London and the West End, providing access to jobs across the capital. We have vibrant schools and colleges which have made significant improvements over recent years. Our young people continue to improve their GCSE results with a 15% increase in four years of young people achieving five A*-C grade. We have world class education institutions in Trinity Laban centre and Goldsmiths, University of London. Thriving creative and cultural industries such as film making, design and music making, add energy and vitality to both our economy and community life. Lewisham also benefits from award winning parks and open spaces.

We value the great things we have, but also recognise there is a need for change. Some of our town centres are in need of investment. Our location within the London Thames Gateway means that we are able to access funding and support to provide the high quality public spaces, shops and services that our communities need. Plans are underway for Lewisham, Catford and Deptford town centres, which will also provide a range of new high quality housing including affordable homes. The completion of Waterlink Way will open up access to our waterways, the River Quaggy and the River Ravensbourne, to provide green and recreational spaces. We can work to manage the growth of our communities so that they are socially, economically and environmentally active. We are putting in place strict standards of design and energy efficiency for new development, especially where change will be significant,

at Convoys Wharf and in Lewisham and Deptford town centres. We will protect areas which are sensitive to change and which local people value the most. We will continue to invest in education to ensure that Lewisham's children and young people have access to the best possible opportunities for growth and development. We are investing over £280 million in our schools, including plans for a new all-through school. We are investing in health and leisure facilities, at Downham, Deptford and Lewisham town centre.

This strategy will be supported by three year implementation plans, structured around the People, Prosperity and Place themes and the key strategic objectives set out for each theme. They will include clear actions and targets with measurable outcomes to demonstrate the impact of our actions and progress towards achieving our objectives. The first implementation plan covering 2008-2011 is now in place.

This is an exciting time. The London Olympics in 2012 provides a unique opportunity to inspire and motivate our people. We are working with our partners to deliver an exceptional programme of regeneration. The projects in the Regeneration Strategy will secure a dynamic, sustainable and thriving Lewisham across the three themes – people, prosperity and place. We hope that you will join us in making Lewisham even better!

A context for regeneration

Lewisham is a special borough. Attractive residential neighbourhoods and exceptional public transport links mean that Lewisham occupies an important position in south east London. As a result, we have outstanding opportunities for investment and regeneration. Growth must be managed so that local residents benefit and sensitive areas of the borough are protected and enhanced.

Sustainable communities – the national policy framework

The Government describes sustainable communities as neighbourhoods in which people live, work and thrive; where social, economic and environmental factors combine to ensure long-term success and durability.

They state that sustainable communities should be:

- **active, inclusive and safe** – fair, tolerant and cohesive with a strong local culture and shared community activities
- **well run** – with effective and inclusive participation, representation and leadership
- **environmentally sensitive** – providing places for people to live that are considerate of the environment, minimise energy consumption and carbon generation, and enhance natural habitats
- **well designed and built** – featuring high quality built and natural environments
- **well connected** – with good transport services and communication linking people to jobs, schools, health and other services
- **thriving** – with a flourishing and diverse local economy
- **well served** – with public, private, community and voluntary services that are appropriate to people's needs and accessible to all
- **fair for everyone** – including those in other communities, now and in the future.

Sustainable Communities Plan

Central government launched the *Sustainable Communities Plan* in February 2003. It sets out a programme of action to create successful, thriving and inclusive communities. The Government is working with councils, partner agencies and local people to put this plan into action.

Strong and Prosperous Communities

The Local Government White Paper: *Strong and Prosperous Communities* was published in October 2006. It sets out an enhanced role for local authorities as strategic leaders and place shapers. Areas addressed in the White Paper include:

- the development of vibrant town centres
- encouraging neighbourhood management and greater devolution of local areas
- strong local partnerships
- work across service boundaries.



Lewisham in London and the Thames Gateway

Sustainable Communities in London

The two major strategic challenges facing London are the accommodation of growth and the alleviation of poverty and deprivation. The Government's *Sustainable Communities in London Plan* says that these challenges need to be met through:

- providing more well designed affordable housing
- improving public transport and other infrastructure to support new and growing communities
- raising education and skill levels
- addressing crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime.

London Plan

In order to achieve the above goals, the Mayor of London's *London Plan* proposes development around areas where trains, buses, tubes and other forms of public transport meet. These areas are seen as a strategic network of town centres. The *London Plan* focuses on investment there to improve health, learning and skills, safety, jobs and housing.

Deptford Creek is identified within the *London Plan* as an Opportunity Area, capable of accommodating substantial new jobs and homes. Lewisham and Catford Town Centres are designated Major Centres. They are important for accommodating economic growth and meeting the needs of the population. In addition, three regeneration areas are designated at Deptford, Lewisham and Bellingham. Lewisham is also home to two preferred industrial sites in the Mayor of London's *Strategic Employment Locations* study, namely the Surrey Canal and Bromley Road Strategic Employment Locations. The *London Plan* states that these areas perform a strategic function by providing a reservoir of business and industrial sites within the London-wide economy.

2012 Olympics

On 6 July 2005 London won the right to host the Olympic and Paralympic Games. The Games, and the preparation period for the Games, represent a fantastic opportunity to inspire and engage people in London to get involved in sporting activity, improving health and raising aspirations. As a neighbour to host boroughs, Lewisham represents a gateway to the Games and to London.

Transport 2025

Transport 2025, produced by Transport for London, sets out a long term vision and will inform the Mayor of London's next Transport Strategy. It sets out to cater for 900,000 more jobs, largely concentrated in central London and Docklands, and 800,000 more people across London. An increase of five million journeys a day by walking, cycling and public transport would be accompanied by car restraint. The plan is to reduce transport's CO2 emissions by 30% by 2025.

Thames Gateway

London Thames Gateway is identified as a key growth area under the Government's *Sustainable Communities Action Plan*. The Government seeks to accommodate significant housing and economic growth in the Thames Gateway, by developing brownfield land and regenerating existing urban areas, placing strong emphasis on the environmental quality of green space and the public realm. Lewisham is in the London Thames Gateway and will therefore benefit from investment in new homes and jobs.

The Catford, Lewisham and North Lewisham corridor represents Lewisham's main focus for growth within the Thames Gateway. Benefiting from good levels of public transport accessibility, the corridor has become a focus of change and significant regeneration.

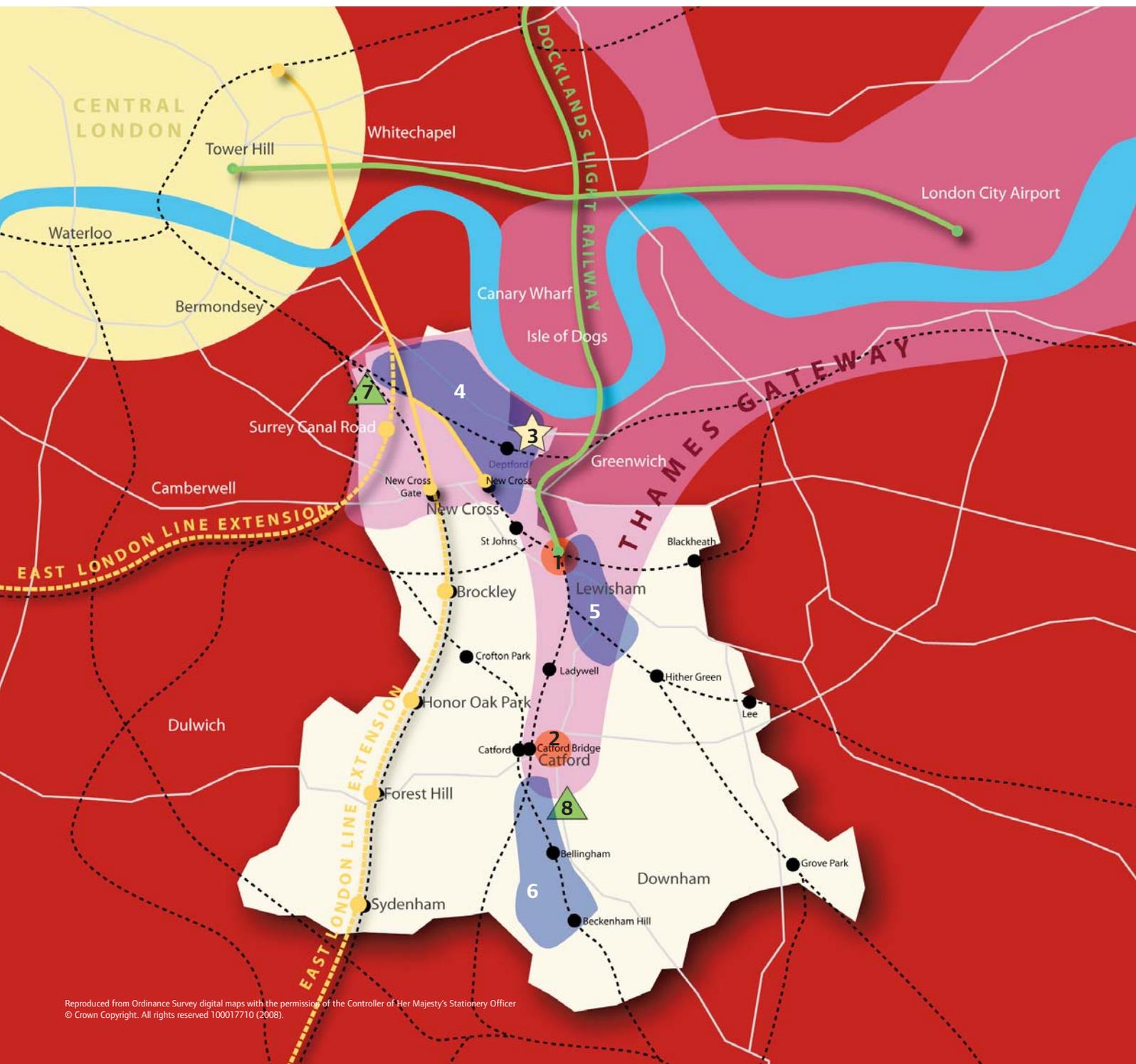
London Plan Designations

- **Major Centre**
 1. Lewisham town centre
 2. Catford town centre

- ★ **Opportunity Area**
 3. Deptford Creekside

- **Areas for Regeneration**
 4. Deptford
 5. Lewisham
 6. Bellingham

- ▲ **Preferred Industrial Location**
 7. Surrey Canal
 8. Bromley Road



‘Together, we will make Lewisham the best place in London to live, work and learn.’ Vision for Lewisham

Local context

Sustainable Community Strategy

The Lewisham Strategic Partnership’s Sustainable Community Strategy sets out how public agencies, businesses and community organisations will enhance the quality of life of local residents, based on the needs and aspirations of Lewisham’s citizens. The strategy runs from 2008-2020. It defines six priority outcomes for Lewisham. By 2020 it is envisaged that Lewisham will be:

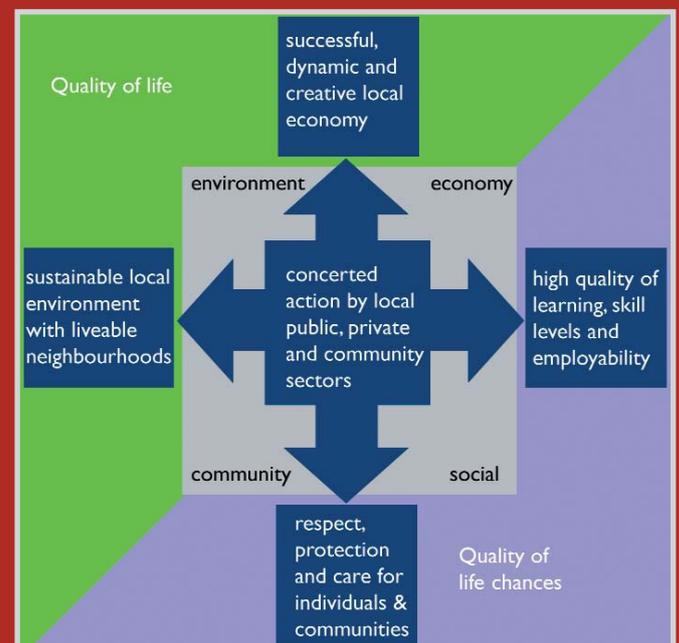
- **ambitious and achieving:** where people are inspired and supported to fulfil their potential
- **safer:** where people feel safe and live free from crime, anti-social behaviour and abuse
- **empowered and responsible:** where people are actively involved in their local area and contribute to supportive communities
- **clean, green and liveable:** where people live in high quality housing and can care for and enjoy their environment
- **healthy, active and enjoyable:** where people can actively participate in maintaining and improving their health and well being
- **dynamic and prosperous:** where people are part of vibrant communities and town centres, well connected to London and beyond.

There are two cross-cutting principles which underpin these six desired outcomes:

- reducing inequality – narrowing the gaps in outcomes for citizens
- delivering together, efficiently, effectively and equitably – ensuring that all citizens have appropriate access to and choice of local services.

The Lewisham Sustainable Community Strategy guides all other local plans. For example, Lewisham’s second Local Area Agreement sets out how prosperity and opportunity for all will be delivered by working in partnership across all sectors.

The figure below demonstrates the Sustainable Community Strategy’s Framework for improving life in Lewisham.



Lewisham's corporate priorities

In 2004 we agreed a set of ten headline priorities. They are designed to ensure that in delivering services the Council:

- focuses on its citizens
- functions coherently
- is transparent
- responds to changing needs and demands.

The ten priorities determine the contribution the Council will make towards delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities outlined above. The corporate priorities are as follows:

- **community leadership and empowerment:** developing opportunities for the active participation and engagement of people in the life of the community
- **young people's achievement and involvement:** raising educational attainment and improving facilities for young people through partnership working
- **clean, green and liveable:** improving environmental management, the cleanliness and care for roads and pavements and promoting a sustainable environment
- **safety, security and a visible presence:** partnership working with the police and others and using the Council's powers to combat anti-social behaviour
- **strengthening the local economy:** gaining resources to regenerate key localities, strengthen employment skills and promote public transport
- **decent homes for all:** investment in social and affordable housing to achieve the Decent Homes Standard, tackle homelessness and supply key worker housing

- **protection of children:** better safeguarding and joined up services for children at risk
- **caring for adults and older people:** working with health services to support older people and adults in need of care
- **active, healthy citizens:** leisure, sporting, learning and creative activities for everyone
- **inspiring efficiency, effectiveness and equity:** ensuring efficiency, effectiveness and equity in the delivery of excellent services to meet the needs of the community.

Local Development Framework

The Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 introduced a new system of plan making in England. This involved creating a portfolio of planning documents called the Local Development Framework (LDF). The Council is currently preparing its own LDF comprising: Local Development Scheme; Development Plan Documents (including Area Action Plans for Catford and Lewisham Town Centres); Supplementary Planning Documents and the Statement of Community Involvement. These documents, along with others, will set out the planning strategy for Lewisham.



Ferranti Park

Lewisham today

Lewisham has some exceptional assets. It is a creative, vibrant, and culturally diverse borough with excellent transport links, abundant green space and an extensive waterway network, a rich heritage, internationally renowned cultural facilities and a network of distinct villages and thriving town centres. It is also well placed to take advantage of investment in regeneration and to accommodate substantial economic growth and sustainable development.

What do you love about Lewisham?



"My family has had a fruit and veg store here for 80 years - the area has become more diverse but the market is still a lively centre for Lewisham's community."
Mrs Cook, Lewisham market trader



"I'm glad more and more artists are moving to Lewisham - they are an invigorating force."
Gabiella Kardos, local artist



"Despite the relative modernity of Lewisham, the older settlements - Deptford and Blackheath - provide a very rich source of historic information about how people lived in the past."
Neil Rhind, local historian



"There's more shops, etc, which has made the area better. Business seems to be growing around Deptford market."
Mr C Archer, local resident



"We use Bellingham Green Park everyday, it's a friendly park, great for the kids and mums to get out and be social."
Shelly Moger and daughter, local residents



"Lewisham does a lot for young people and that's why I got involved in the Young Mayor project, because I want to see change happening for young people."
Siobhan Bell, Young Mayor of Lewisham 2007-08



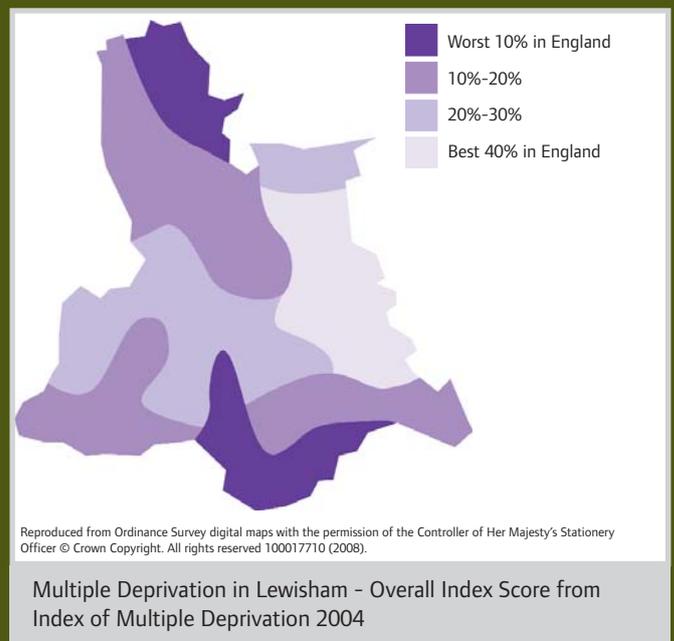
"This area is fantastic, it's so interesting and studying in this building is the best experience anyone can wish for!"
Damien Howell, Trinity Laban student



"The links to London, the coast and the countryside as well as all the green space locally mean you're really in the heart of things."
Barbara Britton, Chair, Lewisham Disability Coalition

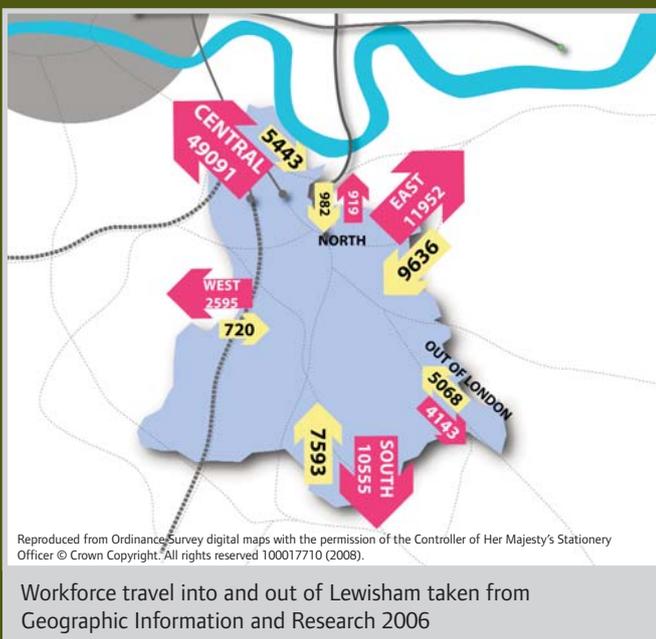
Some of the **key trends** impacting upon Lewisham today include:

- Lewisham is the third largest inner London borough in terms of both population and area. By 2016 the population is expected to increase to approximately 282,000.
- The 2001 census revealed there are more than 27,000 people aged 65 and over in the borough and 16% of households contain a person with a physical disability.
- In 2001, 21% of the borough's population was under 16 years, the second largest child population of all inner London boroughs. It is projected that the proportion of people aged 16 to 24 will rise by 21% by 2016.
- Lewisham is ethnically diverse with 140 languages spoken in the borough. 43% of its population are from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) groups of which by far the largest group is African-Caribbean. As new groups are added to the established community,



including immigrants from central and eastern Europe, our diversity continues to broaden.

- Lewisham is amongst the most deprived local authority areas in England; placed in the worst 20%. Evelyn, New Cross, Downham and Bellingham wards have the highest concentrations of deprivation.
- In 2005, Lewisham's employment rate for those of working age was 71.4%. This is nearly 5% below the national average.
- Lewisham has one of the lowest proportions of residents with a degree or equivalent in inner London.
- Most Lewisham residents in employment work in central London or the Thames Gateway area. The success of the Docklands Light Railway extension connecting Lewisham to Canary Wharf and beyond has reinforced this trend and the coming East London Line may accelerate it.



Delivering the vision for Lewisham

We want people and businesses to make a positive choice to live, work or learn in Lewisham. Our vision for 2020 is of a cohesive, vibrant and dynamic borough. With our communities and partners, we are striving to make Lewisham's neighbourhoods prosperous and creative whilst embracing their diversity. By improving access to jobs, education, health, housing, parks and leisure facilities, we will deliver this vision.

To deliver the vision for Lewisham, twelve objectives have been agreed under the three themes of:

people: the individuals and communities which are Lewisham's greatest asset;

prosperity: the skills and economic opportunities for Lewisham to flourish and thrive; and

place: the natural and built environment that the people of Lewisham live in, value and protect.

People

By 2020, Lewisham will be home to creative, diverse, cohesive and healthy local communities able to support themselves, act independently and engage actively in partnerships to ensure local people of all ages benefit from regeneration. We will achieve this through the following objectives:

1. **diverse and cohesive communities:** to celebrate Lewisham's diverse communities and strengthen community cohesion
2. **healthy communities:** to reduce health inequalities and encourage healthy lifestyles
3. **young communities:** to invest in Lewisham's children and young people
4. **creative communities:** to support and develop creativity in local people

Prosperity

By 2020, Lewisham will have a thriving, dynamic and creative economy. Lewisham's population will be well educated, highly skilled and successful, making an important contribution to the workforce both inside and outside of the borough. We will achieve this through the following objectives:

5. **business enterprise and job growth:** to provide access to jobs and business support for local people
6. **education and skills growth:** to invest in education and skills
7. **creative growth:** to encourage and support creative businesses

Place

By 2020, Lewisham will provide a high quality of life for all residents through attractive, liveable, accessible and safe neighbourhoods along with the provision of high quality facilities and town centres that meet the needs of the community. We will achieve this through the following objectives:

8. **an evolving environment:** to ensure that new development is to the highest standards of design and sustainability
9. **a liveable environment:** to provide decent homes for all residents
10. **a protected and managed environment:** to protect and manage the special areas of Lewisham
11. **transport – an accessible environment:** to provide accessible, convenient and safe transportation networks
12. **a safe environment:** to reduce crime and improve community safety.



Stephen Lawrence Centre, Deptford



People

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Diverse and cohesive communities

Lewisham is one of London's most diverse boroughs and we believe that this diversity is one of our greatest strengths. We understand that the make up of communities and their needs and aspirations change over time. Our policies and services must adapt as communities evolve. Regeneration needs to respect and enhance the existing rich cultural life of the community. It must protect the things that people value most about their local area. We will constantly seek to find better ways of involving and engaging people in the development, planning and delivery of regeneration activities. The new local assemblies being rolled out across the borough will have an important part to play in involving communities in the future. Our aim is to ensure that no section of the community is excluded from the benefits regeneration can bring and no voice goes unheard.

The Council acknowledges that within our community there are many different groups with differing needs. To be fair to all, we consider how what we plan to do will benefit or impact on:

- younger and older people
- disabled people
- women, men and transgender people
- people of different races, including gypsies and Irish travellers
- people of different religions and beliefs
- lesbians, gay men and bisexual people.

We have had, for a number of years, a Comprehensive Equality Scheme. It sets out the Council's commitment across these groups to: eliminate unlawful discrimination, eliminate harassment, promote equality of opportunity, promote good relations between different groups in the community and recognise and take account of people's differences.

We are currently working to broaden and extend the scheme. It will incorporate our statutory equality schemes for race, disability and gender as well as introducing, for the first time, schemes in relation to age, sexual orientation and religion/belief.

We know that we can only deliver excellent services by understanding and addressing the varied needs of all our citizens. We continue to undertake equalities impact assessments on all our services, policies and strategies to identify key areas for promoting equality of opportunity in everything that we do.

In promoting equality and diversity, we work closely with a range of community based organisations. Groups and individuals working in the areas of race, disability, age, gender and sexual orientation all play a vital role in supporting, guiding and challenging the work that we do. We recognise that our active faith communities continue to play a unique part in the social regeneration of Lewisham. Many of these groups also provide services themselves, and all play an important role in shaping the borough now and in the future.

By listening to our community and through developing innovative and effective ways of involving our citizens in policy development, we will understand better the needs and aspirations of local citizens and community groups. With that knowledge, we will be well placed to ensure that we deliver improved services for the whole community.

There is a strong emphasis in Lewisham's Local Area Agreement on both working with local partners, including the voluntary and community sector, and on developing a strong 'neighbourhood element' to any local programme.

130+ languages spoken in the borough

43% black and ethnic minority groups



87 community groups funded by Lewisham Community Development Unit

by **2010** reduce the inequalities in health outcomes by **10%**

Healthy communities

Challenges

Levels of health in Lewisham have improved and are closer to the national average than they have been. However, some areas such as Evelyn and New Cross wards still have higher than average levels of deprivation and ill health. We are committed to reducing health inequalities by 10% by 2010, as measured by life expectancy and infant mortality.

In 2005, the Lewisham Primary Care Trust produced the *Lewisham Health Profile*. The key findings were:

- infant mortality rate is higher than the national average
- premature mortality (under 75) is 25% higher than nationally. The main contributors to this are cancers, coronary heart disease, hypertension and stroke
- alcohol related mortality is fifth highest in London
- sexually transmitted disease, with HIV and Chlamydia, are important health issues locally
- women's health is worsening with falling life expectancy.

Strategies

We are working with the NHS and other partners to improve the health and well-being of local people. One of the main focuses for the Lewisham Local Area Agreement is to tackle health inequalities, and to improve the quality of life for older people by helping them to live healthy, active, independent lives. Healthier Communities: a Health and Wellbeing Framework for Lewisham 2007-10 describes the work taking place. Our Ageing Well Strategy 2007-10 is a ten point programme of action to address issues of concern to older people whose important contribution we value, particularly through their role as carers in the community.

The Adults Strategic Partnership Board is a cross-sector partnership of statutory, public and voluntary sector agencies. It oversees the implementation of the Healthier Communities and Older People block of the Local Area Agreement. It has agreed these outcomes:

- improved health equalities and public health
- people in Lewisham have improved life expectancy
- older people in Lewisham have improved quality of life.

In 2007, the Healthier Communities Select Committee undertook a review of men's health issues and a similar review of women's health will take place in 2008. These reviews will develop recommendations that will be taken forward across the partnership.

The North Lewisham Plan is a programme to tackle the worst health inequalities. Led by the PCT, with support from partners, it aims to combat cardiovascular disease, a key reason for premature deaths in Evelyn and New Cross wards. Through the lottery funded Well London programme, work with the local community to improve health in Bellingham will take place in 2008 .

Actions

We are currently developing and renewing Lewisham's health and leisure facilities. The Downham Health & Leisure Centre opened in March 2007 and is now regarded as a national model of best practice. Refurbishment of Wavelengths pool in Deptford is underway, and the redevelopment of Forest Hill pool is planned. A new leisure centre is also planned for Lewisham town centre. Our excellent parks and open spaces provide opportunities for healthy leisure activities. We actively promote walking and cycling as healthy alternatives to the car.

We will continue to work in partnership to improve health and reduce health inequalities amongst local people.

New Cross Gate New Deal for Communities Project

Leisure Investment

1. Wavelengths
2. Loampit Vale leisure centre
3. Forest Hill pools
4. Bellingham recreation centre
5. Downham Health & Leisure Centre

Health Investment

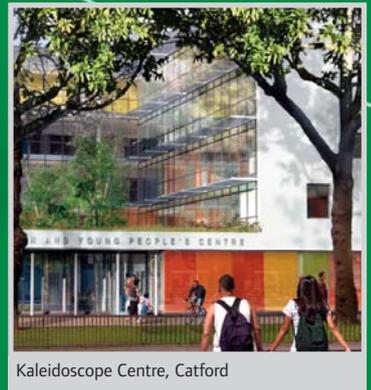
6. Waldron Centre
7. Lewisham Hospital
8. Kaleidoscope



Taking care of the older generation



Downham Health & Leisure Centre



Kaleidoscope Centre, Catford

25% of Lewisham's population is aged 19 or under

Young communities

Lewisham's children and young people are its future. Their energy, creativity and enthusiasm make our borough a better place to live. We are ambitious in meeting their needs and aspirations. Together with families, we will improve the lives and life chances of the children and young people of Lewisham. We already have the second largest child population of all inner London boroughs and it is projected that the proportion of young people aged 16-24 will rise by 21% by the year 2016. However this focus on young people does not mean that we overlook the important and significant contribution that older people make to the success of the community.

Listening to our young people is essential to improving their lives and life chances. In 2004, Sir Steve Bullock, Mayor of Lewisham, created the first directly elected Young Mayor and advisory group in the country. Each Young Mayor holds office for one year and has a budget of £25,000 to spend on projects benefiting young people. Our successful engagement with young people is now being copied by other councils.

We understand the challenges facing our children and young people and, together with our partners, have developed a Children and Young People's Plan (2006-09). That plan sets out our priorities:

- **being healthy:** to reduce the impact of health inequalities, to reduce teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infection rates, to improve the care of children with asthma, to reduce obesity, to promote emotional well-being and to reduce the level of substance misuse.
- **staying safe:** to improve placement stability for looked after children and to move more of our looked after children closer to Lewisham, to support families in crisis, to improve customer services in front line social care, to reduce bullying and the number of childhood accidents

- **enjoy and achieve:** to ensure sufficient high quality early years provision, to raise education standards at all key stages, to improve attendance, to increase capacity at mainstream schools to support those children with special educational needs and to increase access to safe and enjoyable leisure activities.
- **making a positive contribution:** to develop further opportunities to participate in citizenship activities, to promote positive behaviour and reduce bullying, to reduce the numbers of young people entering the youth justice system and to improve care planning arrangements for transition from children's services to adult services.
- **economic well-being:** to increase the number of young people in education, employment and training, to improve attainment and progression routes for young people aged 14-19, to secure childcare to allow parents to access employment and training and to reduce the number of children living in non-decent or overcrowded housing.

Initiatives to achieve these goals include:

- a £280 million programme of renewal and modernisation of our secondary schools
- establishing clusters of children's centres to provide health services and child care provision
- continuing to promote healthy lifestyles initiatives through schools, Sure Start/Children's Centres and other settings
- improving youth cultural, leisure and sporting activities
- continuing to plan and provide 14-19 provision to ensure collaboration delivers a breadth of provision in the borough.

“Together with families, we will improve the lives and life chances of the children and young people of Lewisham by ensuring that they are healthy, stay safe, enjoy and achieve, make a positive contribution and achieve economic well being”

Vision Statement Children and Young People’s Strategic Partnership



Creative communities

Lewisham has a remarkable cluster of nationally and internationally recognised educational and cultural assets including Lewisham College, the Trinity Laban centre, the Horniman Museum and Goldsmiths, University of London. The reputation of these institutions, including the high number of Turner Prize winners who studied at Goldsmiths, University of London and the inspirational lottery-funded Trinity Laban building, attract students from all over the world.

Many artists and designers stay on in Lewisham after completing their training and education resulting in a thriving cultural industries sector within the local economy. We are working to provide inspirational environments and support for these creative communities. Examples of existing successful and aspiring creative hubs include Deptford Creekside and Havelock Walk.

Creekside Village will be a new mixed use scheme which will incorporate two floors of theatre, dance space and creative industry incubation space, much of which will be occupied by Trinity Laban and will complement the existing creative industries in the area.

The Creative Lewisham Report in 2001 led to the development of creative hubs locally. Support for cultural enterprise has become a key part of Lewisham's approach to regeneration. The local economy, education and community development all benefit from creative industries.

The Lewisham Cultural Strategy is informed by this wider appreciation of the role of culture in the borough. It has influenced some of the most dynamic projects in Lewisham. These range from innovative urban design projects, embedding creativity in Lewisham schools and developing events and festivals for the enjoyment of all.

Four major programmes that are fundamental to the continuing success and future review of the Cultural Strategy are:

- the continuation of the work of the Creative Lewisham Agency, seeking regeneration through a primary cluster of cultural and creative industries, developing creative capacity across the borough and attracting external funding and partnerships
- major mixed use schemes having the potential to include a vibrant mix of uses including cultural uses
- the further development of the highly regarded provision for youth culture in the borough, building on the current cluster of innovative and inclusive practice both in and out of school, capitalising on government initiatives and funding schemes, and ensuring an entitlement to high quality cultural opportunity for every young person in the borough
- a sustainable programme of cultural festivals, which fully acknowledges the diversity of the borough's communities, provides a platform for their skills and talents, creates new audiences and affords the opportunity to build local capacity.

“Today places like Lewisham have one critical resource – their people: their cleverness, ingenuity, aspirations, motivations, imagination and creativity.” Creative Lewisham Report Charles Landry



Prosperity

By 2020, Lewisham will have a thriving, dynamic and creative economy. Lewisham's population will be well educated, highly skilled and successful, making an important contribution to the workforce both inside and outside of the borough.

Business enterprise and job growth

Many Lewisham residents work in central London or increasingly, Canary Wharf. Within the borough, the public sector is a major employer, providing some 40% of all jobs. There are three key challenges:

- equipping local people with appropriate skills for employment outside the borough
- encouraging local services and businesses to recruit local people
- improving training and employment initiatives.

Childcare is important in increasing household incomes, particularly for single parents. The availability of good quality affordable childcare is often key to taking up a job or training place. Lewisham has seen a huge growth in childcare places, providing 6375 places in January 2007 against an original target of 1375 places.

There are 28 town centres in Lewisham. Town centre management initiatives have been established for ten of these. Major expansion is planned for Lewisham town centre through the Lewisham Gateway scheme. This will build upon on the town centre's role as a major transport interchange and retail centre. Area Action Plans are currently being developed for both Lewisham and Catford town centres. These aim to prompt new development whilst ensuring that growth will be sustainable.

Deptford is identified as a key area for diversification and regeneration. Major development is planned for Deptford High Street and Convoys Wharf. This will create new visitor destinations and business opportunities and provide a significant number of diverse new jobs in the borough. The Deptford, New Cross and Lewisham area has also been identified by the Government as a City Growth Area. This recognises the potential to create a

new business-led economic strategy, to attract entrepreneurs and new companies into inner-city London. This will create new business and jobs and support the development of existing firms.

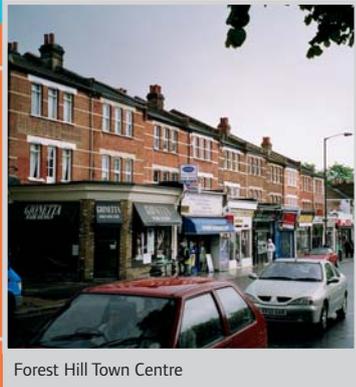
The Lewisham Economic Development Business Plan sees Lewisham becoming one of London's most attractive, vibrant and prosperous boroughs. The action plan includes proposals such as:

- localised business support advisers and outreach services
- widening opportunities for creative business start up
- intensifying and increasing the throughput of existing community based learning centres
- promoting more local employment within the public sector employers in the borough
- maximising local benefits from development opportunities.

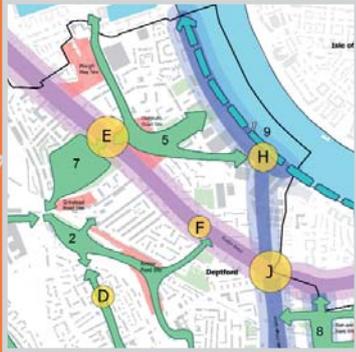
Examples of successful projects already in place include:

- our Business Advisory Service, providing information, advice, counselling and training for businesses and people wishing to start up in business. The service also provides information and advice on grants and loans to help people start up in business or to support existing small businesses
- the bi-annual Lewisham Business Awards, launched in 2005, which recognises the important contribution made by local businesses. Achievement is recognised in areas such as innovation, customer service, creativity and social enterprise.

- Major Town Centre
- District Town Centre
- Town Centre Managment
- Development Framework or Area Action Plan



Forest Hill Town Centre



North Lewisham Masterplan



Cornmill Gardens

Lewisham has **92** Schools

Community Education Lewisham offer **150** courses

Education and skills growth

Education and skills growth is particularly important in Lewisham. It is vital that Lewisham residents are able to access employment opportunities within the wider London economy. The borough's schools, and higher and further education institutions therefore play a central role in its regeneration.

Key council projects contributing towards education and skills growth include:

- the adult learning centre at Granville Park, the borough's first purpose built adult learning centre opened to students in July 2006
- the Opening Doors service which aims to equip Lewisham residents aged over 19 with job search skills and the confidence to secure employment
- the opening of Crossways Academy in 2005, providing first class sixth form facilities.

The Council is seeking to build upon what has already been achieved. We are increasing the number of adult basic skills learners from across the community through offering more locally based learning opportunities, extended school programmes and community learning centres. Lewisham College has a strong reputation for innovation and excellence and was graded as 'outstanding' in its recent Ofsted inspection, the highest rating for any further education college in London and second nationally.

The New Horizons project will provide an innovative approach to assist people on incapacity benefit and lone parents to develop skills and confidence to re-enter the labour market. The project will work with public and voluntary sector partners to provide a programme of tailored support offering practical, psychological and, if necessary, financial support over a sustained period.

We are investing significantly in school buildings and computer technology to improve radically the quality of education provision for all children in the borough. This will create high quality resources for the whole community. In 2006 the Bouygues Education consortium signed the £70m PFI credit contract with Lewisham Council to design, build and provide facilities management services for the next 30 years to three schools. Greenvale Special Needs School has now been completed and work on Crofton and Forest Hill secondary schools is now underway.

In addition to the Secondary Schools PFI, Building Schools for the Future (BSF) is the biggest single government investment in improving secondary school buildings for over 50 years. Lewisham has been awarded £210m BSF funding and is carrying out one of the most ambitious programmes in the country. All secondary schools involved in the programme are listed on the map opposite. The borough's primary schools are also undergoing a renewal programme. The rebuilding of Childeric, Rushey Green and Ashmead schools is underway. Tidemill school will be replaced. There is also significant investment in Lewisham's three academies. This investment in the physical fabric of school buildings and in ICT and the delivery of the initiatives set out in our Children and Young People Plan will combine powerfully to help drive up attainment levels. Because they are designed for wider community use, these new and improved buildings deliver high quality learning and leisure spaces for the whole community.

Our libraries also make a significant contribution to the development of basic skills and life-long learning. Their vision for the service involves moving into a wider range of community services and introducing the 24/7 library through internet supplying of services. The exciting new Downham Library opened in March 2007 and proposals are underway for the upgrade and repair of the Forest Hill library and the refurbishment of Manor House to improve the building and modernise service provision.

Further and Higher Education and Adult Learning

1. Trinity Laban centre
2. Goldsmiths, University of London
3. Lewisham College
4. Christ the King Sixth Form College
5. Crossways Academy

Building Schools for the Future Programme

6. Deptford Green
7. Addey and Stanhope
8. New all-through school in Lewisham Town Centre
9. Prendergast School
10. Northbrook School
11. Catford High
12. Bonus Pastor
13. Sydenham
14. Sedgehill
15. Brent Knoll School

16. Meadowgate School
17. Watergate School
18. New Woodlands School
19. Pendragon School
20. Abbey Manor College

PFI Schools Programme

21. Forest Hill
22. Crofton
23. Greenvale

Academies

24. St Matthew Academy
25. Haberdasher's Aske's Hatcham College
26. Haberdasher's Aske's Knight's Academy

Education Centres

27. Horniman Museum
28. Creekside Centre

Primary School Investment

29. Ashmead
30. Childeric
31. Rushey Green
32. Tidemill

Libraries

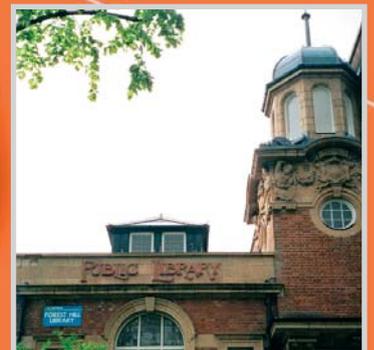
33. New Cross
34. Wavelengths
35. Blackheath Village
36. Crofton Park
37. Lewisham
38. Manor House
39. Catford
40. Torridon Road
41. Forest Hill
42. Sydenham
43. Grove Park
44. Downham



Researcher at Goldsmiths, University of London



BSF proposal for Sedgehill School



Forest Hill Library

“If the creative sector’s full potential is realised in the borough, it will not only affect those who work in that sector but will also positively improve the lives of all Lewisham residents bringing sustainable regeneration, an enhanced urban environment and increased opportunities for all.” **Creative Lewisham Agency**

Creative growth

Lewisham has a dynamic and growing creative enterprise sector. This includes artists and creative businesses, arts based schools, higher and further education, youth arts groups, voluntary and community groups, festivals, art venues and galleries. We are home to the Horniman Museum, Albany and The Broadway theatres, Rivoli ballroom, Trinity Laban centre and Goldsmiths, University of London. The Council is building upon these existing assets by stimulating creative enterprise in Lewisham. This is helping to address the issue of social exclusion as well as opening up employment opportunities.

One of the strengths of the borough is the density and quality of Creative Sector clusters. The most significant cluster is around Deptford and New Cross. This was one of the first hubs developed from the London Development Agency’s Creative London investment and support strategies. The Creative Lewisham Agency (CLA) is working with us to strengthen and protect the existing cluster as well as market Lewisham as a destination for cultural tourism. Significant projects are already underway, including plans for a high profile development at Convoys Wharf, the proposed Richard Rogers redevelopment of Deptford station and High Street and the commitment of Goldsmiths, University of London to develop improved local initiatives.

We have a vision of the whole borough as a visually exciting, creative and imaginative hub within London. The Creative Lewisham project focuses on urban renewal, cultural regeneration and creative talent. The Creative Lewisham Agency (CLA) provides a support base for creative enterprises including a wealth of information and guidance on creative resources, workspace and gallery facilities and attracting partners and funding.

One of the key themes of Lewisham’s Economic Development Business Plan is creativity and culture. Creativity is a key driver in the economy of Lewisham. We are building on the success of creative hubs such as those in Deptford Creekside and Havelock Walk, Forest Hill and the generation of creative talent from Goldsmiths, University of London and the Trinity Laban centre. We are providing the infrastructure to turn talented individuals into entrepreneurs by:

- widening opportunities for creative business start up
- identifying new development sites and other town centres and employment areas particularly suitable for the creative industries
- providing suitable facilities for showcasing the local creative industries.

Lewisham will be the number one destination of choice for artists, designer-makers and craftspeople seeking to establish small enterprises, and the presence of creative clusters and communities in the borough will enhance quality of life for everyone.

over **550** small and medium-sized creative businesses currently exist in Lewisham



Place

By 2020, Lewisham will provide a high quality of life for all residents through attractive, liveable, accessible and safe neighbourhoods along with the provision of high quality facilities and town centres that meet the needs of the community.

An evolving environment

At the beginning of the nineteenth century, Deptford was the largest settlement in Lewisham and an important naval base. The surrounding area was primarily agricultural, including Lewisham, which straddled the valley of the River Ravensbourne. Smaller villages and hamlets spread across the borough including Lee, Brockley, Hither Green, Southend, Sydenham and Blackheath. The present-day structure of Lewisham, the local centres and major roads, is derived from this historic pattern of settlements and lanes which connected them.

The beginning of the nineteenth century and the construction of railways brought rapid urbanisation to Lewisham. By 1914, most of the borough was built-up, but extensive open areas remained in the south-east. Two large areas of land were acquired by the London County Council in 1920 and developed as the Bellingham and Downham Estates, housing almost 50,000 people. After World War Two, bomb damaged neighbourhoods were reconstructed, resulting in much of the purpose built council housing that exists today.

Lewisham is currently undergoing a period of major transformation. Large scale developments are coming forward in Lewisham, Catford, New Cross and Deptford. The New Cross Gate New Deal for Communities is delivering significant regeneration of the New Cross Gate area, including a flagship NDC centre, in partnership with the local community. The extension to the East London Line will connect large areas of the borough to the London Overground network for the first time. This also brings major opportunities for regeneration.

New developments will provide housing and jobs to accommodate our growing population and revitalise our town centres. One of our key challenges is to preserve or enhance the environment, community facilities and urban design standards in new

developments. The proposed Local Development Framework and planning system aim to achieve this balance. They will ensure that new development and regeneration activities incorporate high standards of design, accessibility and sustainability. Through the careful consideration of planning applications, we seek to improve the quality of the existing environment, attract business and investment and reinforce civic pride and a sense of place.

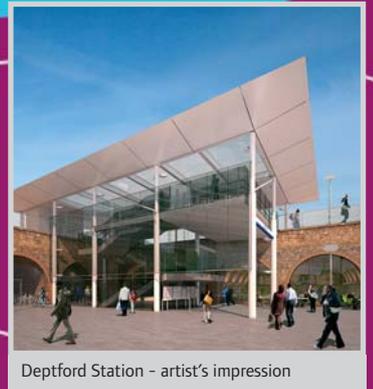
New development brings opportunities to create attractive new streets and public spaces and beautiful architecture. Good design will improve the quality of life for local people and help attract inward investment. We will also play a key role in ensuring development is environmentally sustainable, taking full account of the needs of sustainable waste management, flood risk assessment, sustainable urban drainage, the need to address air and water quality and the need for new development to address energy efficiency needs and adopt renewable forms of energy regeneration.

Climate change is predicted to become more pronounced in the future. The government is setting a target to reduce CO2 emissions by 60% by 2050. Lewisham will encourage local people to play their part through waste reduction, recycling, reducing emissions, improving household energy efficiency and encouraging the use of sustainable transport methods such as walking and cycling.

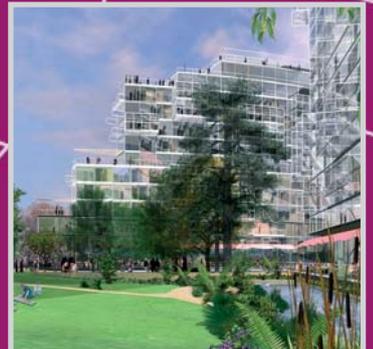
Lewisham has been addressing sustainable energy issues for many years and was declared a Beacon Council in 2005-2006 for its work on energy efficiency. We are one of the largest users of renewable energy in western Europe.

Major Development Opportunity

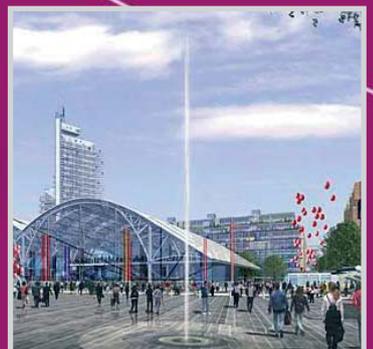
1. Convoys Wharf
2. Deptford town centre
3. Seagers Distillery
4. Lewisham town centre
5. Catford town centre
6. Millwall



Deptford Station - artist's impression



Lewisham Gateway - artist's impression



Convoys Wharf - artist's impression

“Decent homes are important for the health and well-being of those living in them... In short decent homes are a key element of any thriving, sustainable community.”
Department for Communities and Local Government

A liveable environment

Lewisham is an increasingly popular place to live, as reflected in the upward price of market housing. Increasing the supply of good quality housing generally is a key priority so that young people growing up in Lewisham today have an opportunity to remain in the borough as part of stable, cohesive communities.

Households are changing and so are the types of housing they need. Families increasingly want to live closer to good public transport and local facilities. Larger family housing is in short supply across the public sector where overcrowding remains a major concern and private sector where fewer larger homes are built. We will encourage the development of all new homes to meet the demand for family housing and for smaller homes for households without children.

Through our affordable housing funded programme Lewisham, in collaboration with registered social landlords and the private sector, will increase the amount of housing provided over the next ten years. We will ensure that affordable housing meets with agreed local, regional and national targets and that these new homes are built to a good quality, have a low impact on the environment and address the changing needs of households throughout the years. Lewisham has for many years been one of London's more affordable areas to buy a home but this has become more difficult due to rising house prices. We are therefore keen to encourage a range of affordable housing for sale which is within the reach of Lewisham residents. This, along with more rented social homes, will contribute towards meeting existing and future demand for secure and affordable housing. It will also help many of those currently waiting for a permanent home for whom Lewisham has responsibility. This is a part of our strategy to reduce the numbers in temporary accommodation to 877 by the Government target of 2010.

Over the period 2005 to 2006 we exceeded the housing targets for the borough and we aim to meet the current target of 10,830 additional dwellings for the period 2006-7 to 2016-17. This will be achieved through promoting a number of masterplanned developments including Convoys Wharf and Lewisham Gateway and management of the Council's own housing stock along with the provision of new affordable homes.

The Government has set a target of 2010-12 for councils to bring all of their homes up to the Decent Homes Standard. Having a decent home means a home that is safe, warm and dry. Lewisham's Decent Homes Strategy is on target to bring additional investment of up to £500 million to improve the standard of housing for many council tenants. Through consultation with residents, a solution for the whole borough has been developed using all three options presented by the Government:

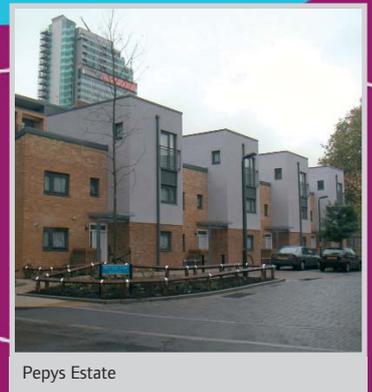
- an Arms Length Management Organisation (ALMO) known as 'Lewisham Homes'
- Brockley and Chrysalis Private Finance Initiatives (PFI)
- stock transfers to existing or new not for profit housing organisations including Excalibur, Grove Park, Foreshore, Lee, Orchard, Village Court, Lewisham Park and London's first Community Gateway project - Phoenix Community Housing in South Lewisham.

In addition, a number of major regeneration schemes are well underway including the completed redevelopment of Sundermead Estate, over 500 newly built properties at Silwood and major refurbishment of Honor Oak Estate along with good progress on major refurbishments for Kender and Pepys Estates. Other regeneration schemes proposed include Heathside and Lethbridge and Milford Towers.

- **Brockley PFI**
- **Chrysalis PFI**
- **Phoenix Community Housing**
- **Stock Transfers**
 1. New Cross Gate
 2. Foreshore
 3. Orchard Court and Village Court
 4. Lewisham Park
 5. North East Lewisham
 6. Grove Park
 7. Bungalow Estate

- ★ **Major Regeneration Schemes**
 8. Silwood Estate
 9. Pepys Estate
 10. Kender Estate
 11. Heathside
 12. Sundermead Estate
 13. Honor Oak
 14. Milford Towers

- **Major Development Opportunity**
 15. Convoys Wharf
 16. Millwall Football Club
 17. Lewisham Town Centre
 18. Catford Town Centre



Pepys Estate



Redevelopment of Sundermead Estate



Phoenix Community Housing tenants

14% of the borough is parkland and 13% is of nature conservation importance

A protected and managed environment

Lewisham has a wealth of first class parks, including a number which have achieved 'Green Flag' status. Lewisham also has four sites of major ecological importance – Beckenham Place Park, Blackheath, the Thames/Deptford Creek and Forest Hill to New Cross Gate railway cutting – and countless other areas of nature conservation importance including rail side land, ponds, woods and wastelands. We have 18 of these sites directly under ecological management including Downham Woodland Walk and Deptford Creek

We are seeking to enhance access to local parks and improve facilities for local people. Proposals are already underway for significant improvements to Beckenham Place Park. The principal aims of our Open Space Strategy 2005-2010 include:

- to protect open space in Lewisham from inappropriate development
- to enhance and improve the level of quality of open space in Lewisham
- to improve accessibility of open spaces to promote greater social inclusion
- to build on the role that open spaces offer in sustaining the health and well-being of residents
- to reduce the fear of crime in open spaces, making Lewisham a safer place.

Lewisham's rivers provide important wildlife corridors and opportunities for recreation, and initiatives such as Waterlink Way and the Thames Path aim to enhance access and enjoyment for local people. We seek to protect and enhance watercourses through creating buffer zones and encouraging river naturalisation projects. We have worked with the Environment Agency to restore the River Quaggy in Chinbrook Meadows to a

natural condition. We are also working to enhance the River Ravensbourne at Cornmill Gardens and Ladywell Fields. The Lewisham Gateway development will provide a new park at the confluence of the rivers Quaggy and Ravensbourne, opening access to this important ecological and historic site for the first time in many years.

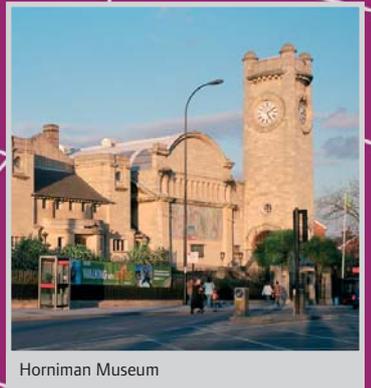
Lewisham's history can still be seen today in its buildings and landscape. Lewisham has around 540 listed buildings. Two buildings are Grade I listed reflecting their importance nationally although all enjoy the same level of protection. There are 26 designated Conservation Areas in the borough. The purpose of Conservation Areas is to ensure that change takes place in a way that preserves or enhances the Area's particular architectural or historic character. We make full use of our powers to control development in these areas. We have a rolling programme for the preparation of character appraisals and improvement schemes for areas including Belmont, Blackheath, Brookmill Road, Brockley, Culverley Green, Hatcham, St Mary's and Sydenham Thorpes. Where we consider a building to be of architectural and/or historical importance in the community we can apply a local listing.

The Council is also responsible for keeping the borough clean and free of litter. We are committed to cleaning town centres, council land and roads on a regular basis. Lewisham's Inner City Sustainable Waste Management Communication and Education Programme promotes recycling and the reduction of waste. Increased frequency of collection, inclusion of more materials, a green waste service and recycling facilities and information for all estates are part of our approach. The recently adopted Municipal Waste Strategy will address the challenge of reducing waste at source and achieving a 20% increase in recycling and composting.

- **Parkland**
- ⋯ **Sites of Nature Conservation Importance**
- **Green Chain Walk**
- - - **Thames Path**
- - - **Waterlink Way**
- ▶ **Green Flag Park**
 1. Brookmill Park
 2. Chinbrook Meadows
 3. Eckington Gardens
 4. Horniman Gardens
 5. Manor House Gardens
 6. Sydenham Wells Park
 7. Telegraph Hill Park
 8. Bellingham Green
- Conservation Areas**
- **Grade I Listed Buildings**
 9. Boone's Chapel, Lee
 10. St Paul's Church, Deptford
- **Ecology Centre**
 11. Horniman Museum
 12. Creekside Centre
- **Major Waste Facility**
 13. Convoys Wharf
 14. Landmann Way



Telegraph Hill Park



Horniman Museum



Local street cleaner

Lewisham has **20** mainline stations, **3** DLR Stations, and **42** bus routes

Transport – an accessible environment

Lewisham is exceptionally well served by public transport. We have regular train services from the borough's main stations to Central London, and fast access to Canary Wharf, a major employment hub, via the DLR. Increasing the capacity of the DLR, delivering the East London Line extension and creating a state of the art interchange at Lewisham town centre are our major transport priorities. With only 43% of Lewisham residents having access to a car or van it is vital to have an integrated approach to transport planning.

We are working with Transport for London (TfL) to increase the capacity of the DLR to deliver the East London line extension. Improvements to Lewisham, Deptford, Catford, New Cross Gate and Forest Hill stations are a priority and will be key to regeneration of the areas surrounding them.

Lewisham has secured major transport funding with:

- a ten year road and pavement renewal programme
- school travel plans being rolled out to all schools
- completion of the London Cycle Network by 2010
- town centre improvement in Sydenham and other centres
- 20 mph zones and other road safety projects to reduce casualties.

Walking and cycling are actively promoted. The Lewisham Walking Festival encourages residents to discover the borough's remarkable sights and interesting places on foot. These measures, along with many others aim to assist with the reduction of CO2 emissions.

We adopted our Local Implementation Plan (LIP) in 2007, which aims to:

- make it easier to get to the places we need to
- reduce the environmental damage that some forms of travel can cause
- guide how Lewisham streets are managed.

The LIP sets out how we propose to implement the London Mayor's *Transport Strategy* within the borough including the following proposals:

- introducing environmental improvements to Sydenham High Street
- pursuing 'Legible Lewisham' and 'Deptford Links' to improve the walking environment and links within and around Deptford
- removing the gyratory system at Kender Triangle and reinstating two way traffic at Queens Road and New Cross Road
- relocating the South Circular at Catford to allow revitalisation of the town centre
- removing Lewisham roundabout and creating an 'H shaped' street layout to rationalise the traffic movement and provide simple and safe pedestrian access directly from the station to the high street.

We are working with partners to improve access to all stations. Works are currently proposed for six stations to ensure that they are brought up to Disability Discrimination Act standard. They are Lewisham, Blackheath, New Cross Gate, Forest Hill, Grove Park and New Cross stations.

The replacement of Deptford Station will also involve a £25m investment, including improvements to the listed carriage ramp to provide a safer, accessible and more welcoming environment.

● Area Based Transport Schemes

- 1. Deptford Links
- 2. Kender Triangle
- 3. Lewisham town centre
- 4. Catford town centre
- 5. Forest Hill town centre
- 6. Sydenham High Street

★ Lewisham State of the Art Interchange

● Station Improvements



Lewisham station



Sydenham High Street



Deptford Station - artist's impression

A safe environment

Tackling crime and ensuring the safety and security of everyone in our community is one of our key priorities. We publish a Crime Audit every three years, and in 2005 we published our Crime, Drugs and Anti-social Behaviour Strategy which shows what we are doing to tackle everything from gang violence and graffiti through to domestic abuse and 'hate crime'. Projects include:

- an increased visible presence on the streets, in particular through council funded community support officers and council wardens
- introducing programmes to remove abandoned cars, fly tipping and graffiti
- supporting the police in introducing Safer Neighbourhood Teams.

Consultation on a new Anti-social Behaviour Strategy is due soon.

The London Mayor's *100 Public Spaces Programme* launched in 2002 is an initiative to provide 100 accessible, safe and quality public spaces for Londoners. Lewisham Gateway and Kender Triangle/New Cross Gate have been identified as public spaces within this initiative. We also recognise the potential to create new safe and attractive civic spaces within major new developments including at Convoys Wharf and Catford Town Centre.

In July 2006 the Department for Transport approved our expression of interest for the street lighting PFI project, undertaken in partnership with the London Borough of Croydon and worth £19m in investment to Lewisham. Works will be delivered between 2009 and 2013 and will involve fast track replacement of rundown lighting columns to provide better, brighter street lighting which will improve road safety and reduce crime and the fear of crime.

The Safer Lewisham Partnership, of which we are a key member, will continue to focus on four key goals, which are:

- to engage all local neighbourhoods and communities in the process of reducing and preventing crime and minimising public risks arising from major incidents, disaster or terrorism
- to tackle anti-social behaviour and ensure that communities are not blighted by neighbourhood nuisance and abusive behaviour to people and/or the local environment
- to tackle the issue of drug-related crime and work to support the implementation of the *National Drug Strategy* and local drug strategy
- to reduce the following crime types: gun crime, street crime (personal robbery), burglary, car crime, domestic violence and other violent crime, hate crime and crime on passengers in public transport.

Building safer and stronger communities is a key strand of Lewisham's Local Area Agreement, and we are committed to working with partners to deliver the following priority actions that have been identified:

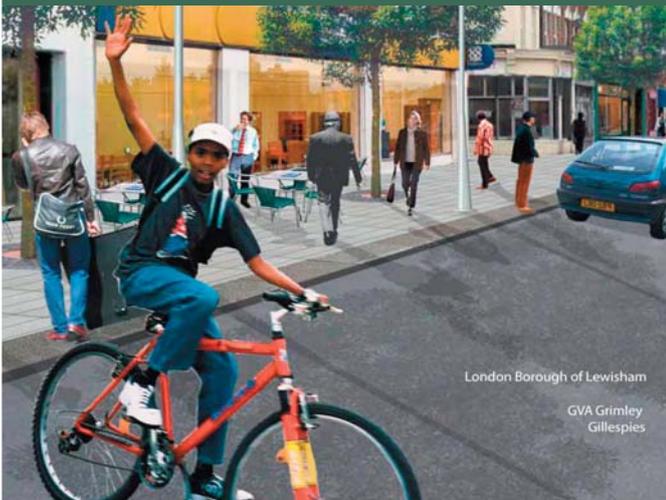
- reduce crime
- reduce the fear of crime and public concern over anti social behaviour
- minimise harm caused by illegal drugs
- reduce re-offending
- to have cleaner, greener and liveable public spaces
- reduce risk of harm or death caused by fire
- increase the capacity of local communities to participate in local decision making and influence service delivery
- improve quality of life in the most disadvantaged neighbourhoods.



Case studies

The Council and our partners have worked hard to meet challenges and deliver projects that support the vision of Lewisham as the best place in London to live, work and learn. These case studies are just a flavour of the many successes that we have to celebrate and provide excellent examples for us to continue to build upon.

Hither Green Community



Hither Green is home to a mature and diverse London community with active residents and local group who raised a number of concerns about the area and quality of life offered by their neighbourhood. In response to the community's commitment to improving their environment, the Council secured resources through a Section 106 planning agreement with the developers of Meridian South at the former Hither Green Hospital site to prepare an urban design and development framework, providing an informal regeneration programme to promote change and create a positive image for the area.

We have appointed a part-time town centre manager for Hither Green and a part time facilitator to set up a neighbourhood management group to assist in bringing the strategy forward to implementation.

Havelock Walk



Havelock Walk is a live/work hub located in the heart of Forest Hill. It is home to a diverse community of creative people including sculptors, photographers, ceramicists and designers. Having been bombed in the war Havelock Walk remained virtually derelict until near the end of the last century. The availability of affordable space caught the eye of sculptor Jeff Lowe, who has since encouraged other artists to move to the street, creating a hub of artistic activity.

A Planning Brief for the area was agreed in 1998 with the objective to promote and encourage local business in the borough. In particular, it promotes the concept of live/work units where an element of new residential accommodation is provided ancillary to commercial units. Lewisham Council has now designated Havelock Walk as a part of the Forest Hill Conservation Area, in recognition of the energy that the community brings to the local area.

Phoenix Community Housing



A high number of the homes in the Bankfoot, Bellingham and John Henry neighbourhood do not meet the Decent Homes Standard and need higher than average levels of investment. In January 2007, 68% of tenants voted in favour of transferring the area's 6,356 council properties to the Phoenix Community Housing association, in the borough's largest ever stock transfer and the first Community Gateway project in London.

The Association will spend £71 million over the next five years bringing local homes up to the 'Phoenix Standard', a higher specification than the Government's Decent Homes Standard. As well as having seven locally elected residents on the board, tenants and leaseholders in the area will be encouraged to become members of Phoenix - giving them a big say in how their homes are going to be improved and more control and involvement in the way their homes are managed.

Kaleidoscope



Catford 'Kaleidoscope' Centre is the first centre of its kind in England to provide a comprehensive range of integrated services for children and young people, housed in an innovative, award winning building. These services cover everything from physiotherapy to child protection.

Families and young people were involved in the design and development of the new centre, which has been called an example of excellence in design and process by the Commission for Architecture and the Built Environment (CABE).

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